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LCCPA Student Spotlight: Maddie Lamers



What was your first thought when you heard that you were selected as Student of the Month?

It is a great honor that allows me to tell other students about myself. Also, it could help with scholarships.

What were your career ambitions as a young child?

I always played with medical stuff and my mom has diabetes which made me think I would do something medical.

The career exploration path you went down gave your school counselor lots of grey hair. Please explain:

Freshman year until senior year I was hardcore medical and I did everything to prepare myself for a career in the medical field. My position at Kidzland truly helped me find my passion for teaching kids. I feel so excited to be teaching young children.

What was the most difficult part of the medical pathway?

I felt overwhelmed and anxious about the pace that healthcare requires. The CNA course showed me that my personality didn't really fit in the healthcare world.

What are the biggest changes you have seen in yourself during your tenure in the LCCPA?

Discovering my true career passion. I am so much better at handling/balancing school, work, volunteering. I have learned how to handle stressful situations better by not letting the little things affect me.

What are you most proud of?

My ability to successfully balance all of my responsibilities and doing well in each endeavor.

Where do you still need to grow?

I feel like my emotional intelligence has improved dramatically, but I still want to become stronger.

What are your favorite things to do?

Volunteer at Fox Valley Hematology / Oncology and in the infant room at Kidzland. I love watching the Packers and Badgers.

Describe the LCCPA to someone who knows nothing about it:

Normal high school, you do your basic academics and graduate. The LCCPA prepares you for life. The self-paced courses help you learn responsibility which is a huge part of adulthood. It's a great school that helps you discover yourself and figure out what you are going to do career-wise.

What has been your biggest struggle?

My anxiety made it hard for me to balance everything and keep moving forward in a positive direction.

How do you learn best?

Watching videos and doing the task. Real life things that I can see. I am a visual learner.

What regrets do you have about your high school career?

Not getting ahead in Math. I wish I would have taken more healthy risks as a freshman.

What words of wisdom do you have for the freshmen and future LCCPA students?

TRY! Don't be afraid to adjust your career pathway. Find what you love. Make mistakes and learn from them.

What is your favorite animal?

A dog, because they are so protective and give unconditional love.

Top 3 things you want changed in this world:

A cure for all diseases

Acceptance of our differences (tolerance of our diversity)

Failure is okay as long as you keep trying your best.

What would you change about the LCCPA?

To regain that family feeling when we were a smaller school.

Perfect job when you are twenty-five years old:

I am a kindergarten teacher that my students love and trust.

Maddie lives with her mom (Heidi) & step-dad (Joe), sisters (McKenna & Miley), and step-siblings (Madelyn & McGregor); and her dad (Scott) & step-mom (Kristy), and step-siblings (Livy, Zoey & Brody); along with her dogs (Oscar, Tia & Spike). Maddie will be attending U.W. Eau Claire majoring in elementary education. She enjoys volunteering, football, softball, music, and her job at Kidzland.

FVHCA Career Experience: Aurora, Oshkosh

Leah Pauls [21]

While walking up to the building, I wasn't sure what to expect. The day before, I had been to a much smaller facility. Aurora was much bigger which was a little intimidating. Although I was nervous, I was also excited to learn about potential career options. The careers that we explored included radiology, infection prevention specialist, and a laboratory specialist. When we first walked in, we were escorted to a conference room. There were only three people from other schools and seven of us, making for a very small group.



The radiology department talked to us first. They went through an interactive presentation explaining the different duties they had. The presentation also included several examples of different x-rays, MRIs, and CAT scans. Following the presentation, they let us wear some different protection vests that they wear while in surgery to protect them from radiation. We also got to try Barium which is a liquid taken to see certain things in an x-ray/MRI.

After radiology, the infection prevention specialist came to talk to us. He also had a presentation to assist him in explaining his career. The presentation included the many things that he is responsible for, including taking surveys on how many people wash their hands daily. It also had various facts about diseases and airborne diseases. The main emphasis of the presentation was to wash your hands. "Not many people realize, but washing your hands is the number one way to prevent diseases from spreading," he stated.

The last career that we learned about was a laboratory specialist. We were able to leave the conference room for a change and go to the laboratory where they run the tests. The presenter gave us a tour of the lab. This included the microbiology section, the testing area, and the blood bank. We were shown real blood from the blood bank, platelets, and plasma. Also, we could look through a microscope at a slide of blood infected with leukemia. Many of us found this interesting.

Overall, I think that all of us benefited from this career experience. There was a lot of information shared that personally, I thought was very useful. It was fascinating and informational.

Amerequip Career Experience

Autumn Davis ['21]

On October 12th the freshmen class of LCCPA went to Kiel Wisconsin on their first career experience to Amerequip. Amerequip is a large manufacturing company with locations in Kiel and New Holstein. They construct large mechanical tools, like backhoes for large companies such as Caterpillar, John Deere, and Toro. At Amerequip Mr. Mike Vandersanden the president and CEO of Amerequip introduced us to the Amerequip company along with how they want their company to be a place full of people who are good at what they do. We then discussed hiring requirements and what they look for in every person they hire. This included passion, honesty, the ability to communicate, and the ability to work in groups and different types of people. From there, we got to enter into the manufacturing and manual work area of Amerequip. We were able to witness the process of how large parts of a John Deere backhoe were painted and assembled to attach to the tractor. We then tried assembling a holder for a warning sign to go on the back of a tractor. This showed us why Amerequip works so hard to keep their work spaces organized because it was much easier to assemble the holder when everything was organized and put in order. Not only is it easier to assemble objects but also it's more efficient as you are not wasting time looking for parts or tools you need for assembly.

Afterwards we made our way to the welding and fabrication portion of manufacturing. The parts that were being painted before had to be built and cut first. This was where they were actually being built before they entered paint and assembly. High power lasers cut out the pieces needed for the parts. After they were cut the quality engineers would check over the pieces to make sure they will work for creating the part and everything will fit right. If the sizes are corrects the pieces are sent to the brake press operators where they are bent at angles needed for the parts to come together properly. Then the parts will be welded together either by man or by a robotic welder. The robotic welders help minimize the amount of imperfections in the welds. These machines were quite interesting as we watched them move and weld everything that the computer told the robotic arm to do.



Finally, lunch came around and we were served Hot Stuff pizza which everyone was very excited about as the pizza was really good! While we ate Mr. Fritz talked to us about the job of quality. Their sole purpose is to make sure everything's in working order and runs smoothly. If there's a problem with the process of how to assemble a piece of equipment quality must look at the problems and try to find a solution or alternative action to fix it.

For our last stop we were taken to the engineering and design building for Amerequip. This building housed new ideas and tools that were being designed and tested for their business partners. Some people had been working on one design for 3 years! This showed how these prototyping engineers must have perseverance in their work in order to not give up after something fails or doesn't work right. While at this facility we also got to use a John Deere backhoe that was built and assembled in Amerequip. We saw new attachments and tractors being created in the shop along with failed tractors that people trying to fix.

The overall experience was very informative and allowed us to enter a professional setting of where we could maybe someday work. Along with learning about Amerequip as a company we learned more about different engineering careers. This showed us what some engineering careers really entailed so we could decide if we ever would see ourselves in that position. This experience allowed the freshmen class to see what they disliked and liked within the engineering "umbrella." It really kicked off our endeavour into high school and the exploration of engineering.

LCCPA Work Based Learning

Emma Pauls ['18]

I have been in the Healthcare pathway since my freshman year. During the fall semester of my Junior year I took a class through Fox Valley Technical College to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. After the class I took the state exam and immediately after passing, I began my training at St. Paul Elder Services located in Kaukauna.

Once Summer started, I was working the typical day shift, 6:15am-2:45pm. About a month into working that shift, I wanted to try something new so I started to pick up some of the night shifts which were from 10:30pm-7:00am. The first week that I worked this shift it was difficult to get adjusted to, but I knew it was something I would like doing. A lot of people may think I am crazy for wanting to work at night and sleep during the day but that was one of my favorite parts about it! The only downside to working that shift was that I didn't get to express my personality as much as I would if I was working during the day.

My favorite thing about working at St. Paul is getting to know so many different residents and their families. I can't imagine what it is like to be a resident at St. Paul so that is why I do everything in my power to lift the residents' moods, bring positivity, put a smile on their face, and still manage to keep up with my school work!



9th grade students from the Little Chute Career Pathways Academy filling dental packets for Tri-County Dental. These packets are provided to elementary aged children throughout the greater Fox River Valley. Tri-County Dental helps provide dental care for thousands of individuals especially for those with economic barriers. Great job Mustangs!



LCCPA Nursing Assistant students Sophie Brown, Juliana VanBoxtel, Maddie Kruckeberg, and Karleigh Wolf discuss their experiences with Fox Valley Technical College President Dr. Susan May and State Representative Mike Rohrkaste.