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Alumni Spotlight

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Josh Schiopota
Class of 2023



Since graduating from CVCC in 2023, Josh Schiopota has continued building his future in technology. A former Programming and Software Development student from Twinsburg High School, Josh is now a Help Desk Support Specialist with Jones Day while completing his degree in Computer Information Systems at Kent State University. Josh chose CVCC because of his interest in computers and technology and his desire to gain hands-on experience that would prepare him for a future career. The Programming and Software Development program gave him the opportunity to explore that interest while developing skills he could carry into college and the workplace.

“CVCC prepared me for my career by giving me a strong foundation in problem solving and technology,” Josh shared. Learning to code in JavaScript taught him to think logically, work through challenges, and persevere when things didn't go as planned. He also credits the program's workplace-like environment and the high expectations set by his instructors for helping him develop responsibility, reliability, and accountability.

Following graduation, Josh began gaining professional experience in information technology at Kent State University before completing an internship with UGEN and spending a summer working in IT at Panzica Construction. Along the way, he continued developing his leadership skills through Pi Sigma Epsilon at Kent State, where he served as Chapter President and currently serves as Vice President of Professional Development. One of his proudest accomplishments was helping host Pi Sigma Epsilon's Fall Conference at Kent State, bringing together nearly 300 students, professionals, faculty members, and volunteers from chapters across the organization. He is also proud to have earned his position at Jones Day, which represents the culmination of the experience and knowledge he has gained through his previous roles and internships.

Although Josh originally envisioned a career in programming, his experiences have helped him discover a stronger interest in IT infrastructure, systems, troubleshooting, and technical leadership. His journey reflects the value of exploring new opportunities, learning from experience, and allowing career goals to evolve over time. Looking back, Josh says the people at CVCC made the experience especially meaningful. He appreciated being surrounded by motivated classmates and supportive faculty who encouraged him to do his best. He also credits Ms. Little, his instructor, for playing a significant role in making his time at CVCC such a positive experience. The skills Josh developed at CVCC continue to shape his professional approach today. From problem-solving and communication to dependability and professionalism, those lessons have carried over into every job and internship he has held. Keep up the great work, Josh! CVCC is proud to see alumni like you applying the skills they developed in the classroom to build meaningful careers and bright futures.

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