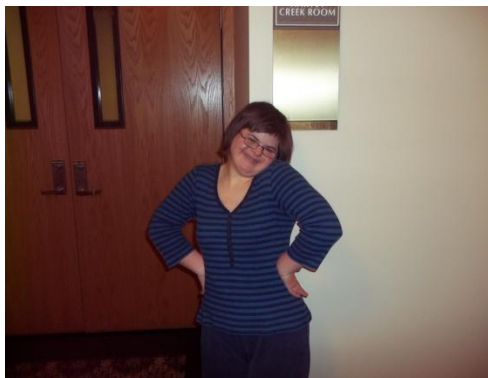


# A Day in the Life

## Thursday, January 11, 2012

### Drafting & Design - 12:30 p.m. - Allison K., Somonauk Senior

Today Allison was working on a really cool project designing a PC case to be made of glass. In order to do this, she had to first take actual measurements from an original case and then apply them to the Auto Cad Inventor program in the Drafting lab. When asked about her first semester, she was so excited to tell me that the CO<sub>2</sub> race car project was her favorite. Maybe that was because the car that she worked on was the fastest and traveled the farthest of all the competition? She is looking forward to working more with the Inventor program and applying her skills to real work applications during her last semester at IVVC. What's next for Allison is attending either NIU, U of I, UIC, UMayBE, WSPYC, or some other university to major in industrial or mechanical engineering. Allison's real goal is to actually drive a full-scale size CO<sub>2</sub> car one million miles per hour.



### Hospitality Management - 12:36 p.m. - Isabella D., Paw Paw Senior

Bella was very busy today working in the Hospitality Management classroom on the "wedding project." This project was all-inclusive and she was tasked with planning food, menu, costs, pictures, cake, and other items for a wedding. All these items had to be printed out and turned in for a grade, and Bella is expecting an "A"

on the project. Bella has enjoyed working in the housekeeping department at the hotel during first semester and says that she does a great job of making beds and cleaning bathrooms. I asked her if she enjoys that same work at home and she just smiled! Bella is looking forward to spending more time working in the hotel second semester, and wants to find a job later in life where she can be working around cars. Good luck with all your dreams Isabella!

### **Building Trades - 12:41 p.m. - Michael C., Leland Junior**

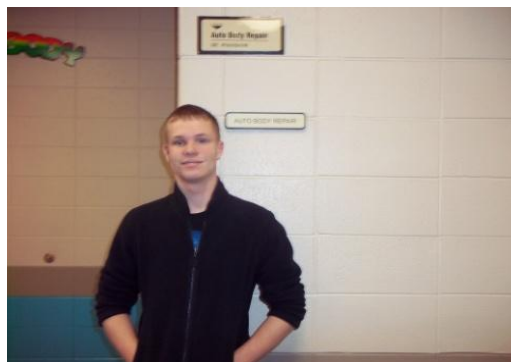
A few schools were missing today, so the two students in Building Trades were going to build all the cripples needed to support the headers for the Fire Science prop building so the wall could be assembled Monday. Michael was ready to do this today and was sure they would get the job accomplished in the Building Trades lab as the weather was not



conducive to working on the site outside. The first semester in Building Trades was spent building a pool surround deck and Michael really enjoyed the concrete work that was required. He also greatly enjoyed all the treats that the homeowner provided for the students! Michael is looking forward to getting the Fire Science prop building finished by June of this year, and is hoping to get to come back to IVVC next year.

### **Fire Science - 12:48 p.m. - Jamison B., Leland Junior**

Jamison was working in the IVVC Area 51 computer lab on the NIMS (National Incident Management System) doing online training. The class was going to take a look at the fire prop building under construction by the Building Trades class later that day. Jamison really enjoyed learning about thermal imaging first semester and doing search/rescue and obstacle course work. For second semester, he is vowing to try harder on his book work and is looking forward to doing automobile extractions. Jamison's future plans include moving out west where he can become a park ranger and use his Fire Science skills.



### **Auto Body – 12:53 p.m. - Kyle T., Newark Senior**

The Auto Body students had just finished applying a coat of sealer to a customer's valve grinder and had to wait 30 minutes for it to flash, before the color coat could be sprayed. Kyle told me that it was their instructor's main objective for today to get the part painted and it looked like they were on track to do so. The 1965 Barracuda project was Kyle's favorite job during the first

### **Auto Body – Kyle T. (continued)**

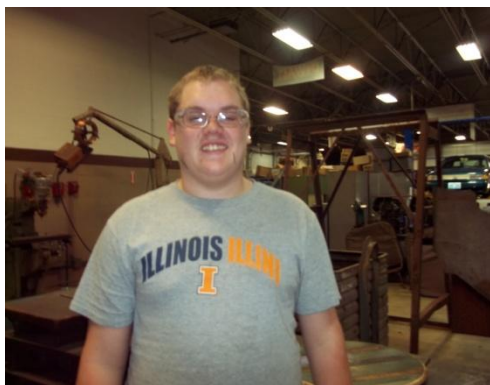
semester where he got to straighten and prepare the hood and fenders for future paint work. Second semester he hopes to get to work on an older Camaro to get it completed, and then bring his own 2000 Chevy truck in to replace the front bumper. After high school, Kyle plans on attending WCC to continue on in Auto Body, but he has to get the 'Cuda and Camaro finished first or we won't let him go. Just kidding Kyle, good luck at WCC!

### **Automotive Technology - 1:00 p.m. - Brandon C., Newark Senior**

Problem: A Toyota Tercel had a frozen emergency brake cable. Solution: Brandon and the car's owner were replacing the bad cable and rear brakes on this car. End Result: The Tercel stops like a new car thanks to the skills of the students in Automotive Technology. Brandon really enjoyed the first semester engine unit that second year students



recently completed, because it was so detailed and in-depth. He is looking forward to learning more about wiring systems, electrical, and fuel supplies during his last semester at IVVC. Brandon plans on attending WCC to get his general education credits after high school and then earn a pharmaceutical degree so he can sell drugs legally as an adult. Just kidding Brandon!



### **Welding – 1:08 p.m. - Jay W., Sandwich Junior**

Jay was building a replacement seat for a broken chair in Welding today using lots of stuff -- tape measure, center punch, a drilling gauge, drill, and sheet metal/welding tools. Jay was really excited about being in Welding and had no idea he would enjoy it so much. He did tell me that his bend plate did fail the test, but he still received a decent grade on the project, and he enjoys MIG welding most of

all. He is looking forward to practicing gas welding during the second semester and says this class is a “blast.” Let's hope Jay doesn't cause a real “blast” in the Welding shop!

### **Computer Technology – 1:14 p.m. - Diego M., Hinckley-Big Rock Junior**

Usually one day per week is dedicated to doing written chapter work in Computer Technology, and this is what Diego was doing when I pulled him from class. This week's chapter was how the audio portion of PC's work. Diego told me that the best part of first semester for him was learning how to reprogram a PC, which includes restoring programs; eliminating viruses; and updating to newer versions of programs like Adobe. He also has really enjoyed assisting in service call work in other programs. Diego is looking forward to learning more about hardware replacement in his second semester in Computer Technology, and does plan on returning to IVVC for his senior year.



### **Sports Medicine/Management – 1:21 p.m. - Julie G., Leland Junior**

Today the Sports Medicine students were viewing a movie titled “Freedom Writers” and filling out a worksheet while watching. They will use the information gathered today to write an essay and participate in a discussion the following day. When asked what she liked about first semester, Julie said she liked everything, but especially the hands-on work like taping of ankles, etc. Julie is really, really looking forward to attending the Chicago Bulls Career Day field trip in February, and is hoping that Derek Rose falls down so she can spring into action and tape his ankle. Julie will probably stay at Leland next year and prepare to attend WCC in a field yet decided. (Julie -- don't forget to bring tape and scissors to the Bulls game -- just in case!)



### **Health Occ Exploring – 1:29 p.m. - Sierra R., Sandwich Junior**

Sierra was working on a “skeleton” project today in Health Occ Exploring. This included the diagramming and labeling of all the bones in the human skeleton, but it looked like quite a few were missing when I saw the project. I sure hope she finds the missing bones before the instructor grades it! Sierra's favorite part of Health Occ Exploring first semester was traveling to the Museum of Science & Industry.

### **Health Occ Exploring – Sierra R. (continued)**

Her class observed an actual open heart surgery via TV that was being performed at another location, although she admitted that it got a little boring after about two hours. She is looking forward to this semester and learning more about the human body and labor, and doing some job-shadowing. She is very excited about returning to IVVC next year to take the CNA program, and hopes to finish her skeleton using bones she stole from the Museum.

### **Culinary Arts - 1:35 p.m. - Brandt W., Sandwich Junior**

Because of the small class size today, Brandt had to do several jobs instead of simply his normal assigned area, and he had just finished clean up chores when I arrived. Earlier he had made a batch of breadsticks and told me that whole process takes about 35 minutes, including the 14 minute baking time. Brandt really enjoys the Culinary Arts program and has learned much about the industry so far. He is looking forward to second semester to learn even more about becoming a chef. Brandt is definitely returning to IVVC next year and is working on a secret recipe for chocolate bacon-flavored breadsticks. Can't wait to try some Brandt!



### **Law Enforcement - 1:45 p.m. - Betsy S., Yorkville Junior**

On this day, the Law Enforcement students were reading aloud the report writing assignments that they had been working on. Betsy's report was describing a vehicular accident that one of her classmates had been in over the weekend, and she was laughing as she told me about it, so I guess no one was injured in the accident! Betsy really enjoyed her first semester in Law Enforcement and liked the idea that many of the topics they discuss can be applied to real life experiences that she may encounter. Betsy is looking forward to second semester and hopes to learn even more about how to deal with situations that may occur in her personal life. Betsy is still undecided about returning to IVVC next year, but has really enjoyed her time here so far, laughing at her friends minor car accidents. Real nice, Betsy!

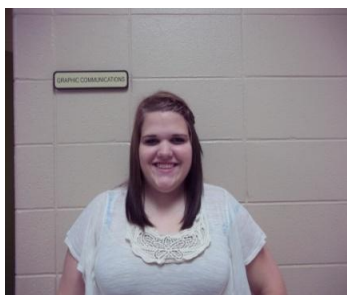


### **Health Occupations CNA – 1:50 p.m. – Shannon J., Yorkville Senior**

Shannon and her classmates were sitting in the Health Occupations room with no lights on, discussing a video they had just viewed. The video was about two doctors' experiences working with tribes of natives in the jungle where there is also no lighting. Maybe the darkened Health Occupations room helped the students relate more to conditions in the jungle? Shannon has enjoyed the first semester in CNA and is finally getting more comfortable in the clinical settings, although she admits it is sometimes not a lot of fun. She is looking forward to second semester and getting to learn more about organs and diseases, and she has vowed to *actually study* for the CNA exam given in May. Shannon's plan is to earn a four year BSN degree in pediatric nursing. Advice for Shannon -- it would be good if you could find a college with classroom lights that actually work.

### **Early Childhood - 2:03 p.m. – Devan I., Paw Paw Senior**

When Devan and I spoke today, she was in the hallway outside the Early Childhood lab “supervising” the preschoolers during their potty break/hand washing time. She was doing a great job making sure the little ones lined up against the wall to go inside for their snack time. Devan explained that she really likes the hands-on learning that is available at IVVC and enjoys the differing personalities and needs of the little kids. She is looking forward to the second semester, as the class goal is to insure that the preschoolers are really prepared to move on to kindergarten next year. Devan plans on attending Lincoln College next fall and then finish at NIU with a degree in PBS (potty breaking and snacking) for elementary students. Good luck Devan!



### **Graphic Communications – 2:09 p.m. - Morgan H., Indian Creek Senior**

Morgan was providing photographic assistance for the “*A Day In The Life*” interviews today by following me around like a puppy, taking pictures of the students. Thanks Morgan! In between the photo work, Morgan was working on finishing up business cards for a customer, as well as working on a mini portfolio. Her proudest accomplishment first semester was the IVVC flyer, wherein she got to use all of her graphic skills and received an “A” on the project. I saw the finished

### **Graphic Communications – Morgan H. (continued)**

product and it was great! Morgan plans on adding to her personal portfolio second semester as she prepares to head to Southeast Missouri State to continue on in the Graphics field.