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Student Connection

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER

Dominic Smallwood

Cuyahoga Heights



Dominic Smallwood is a student at Cuyahoga Heights High School enrolled in CVCC's Transition-to-Work program, instructed by Lynn Vincent. He was excited to attend CVCC for the opportunity to make new friends from other school districts, develop valuable life and job skills, and explore the opportunities available to him after high school.

Throughout the program, Dominic has especially enjoyed gaining hands-on experience and applying what he learns in the classroom to real-world settings. Through job site experiences at locations such as the Inn at Apple Ridge and Winking Lizard, he has had opportunities to build his skills in a variety of workplace environments. He also enjoys completing projects for Fastenal, which involve organizing and packing parts to be returned to the company. Another favorite is helping prepare the coffee cart for "Coffee Cart Friday," when students deliver coffee and tea to staff members throughout the building.

"Dominic has demonstrated a lot of growth during his time in the program. He had a successful work experience at a golf course over the summer and is continuing to build his vocational skills as he plans for his next step after graduation. He is a pleasure to have in class," said Ms. Vincent.

Looking ahead, Dominic is excited to continue exploring his options after high school. He hopes to work in the stocking department at Walmart while continuing to build friendships and connections. Outside of school, Dominic enjoys spending time outdoors, whether riding his bike, running, or walking. He also loves roller coasters, watching Toy Story 3, working on puzzles, and spending time with friends and family. Keep up the great work, Dominic! We can't wait to see where your journey takes you.

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