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Student Connection

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Kaden Soukup

Brecksville-Broadview Heights



Kaden Soukup is a student at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School enrolled in CVCC's Hospitality & Food Preparation program, instructed by April Moné. When the opportunity to attend CVCC came along, Kaden saw it as a fun way to explore his interests and gain new experiences. His love for cooking started at a young age, often helping his grandpa in the kitchen, and he had already gained some kitchen work experience before joining the program. Since starting at CVCC, Kaden has already seen significant growth in areas he hoped to strengthen, including social skills, teamwork, and personal development. He has also enjoyed meeting new people, gaining practical life skills, and exploring opportunities to build on his experience in the kitchen. "It's been so fun and rewarding to gain valuable life skills I'll use in my everyday life. I've really enjoyed meeting new people, and I look forward to gaining certifications within this program that will help me get another kitchen job if I decide to do so," said Kaden. One of Kaden's favorite aspects of the program has been visiting different job sites and applying what he learns in the classroom to real-world settings. His favorite visit so far was to the Inn at Apple Ridge, an assisted living facility, where students had the opportunity to help in the kitchen and experience food service in a different setting.

Looking toward the future, Kaden hopes to find a career where he can serve others and make a positive difference, whether in the hospitality industry or another field. He is also interested in exploring becoming a veterinary technician, thanks to his love for animals, or pursuing a career in healthcare. "Kaden brings an exceptional work ethic and clear communication style to our program, ensuring he understands every detail before diving into a task. In the kitchen, he handles culinary prep work with precision and demonstrates strong food safety habits. Beyond his technical talent, his true passion for family and genuine gratitude for life shine through in his willingness to support his peers, making him a reliable and collaborative team player," said Ms. Moné. Beyond the classroom, Kaden stays involved at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School through Unified Sports, which brings together students with and without disabilities to build friendships and compete in athletics, and the Communication Club, which helps students develop confidence in their social skills, specifically those with disabilities. Outside of school, he enjoys playing video games and playing catch with his little brother. When asked what advice he would give to students considering CVCC, Kaden encouraged them to take a chance and see what the experience has to offer. "Give CVCC a try. It's such a good and fun environment here. I'm encouraging my little brother to attend in two years when he has the opportunity." said Kaden. Keep up the great work, Kaden! We can't wait to see where your journey takes you.

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