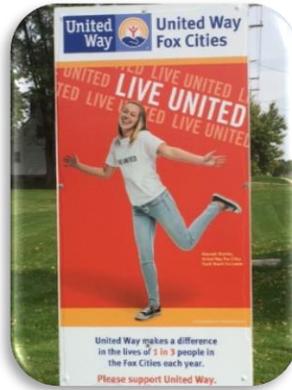


Shawn Volk – Lead Instructor and Math Instructor
Chris Choudoir – Science and Bio-Medical Sciences Instructor
Dan Van Eperen – Humanities Instructor
Jason Lavigne – Business Instructor

Jon Larson – Engineering and Manufacturing Instructor
Kevin Pratt – School to Career Liaison and Counselor
Amy Vander Zanden – LCCPA Administrative Assistant



LCCPA Student Spotlight: Austin Fritsch



Describe yourself:

I want to be an engineer working in our family business called Tann Corporation. I am motivated and work hard. I like doing outside activities including fishing, snowboarding, and camping. I work most weekend at TANN Corporation.

What is your perfect day?

I would go golfing and then have fish at Hollanders with my family.

Reflect on your time in the LCCPA:

I am lucky to be in the LCCPA. I really like the opportunities to work at my own pace, especially in Math. By working ahead in Math, I am able to take Calculus this year. I like the connections I have made with my teachers and they genuinely care if I succeed or not. I like the closeness that has been established with my classmates, who have almost become an extension of my family.

Toughest challenge:

Academics don't come easy for me so I need to work hard to be successful. I talk through a lot of content with my teachers to help me master the material.

Talk about your technology education:

It's important for me to have taken the various courses (Metals, Machine Tool Jumpstart, Mechanical Drawing) which will allow me to have a better view of the production process as an engineer.

Regrets:

I wish I would have had the same motivation I do now when I was a freshman. I didn't understand the importance of staying on task and what opportunities it would create for other courses/projects.

What has been the most surprising thing about your education?

I hated going to school during my middle school years but I have enjoyed coming to school at the LCCPA. I like being able to prioritize what needs to be done now just like in the real business world.

What has caused the dramatic increase in students wanting to join the LCCPA?

I think there is a lot more discussion between students and parents about the benefits of exploring your career pathway in depth during high school, which is the focal point of the LCCPA.

Which business partner contact really stands out for you?

All of our partners have done a great job in helping educate students. Amerequip stands out for me because of the initial tour and the emphasis on LEAN training/principles.

What motivates you?

Good grades and graduation motivate me to reach my end goal of attending a great university and obtaining my engineering degree.

What's the story with you playing Christmas music already in the early fall?

As you might guess, Christmas is my favorite holiday. I like to spread the positivity that Christmas music has as a message.

If you could wish anything for our freshmen, what would it be?

I know a lot of people say that they would have worked harder as a freshman to get ahead. This is really good advice and they should all strive to meet their weekly goals because being ahead creates new opportunities.

When you are thirty years old, what will your life look like?

I will be working at TANN Corporation as an engineer. I will own a house somewhere in the Fox Cities and I will have a family of my own.

What will be your legacy at the LCCPA?

Donut day on Wednesdays for my classmates.

Austin will be attending the Milwaukee School of Engineering in the fall of 2017, majoring in mechanical engineering. He lives with his parents (Matt & Tara), his siblings (Jacob, Gavin & Emma), and his two dogs (Toby & Charlie). He has a strong affinity for Mountain Dew, and his Dew apparel makes up 50% of his wardrobe.

Fox Valley Healthcare Alliance Career Experiences in Full Swing!

By Marley Johnson, '20

On October 21, 2016 Genna Knudsen, Makenna Rasmussen, Kristen Huelsbeck, Brenna Fechter, Carly Janssen, and I went to the Aurora Health Care Career Experience. The main jobs we learned about from the experience were Social Working in a Hospital Setting, Radiology and the different types of therapy [Speech and Language, Physical, and Occupational]. At the beginning of the day everyone introduced themselves and announced what they are interested in job wise. This gave everyone a good chance to see what everyone is here for and how it relates to what they want to do. We were then split into three groups so that we could be grouped with people we did not know very well.



Social Working was with a worker named Lindsay. She is the social worker at the Aurora Hospital. She is the one the doctors come to if they feel there is a crisis going on with the patient or the patient's family. She talked about her schedule and how it differs depending on how many patients she has that week which can range from four to fifteen. She talked out some of the different situations she may go through and how she would deal with them if they were to happen. After she told us about referrals, what she does, and how she does it, she gave us a tour of where she may go on a day to day basis depending on her patients and where they are. I thought it was really nice of her to take us through her usual day rather than just handing us the information which no hands-on activities. She did a really good job explaining what she does in a hospital setting but didn't go over what a social worker does when not working in a hospital.

Radiology was with three ladies who didn't introduce themselves, but went straight into the presentation. They talked about the different things they may do during their day. They take pictures of things to see the damage inside of the body or see what is happening. They also talked about how they started at the bottom with the less complicated type things and they worked their way up the skill ladder. They said that it's not fun to be stuck in one type of skill set so they like to work up to the next level rather than staying in the same place. They showed us some pictures of crazy things found on X-rays and MRI's.

The last couple careers that were discussed were physical therapy, speech and language therapy, and occupational therapy. The Physical Therapist passed around things that she might use on a daily basis. She talked a lot about what all the people who wanted to go and fulfill that career wanted to know. The Occupational Therapist talked about what she specializes in and how she treats certain kinds of patients who she sees not so rarely. She showed us a video on someone swallowing food and how they are having hard times getting it down the wrong tube. She told us what she might do if this person continued to have this problem. The last career we went over was the Speech and Language Therapist. She talked about the tools she uses to help people cope with injuries or disorders.

After all the careers, we came back together and answered any general questions and then they gave us a reflection sheet to tell them what they can do better and how they can make things where we can feel much more comfortable asking questions and participating. They also gave us some sheets about volunteering there which I thought was nice so that I can try to get into doing what I want to do earlier.

