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Student Connection



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Cash Sokolowski

Garfield Heights



Cash Sokolowski is a student at Garfield Heights High School enrolled in CVCC's Parks & Environmental Resources program, instructed by Jason Hance. When the opportunity to attend CVCC came, Cash knew he wanted to take advantage of it. Both of his older brothers attended CVCC, one in Construction Trades and the other in Heating & Air Conditioning, and their positive experiences encouraged Cash to follow in their footsteps. Cash initially considered Electrical Systems or Parks & Environmental Resources, but ultimately, there was something especially exciting about joining Parks & Environmental Resources during its very first year. He liked the idea of being part of something new, helping pave the way for future students, and setting an example for those who will eventually come through the program after him.

As a visual, hands-on learner, Cash has really enjoyed his experience in the program so far. One of his favorite parts has been working alongside his classmates on their current project: building a shed. He enjoys coming to CVCC, meeting new people, and gaining hands-on experience, and he's especially looking forward to learning more about hardscaping and masonry as the year continues. Cash is grateful for his instructor and classmates and appreciates that the skills he's learning at CVCC will benefit him far beyond high school. Whether or not he ultimately pursues a career in the field, he knows he's gaining valuable, practical life skills that he can use in his everyday life—opportunities he may not have had without CVCC. While Cash isn't sure exactly what he wants to do after high school yet, he's taking his time at CVCC to figure it out. His "dream job" is simply to have a good life where he can support himself and the people around him. Outside of school, Cash enjoys playing guitar and video games, and he's currently working toward getting his driver's license. His advice to other students considering CVCC? "Don't be nervous or hesitant to attend CVCC—everyone is so welcoming and anyone can fit in here." Keep up the great work, Cash! We can't wait to see where your journey takes you.

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