

“A Day in the Life”

September 28, 2011

Graphic Communications – 8:40 a.m. ~ Carmen M., Sandwich Senior

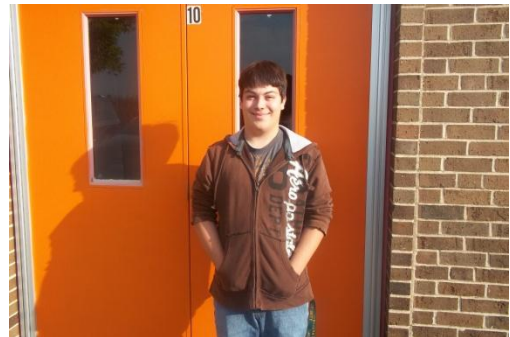


Today Carmen was working on the “Student of the Month” project as the Graphic Communications program is in charge of recognizing the winners. This process includes taking a photo, printing, and preparing the display board. Carmen stated that she loves the Graphics class because it allows her to let her “imagination run wild” creatively. After

high school, Carmen plans on going to a Cosmetology school where she can let her imagination run wild on someone’s hair and get paid to do it. Her advice for underclassmen – **“Get your work turned in on time and have fun with it!”**

Computer Technology – 8:50 a.m. ~ Dallas G., Somonauk Senior

Dallas was working on a Power Point for the A+ Certification curriculum in Computer Technology today that will help prepare him to take the certification exam at the end of the year. He really likes the class and plans on continuing his Computer Technology education at Northern Michigan University and work in the IT industry later in life. Advice for underclassmen - **“Keep doing what you love (IT work) and don’t stop.”**



Law Enforcement – 8:55 a.m. ~ Armani T., Yorkville Senior

Today’s activity in Law Enforcement was a guest speaker representing the U.S. Marine Corps and Armani was impressed with the opportunities that the Marines have to offer. The two reps were dressed in their “Dress Blue” uniforms and looked really sharp. Armani said that he really enjoys the Law Enforcement class and it is helping to prepare him for life after high school, even if he does not stay in the field. As a matter of fact, Armani is thinking of becoming a dentist, so he may be trading in his air soft guns for a

dentist chair career! Armani's **oriented. Strive for persistent."**



sometime later in his advice – **“Stay career your goal and be**

Health Occupations – CNA – 9:00 a.m. ~ Natalie A., Yorkville Senior



Natalie was listening to a lecture and taking notes on the “body mechanics” chapter of the CNA curriculum. This term refers to how to best position yourself when you are preparing to lift or move a patient so that you don’t injure yourself in the process. After high school, Natalie plans on continuing her education and eventually wants to become a neo-natal nurse working

with babies where she won’t even have to worry about body mechanics— unless she is lifting a HUGE baby! Her advice – **“Ask lots of questions!”**

Exploring Health Occupations – 9:05 a.m. ~ Lindsey A., Serena Senior

Lindsey was studying medical terms today and reviewing for a test using the “clicker technology” that IVVC has. What she really likes most about the class so far is that much of the work assigned is project work. Lindsey wants to continue her education after high school, attend at least six years of college and then become a nurse practitioner. Her advice for underclassmen - **“Don’t slack off—it doesn’t pay!”** Sounds like Lindsey won’t be able to slack off for at least another six years herself as she continues her education.



Culinary Arts – 9:10 a.m. ~ Josh A., Sandwich Senior

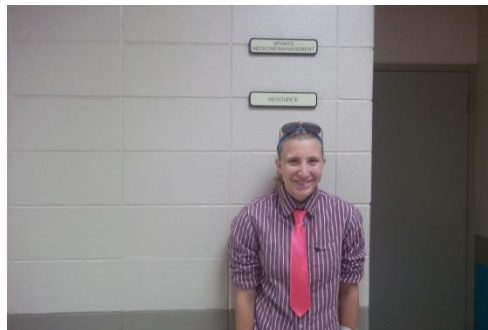
With the food cart set to go out in half an hour, the Culinary Arts students were busy getting the products ready for sale. Josh was

assigned to make pizza for the day and assisting in other duties for the cart. Josh admits that he enrolled in Culinary Arts primarily because he loves to eat, and cooking is a means to that end (*favorite food—ribs*)! After high school, Josh plans on going to college to become an athletic trainer and hopes to play college football there. Advice to underclassmen – **“Don’t slack off!”** He admits that he did, and now is playing catch up, so listen to Josh!

Sports Medicine/Management – 9:16 a.m. ~ Ashley M., HBR Senior

The second year Sports Med students were working through curriculum as a review on things they covered in their first year today. The main focus was reviewing material pertaining to the internships that are coming up for the second year

on attending a high school and athletic trainer and advice – **“Sports class, but if you are work, then maybe**

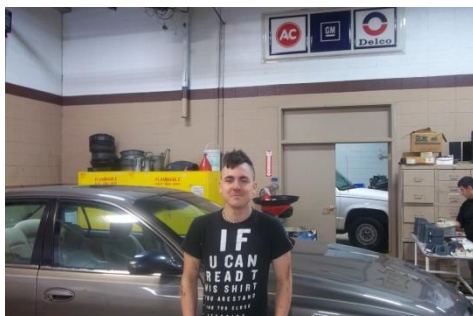


students. Ashley plans four-year college after wants to become an do physical therapy. Her **Med is a really good not serious or ready to don’t take it.”**

Drafting and Design – 9:21 a.m. ~ Andrew M., Yorkville Senior

The Drafting students were listening to a lecture and taking notes on wall section detail, and then they will start doing the drawings. Even though Andrew has done CAD drawing already, he does like to do the board drawing as it provides a greater understanding of the project for him. Andrew plans to go on to get an engineering degree in the future and wants to be the architect that designs a big addition to Yorkville High School when they need it.

His advice – **“Explore your options early, think about college earlier than I did, and get going in a good direction.”**



Automotive Technology – 9:30 a.m. ~ Josh W., Plano Senior

On this day, Josh was removing a brake rotor from a 2003 Subaru Forrester and then replacing it because it was warped and could not be

safely resurfaced. Other students in the class were doing lube-oil-filter changes and brake inspections. Josh plans on attending some tech school after graduation, maybe UTI or WCC, and would like to manage or own a Barracuda or Corvair repair shop some day. Advice to underclassmen – **“Take a challenge, don’t back down, keep at it and take initiative.”**

Welding & Fabrication – 9:37 a.m. ~ Colton J., Sandwich Senior

In Welding today, Colton was grinding down a tack weld on his overhead corner test plate so that it could be remounted and finished. His teacher



commented that Colton was ahead of the game and doing well on these difficult welds. Colton enjoys the Welding class because he is learning new techniques and wants to become better. After high school, he wants to work full-time in the auto industry which is kind of cool because he would be the first one in the Jones family to like working on cars. His advice to underclassmen – **“Come into class open to learn and it will pay off in real world situations.”**

Auto Body Repair – 9:40 a.m. ~ Luke L., Plano Senior

A really nice 2001 GMC 2500 HD pickup was in the Auto Body shop today being detailed by Luke and some other students.

This detail job included hand washing, waxing, and complete interior cleaning and he was being graded on his participation and effort put into the job. He did such a good job that it actually looked more like a 2007 than a 2001 when he was done! Luke enjoys the class because everything is hands-on and he likes



his classmates. After high school, Luke plans on joining the Marines as a mechanic. His advice – **“Do what you are told, do it right the first time and you won’t have to repeat it.”** That’s a great attitude for a future Marine!

Early Childhood Development – 9:45 a.m. ~ Kailey D., Yorkville Senior

Today was “Farm Animal Day” in the Early Childhood Development preschool lab. Kailey explained to me that she had done the prep work for her lesson



today last week, including painting the pig masks that the little kids were decorating while we watched. She took Early Childhood Development because she loves little kids and wants to further her education starting at WCC and then become a child psychologist by taking classes at WIU. Good news Kailey, you probably won't have to make pig masks in the

WIU psych department! Her advice – ***“Be prepared to do lots of work if you take Early Childhood Development at IVVC — it’s definitely not a blow off class!”***

Fire Science – 9:52 a.m. ~ Zach M., Sandwich Senior

We had to do this interview in a rush, as Zach was on his way to one of the Sandwich schools to assist in a mandatory fire drill. His role in this activity is to insure that the teachers get every student out, to time the exit, and to check procedures to see if they were done properly by the



school staff. Zach really loves training to be a fireman and wants to go full-time with a department as his career stating that there is “nothing like it.” If IVVC catches on fire, we want a guy with Zach’s attitude on that call. Advice – ***“Stick with it, show initiative, and continue to learn as an adult.”***

Building Trades – 10:09 a.m. ~ Max T., Yorkville Senior

Max was in a hurry as his bus was leaving, but he had time to tell me that he had been using a power auger to dig post holes for a large deck the Building Trades students were rebuilding. This project is at the same house that the class resided last year and now they have returned to rebuild and extend the deck surrounding the pool. Max plans on attending ISU after his high school graduation and is thinking about majoring in Construction Management there.



His advice for new students – **“Don’t be like me and want to quit, stick it out and you will be better for it!”** Great attitude Max, we are glad you did stick it out!

Hospitality Management – 12:45 p.m. ~ Joanna C., Sandwich Senior

Bed bugs have been a recent news story reported on TV and the Hospitality Management students were learning about them today. Some of the topics discussed were how to spot a bed bug, how big do they get, how to eradicate them, what does a bed bug bite look like, and how to potty train your bed bug. Joanna was a great first year Hospitality Management student and came back for a second year because she loves to work with people in this industry. She plans on going to WCC to get her “gen eds” and will decide on a four year school later. Her advice – **“Do your homework, take all the extra credit offered and keep a positive attitude.”** Especially about bed bugs.

