

Student Spotlight: Brianna Evers



Brianna is a current junior in the healthcare pathway.

What is your biggest accomplishment thus far in the LCCPA?

I believe that my ability to manage my time and efforts have contributed greatly to my successes.

Do you believe learning is fun/describe how?

Yes, learning is fun because I see a direct connection between what I am learning and my future as a health care professional.

What have been your biggest worries in the LCCPA?

When I was a freshman, I worried that the whole process would be overwhelming. I have found that the level of responsibilities is manageable. You will have to work hard and know that each year gets a little more difficult.

Describe the learning environment in the LCCPA?

The most helpful element so far has been the amount of time and effort the teachers put into our learning. You are not always being told what to do so you must be extremely self-directed. I like that I discuss with my friends academic issues instead of always asking the teachers.

What is biggest difference between LCCPA and LCHS?

You are not allowed to disengage in your learning (you can't hide). Accountability is at a really high level.

What are your future plans?

I want to pursue a career in nursing and have started looking at colleges.

What would you tell the 8th grade parents?

The career exploration during your first couple of years is incredible. Your child will be more prepared when he/she is making important career decisions.

What is the best career exploration experience you've had so far?

The job shadow experience at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I was able to shadow several medical professionals in the Children's Health Center which was awesome.

What do you like to do in your free-time?

I am on the volleyball and softball teams. I like spending time with family and friends. I really want a micro-mini pig for a pet!

Brianna is the daughter of Mark and Therese Evers. She has a brother Austin.

Higher Education Connection: Certified Nursing Assistant

By Morgan Verbruggen, Class of 2015



Members of LCCPA's First CNA Class!

As my senior year is coming to an end I can see my life coming together. During the first term of my senior year I was enrolled in a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course through Fox Valley Technical College which helped confirm my desire to pursue a career in healthcare.

On January 9, 2015, I took the state exam to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. The process of taking the state exam is nerve racking and pressure filled. The written portion of the exam was easier than the skills portion of the exam. This whole process has taught me to not overlook the simple steps that are part of the healthcare process.

After taking my state test I applied for a job with Senior Helpers, a company that goes into the homes of elderly to help them with daily living tasks. At first it scared me, because I had no idea what type of home I was walking into every morning. I'll be honest, I hate waking up at 5am to be to work by 6am, but once I arrive it is clear to me that I am helping them face the day that lies ahead. Every day there is a client that makes me smile through their kind words or humor.

In the end, I think taking the certified nursing assistant course has prepared me well for my future as a registered nurse. This position is not my life goal, but it is pushing me forward to an excellent future in health care.

Higher Education Connection: Machine Tool Jumpstart

An article in the Appleton Post Crescent on December 24th, 2014 stated that, *"Machinists — and particularly those skilled in computer numerical control — topped the list of the most difficult jobs to fill in the Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance's 2015 vitality index."* Little Chute Career Pathways Academy was founded to help meet this kind of workforce need, while still providing a high level academic program. In fact, the Academy is literally helping students get a "jump start" into careers in high demand manufacturing fields while still in high school.



Little Chute Academy Engineering and Manufacturing students have been enrolled in Fox Valley Technical Colleges Machine Tool JumpStart program for the past two years. Through this program, Academy students earn transcribed credit from FVTC in several machine tool program classes including Measurement and Benchwork 1 and Engine Lathe 1.

In addition to being a part of our JumpStart program, several Academy students are currently employed at local machine shops through the Youth Apprenticeship program. Zach Frederickson works at 4M Machine in Kaukauna, and Michael Elrick is employed by Triple E Machine in Little Chute.

As the program continues to grow, we hope to improve the equipment in our machine shop through our partnership with FVTC and through a fundraising effort so that our students will always have the best opportunity possible as they move forward in their careers.