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LCCPA Student Spotlight: Jana Van Vooren



You just finished a shift as a CNA at St. Paul Elder Services.

Tell me about that:

I'm really tired. I just worked an 8.5-hour shift. The physical demands are a challenge but not too bad. I feel good about myself providing the best care I can to the residents. I like being surrounded by situations I'll be doing the rest of my life.

How come health care is your chosen pathway?

My brother Noah's background and health conditions really got me intrigued because of the special treatment he received. (Noah has Down Syndrome and had a stroke in January. He's doing well.) My own hospitalization as a young girl helped inspire me to want to treat people well. I love being around people!

What is your favorite type of music?

I love country. I went to a Tim McGraw and Faith Hill concert in June. I like Thomas Rhett and Luke Bryant.

What motivates you?

Wanting to pursue my nursing degree motivates me to work hard on my academics. The feedback I receive from my parents is important. I want to make them proud.

How would your friends describe you?

Outgoing, fun to be around. I can be serious when others are struggling and they need me. Others come to me when they are dealing with issues because they trust me.

You admitted your first two years in the LCCPA weren't so good:

I didn't know how to approach my academics. I was not self-motivated at all. I was afraid to ask questions and I thought I would be okay but I was wrong! I needed to seek out help.

What is your biggest current struggle?

I need to continue to build my self-confidence. I need to keep accepting the positive feedback in addition to using positive self-talk.

What's fun?

Being around people I love.

Goals for your senior year:

To excel in my tough classes and to score well on my A.P. exams. To try to attend all of the high school events of my senior year.

Describe the LCCPA:

It's fun and difficult. The atmosphere is very different. Students are all doing something different at each moment. I like that if a stranger walked in, you couldn't tell who was a freshman or senior. You have a lot of career options to shape your path with lots of support from adults. You can also switch pathways if you change your mind.

What are the most important classes you have taken so far?

The Project Lead the Way Health Sciences courses. They have given me a background that forms a strong connection to the professional side of healthcare. It has truly prepped me for my college coursework. Of course, the Certified Nursing Assistant class was critically important for me.

What do you like most about the LCCPA?

I like that the teachers connect so strongly with you. We can approach them with not just academics but life stuff.

I wish:

- *That I could live in Hawaii
- *That my dogs could live forever
- *That life wouldn't move so fast
- *That people would treat others who they would want to be treated
- *That the elderly would all be treated with great dignity

As a leader, you are speaking to the 160 students in the LCCPA. What do you want them to hear?

We are one big group of people that need to support each other. We need to strive to encourage one another. Don't settle for less than you are. Take risks and be curious and get out there!

Jana lives with her Mom (Kara) & Dad (Todd), sister (Jyll), brother (Noah), and two dogs (Tucker & Theo). Jana plans to attend a Midwest university and earn her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Her ultimate goal is to work in a neo-natal setting.

Pierce Manufacturing

By: Brent Gloudemans ['20]

Last spring, on Thursday May, 25th the manufacturing students and I went to visit Piece Manufacturing. Pierce Manufacturing makes firetrucks. The coincidence with this this year I will be attempting to pursue a career in firefighting, so that really made this a cool experience. The first thing we did was watch a video on safety, and they really emphasized that safety is their number one priority before we started the tour. During the tour we got to see how some of the trucks were made, and I have to say I was surprised with how much actually went into one of these machines. Many trucks spend upwards of 100 hours being worked on before the customer even inspects it and makes changes!

Another amazing thing we were told was that the veterans were given an opportunity that they deserve. Unlike many other companies where veterans with PTSD that need some assistance get turned away, Pierce welcomes them. They are willing to make the minor changes necessary for them to work in their plant. That is something that all companies should do, because veterans have done a lot for this great country and they all deserve opportunities when they come back home. Overall this was my favorite experience of the year. I look forward to more career experiences as fulfilling as this one.



Another Successful Year for SkillsUSA!

By: Janelle Fisher ['19]

At the end of April, just over 30 students from Little Chute High School and Little Chute Career Pathways Academy had the opportunity to compete at the SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference. They spent two days competing in Madison in ten different contests. Little Chute had students place third or higher in four of those competitions:

- In Opening/Closing Ceremonies, a public speaking/leadership contest, Janelle Fisher, Carrigan Hurst, James VanderWyst, Jacob Schmeider, Austin Fritsch, and Eli Manthey competed as a team and placed third.
- Aires Pang placed second in Job Skill Demonstration, a competition where he had to teach a panel of judges a skill.
- Jacob Schmeider placed second in Facilitathon Challenge, a facilities management competition.
- Austin Fritsch and Eli Manthey placed second in Additive Manufacturing, a competition which required them to design a piece of jewelry to be 3D printed.
- Cal Hammen and Will VandenHeuvel placed first in Additive Manufacturing.
- Janelle Fisher, Carrigan Hurst, James VanderWyst, Aires Pang, Adam Kilgas, and Max Meyer were all finalists in the Team Engineering Challenge.

Janelle Fisher was elected to the State Officer board as District Vice President, which means that she will represent our school in the organization and will be responsible for helping to organize many state activities. At the end of June, Will, Cal, and Aires attended the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky and competed in their respective contests. Janelle also attended the conference to fulfill various state officer responsibilities.



Michael Mlodzik: Michigan Tech Engineering Scholars Program



Michael Mlodzik, a student at Little Chute Career Pathways Academy, recently attended the Engineering Scholars program at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich. More than 150 students from eight US states, Turkey and Pakistan were accepted into this highly competitive scholarship program. Engineering Scholars is part of Michigan Tech's Summer Youth Programs. Engineering Scholars is a fun and intensive weeklong look at engineering careers in areas such as mechanical, computer, environmental, electrical, biomedical, civil, geological and materials engineering. The students explored engineering with group projects such as designing a building strong enough to withstand an earthquake, creating an artificial intelligence army and more. They received inside information from role models working in engineering fields. The students learned about the college application process and tips for succeeding in university engineering programs. Students accepted in the Engineering Scholars program receive a scholarship valued are more than \$1,000 that covered tuition, room and board, and supplies. In addition, the students experienced college life by staying in residence halls, eating in university cafeterias and exploring campus life among others with similar interests.