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NOVELIST/ARTIST/LEADER

Kolbi Brew grew up interested in art; therefore, he chose to attend BCAVTS and to enroll in the Graphic Design program. Now that he is in the program, he still plans to pursue a career in the field; however, since being in the program, his love of reading and writing has grown. The publication aspect of the program truly appeal to him. Upon graduation, Kolbi plans to attend PTC and will major in Graphic Design. Writing and using skills learned from PTC, Kolbi plans to move back to Massachusetts, where he is originally from. He states that the market for writing is more lucrative there. In BCAVTS SkillsUSA competition, Kolbi finished 3rd and earned a bronze medal in Extemporaneous Speaking. Awesome! In his class, he is a known leader. Mrs. Clutter and Mr. Spaulding speak very highly of Kolbi. They state that he is an amazing student, with very strong work ethic, initiative and patience. Mrs. Hiler, the principal is always impressed with Kolbi's calm and polite demeanor. Kolbi asked to complete detailed projects in a short time span and does so with ease. This is very impressive. Kolbi will excel in all he embarks on!



FUTURE BUSINESS LEADER

Troy Anthony is a hard worker, has excellent hand skills, pays attention to detail and has a great attitude in his Auto Technology program. As anyone can imagine, Troy is one of Mr. Bennett's best students; moreover, he believes that Troy will have an excellent future in the auto technician field. Troy chose to come to BCAVTS because he enjoys working on vehicles and wanted to learn more. He enjoys the program and feels that Mr. Bennett is a good teacher and provides a nice environment to work and



grow. At the moment, Troy works at Ivywood Garage in Saxonburg. He does mechanic work and body work. Troy has parlayed his training into some early success, placing fifth in the Automotive Service Technology competition at this year's District 10 SkillsUSA Championships. Troy also participated in the Greater Pittsburgh Auto Dealers Association (GPADA) competition, finishing fourth. Upon graduation, Troy plans to attend BC3 for Business. With his knowledge gained from BCAVTS as well as his future knowledge from BC3, Troy plans to own his own garage someday! Good luck Troy!

IN HER NATURE

Kayla Martinez always liked to bake and cook and gained experience with both skills by growing up in the kitchen with her grandma. She decided to try BCAVTS' Culinary Arts program and has enjoyed every aspect of it. Kayla enjoys the freedom and the creativity that the program affords her. There are times that she can make her own recipe, instead of following a recipe to the exact measurements. She loves to do this and feels that Culinary Arts is the best part of her day. Mr. Collins and Mr. Barczak both state that Kayla is driven, motivated, exceptional, very mature and very well-liked. She is an innate leader who does not need told what to do next. Something that Mrs. Collins points out is that Kayla enjoys "teaching" the other students. It seems to come natural to her. Kayla's success isn't limited to her time in our building, she just missed bringing home the gold in the Commercial Baking competition at this year's District 10 SkillsUSA Championships, finishing second and well ahead of a lot of great competitors. Kayla's future plans are to attend IUP for Baking and Pastry Arts; also, she plans to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics. After this, the sky is the limit. Kayla may open a bakery, a coffee shop or even become a teacher. In her family, she has two retired Home Economic teachers. Very interesting!



CERTIFICATIONS LEAD TO OPPORTUNITIES

BCAVTS stresses nationally recognized industry certifications for all students. No program drives that message home harder than our Machine Technology program. The main certifying body, and the provider of our end-of-program assessment, for machining is NIMS (National Institute of Metalworking Skills). PDE requires a student to successfully complete four NIMS credentials before they graduate to be considered "ADVANCED". Knoch seniors Dakota Barnett, Kolton Buday, Caleb Fike, and Kaleb



Stover earned those four credentials so long ago, they are way in their rear-view mirror. Since then, all four have earned an additional seven NIMS credentials with Dakota, Kolton, and Caleb actually topping out with twelve. No doubt this stellar achievement has led to all four already securing employment; Dakota Barnett at II-VI Incorporated in Saxonburg, Kolton Buday at Penn United in Cabot, and Caleb Fike and Kaleb Stover at Oberg Industries in Sarver.



THE GOLD STANDARD

BCAVTS students really enjoy showing what they know. One of the ways this is accomplished is through our main Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO), SkillsUSA. SkillsUSA gives BCAVTS students the opportunity to participate in student government, leadership activities, community service, social activities, and best of all, competitions. Competitions are where BCAVTS students like Knoch's Nick Fleishner really shine. Nick, a senior in the Carpentry program, went up against the best District 10 had to offer in the SkillsUSA Cabinetmaking program and brought home the gold. Nick will be representing BCAVTS at the Pennsylvania SkillsUSA State Conference and Competition in Hershey this April. In his spare time, Nick works at NAPA Auto Parts in Sarver and also assists his father with spray-foam insulation installation. After graduation, Nick is planning to attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology to further his cabinetmaking skills. His hope is to own his own cabinetmaking shop one day and perhaps branch out into new technologies like concrete countertop installations.



Event Dates

March 20, 2019

11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Culinary Arts Spring Buffet
-Reservation Required, Please call in advance

April 3-5, 2019

HOSA-Future Health Professionals
State Leadership Conference/Competitions
in Valley Forge, PA

April 9-12, 2019

SkillsUSA State Competitions in Hershey, PA

April 19, 2019

Easter Break (No School)

May 27, 2019

Memorial Day (No School)

May 30, 2019

2019 Awards Program

Vo-tech School Stats

Knoch
End-of-Program Assessment
63% Advanced
95% Proficient

156 Nationally-Recognized
Industry Certifications earned

4 SkillsUSA District
Medal Winners

Culinary Arts Dining Room-

The Lunch Box Restaurant

Open to the Public

March - May
Tuesday - Friday from
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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