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# Seniors Reflect on Time at NWTC



Caitlyn King  
Medical Professions

Caitlyn King says “Taking Medical Professions made me realize what I wanted to do with my life.” And now she is well on her way as she

was recently accepted to the University of Vermont’s nursing program. Caitlyn enjoyed the opportunities she had in Medical Professions to shadow at Northwestern Medical Center. She was able to shadow in the Emergency Room, Med Surgery, and Ultrasound. A highlight for Caitlyn this year was the opportunity to observe a spine surgery performed by Dr. Barnum.

She also enjoyed a chance to job shadow at Synergy Orthopedics. Caitlyn thinks another benefit of the program is the opportunity to earn her LNA (Licensed Nurse Assistant) licensure. “Mrs. Faas is a great teacher. I love being part of this program where I have been with the same group of students for two years. It’s like a little family. It is a hard course, but so worth it.”

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Matt Morissette  
Engineering Technologies

Morissette did not hold back when asked, “What would you say to a current 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grader about coming to the Tech Center?” He enthusiastically replied, “Do it! No question about it! Take a Tech Center class!” He knew in 9<sup>th</sup> grade that he

wanted to take Engineering Technologies and he is now in his third year of the program. He does admit that Engineering Technologies is not for everyone. “You have to like technology and have a real desire to know how things work.” Matt definitely fits that description and he is now considering majoring in Electrical Engineering when he starts college next fall. He is currently looking at four schools for engineering: Clarkson, McGill, RPI, and WPI. He applied to VTC as well. No doubt his experience in SkillsUSA will help his

College application. He won 1st Place in the state competition for Related Technical Math during his sophomore year and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> last year. The best part of SkillsUSA for Matt, however, “Meeting other students.”

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# Great Experiences at Northwest Technical Center

Kyle Montgomery-Noel has always had an interest in photography and that led to his interest in the Digital Arts program at Northwest Technical Center. He didn't even tour the Tech Center—he just turned in his application and happily hopped on the bus to come to NWTC the first day of 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Lucky for him, he found his Digital Arts teacher, Mrs. Kemp, to be “cool.” Kyle said, “The atmosphere for learning is more relaxed and I really thrive in that kind of environment.” One of Kyle's favorite projects was making posters for some of the Tech Center teachers last

year. They gave him the basic information and he did the creative part.



Kyle Montgomery-Noel  
Digital Arts

After high school, Kyle is taking a different path. He has enlisted in the Marine Corps and will go to Paris Island, South Carolina in August to begin basic training. He signed up under a special billet for five years (instead of the normal four) and plans to be part of the Security Forces.

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Holly Bushey is excited about her future, but she'll miss spending time in Cosmetology during lunch and before and after school. “I feel like our class is a family. Ms. Habecker makes it fun to learn.” Holly has visited the Northeast School of Design in West Lebanon, New Hampshire and the Salon Professional Academy in Williston. Both schools will give her 300 hours of credit for

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the training she has already had in NWTC's Cosmetology program—saving time and money. She will make a decision soon about which school to attend. In the meantime, she is enjoying her time at the Tech Center. “I think being part of the Tech Center helps build self confidence,” Holly said. “Being part of the Human Services and Medical Professions Academy has been a good thing this year too. We get the

chance to do things with students in the other programs.”



Holly Bushey, Cosmetology



Alec Herbert, Marketing Before coming to the Tech Center, Alec Herbert had an interest in learning about running a business and how to market a business. That is the reason he was first attracted to

the Marketing program. “I have learned things I didn't expect to learn while working in PassTime (the school store),” says Alec. “Things like inventory, the labor aspect, working with vendors, deciding on your target market...all of that.” Alec reports that taking Marketing at the Tech Center is “not just a normal class.” “It really gives you a sense of what it's like out there and it's a

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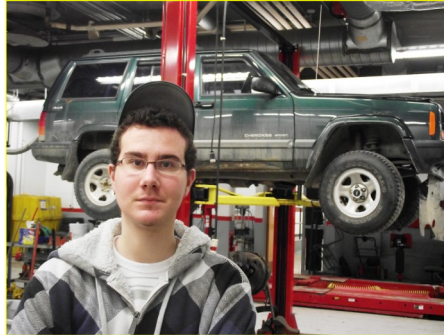
Alec Herbert

good bridge to college. It helped me be sure that I wanted to pursue a career in business.” Alec is in the process of applying to colleges. He has applied to Coastal Carolina, the University of Tampa, and the University of Vermont. He plans to major in business and hopes to one day be in management in a corporate setting. In the meantime, “This class is my home base on campus. It's where I feel the most comfortable.”

# Great Expectations for the Future

Brenden Skelton will be living in Lima, Ohio next fall. After two years in the Automotive Technology program at NWTC, he is ready to begin his post-secondary studies. He has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio where he will pursue an Associate's Degree in Diesel Mechanics. Brenden is considering staying on at Northwestern Ohio after he earns his Associate's Degree to earn a bachelor's degree in business management as well. When asked how he feels about being in the Automotive

Technology program, he said, "I love it! I love the smell of the shop coming in every morning. I don't get bored in here. This is what I like. I knew after a couple of



Brenden Skelton, Automotive Technology

months of taking Auto Tech that this is what I wanted to do for a living." When asked to name one thing he particularly likes about Auto Tech, he responded, "I love the challenge of not knowing what problem you'll face in the shop on any given day. Like a box of chocolates...you never know what you're gonna get."

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Brenden Skelton, Auto Tech

"I can't begin to explain how much the Emergency & Fire Services program has to offer," says senior, Molly Gaudette. "I've earned my CPR/AED, Bloodborne Pathogens, and First Aid Certifications, along with taking the First Responder course as part of the Fire Fighter 1 class." Molly has been in the program at Northwest Technical Center for two years and her enthusiasm is exciting to

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Molly Gaudette, E&FS

hear. She goes on to say, "I can say this has and will better my future. I've always said I want to be in this field and being in this program has given me so many opportunities to apply the classroom learning in scenarios set up by Mr. Antoniak, as well as on the job." Molly's training in Emergency & Fire Services gave her the skills she needed to join Fairfax Rescue as a junior member.

Molly plans to further her education in the medical field after high school. She plans to attend CCV for her prerequisite courses and then transfer to VTC to complete the Registered Nurse (RN) program.



Molly Gaudette  
Emergency & Fire Services

## Dylan Magoon, Building Trades



Dylan Magoon has been in the Building Trades program for three years. "The Building Trades program has

given me a good feel for what being in the workforce after college will be like," said Dylan. Last year he designed a sugar house to be built on the Soar Learning Center campus (aka Project Soar). He drew the plans and did all the estimates for the materials. This year he was able to see the plan go from paper to a completed project. "It was very rewarding to see the project from start to finish. I love the design and creative part. That's why I want to major in Architectural Engineering,"

Dylan said. He feels even more certain of this career choice after having the opportunity to job shadow with an architect at Arnold & Scangas in Colchester. Dylan has applied to Vermont Technical College, the University of New Hampshire, and Clarkson.

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# NWTC Seniors Look Forward to Bright Futures

Since 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Luke Tatro has had an interest in video and film production. When he heard about the Video Production program at Northwest Technical Center, he applied as soon as he could and started the program in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Luke is a senior this year and he has no regrets about his three years as a Video Production student. He says, "I'm really confident that I will do well in college because of what I've learned in this program. It's helped me plan out my future and determine where I want my life to be going." Luke plans to attend Burlington College where he will focus on the writing, directing and creating end of video and film production. Although he is very comfortable with the technical side, he feels his strengths are more on the creative end. When asked about his overall experience in Video Production, he replied, "The program is limitless on what you can do. You can come up with an idea in your head and have a final product that is exactly what you pictured because we have cutting edge hardware and software and we have learned the necessary skills."



Luke Tatro, Video Production

Katie Bouchard heard about the Human Services program from a previous Human Services student and decided to check it out for herself by attending the Tech Center tours in both 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. "I have known for a while that I wanted to work with people. I was trying to choose between teaching, psychology, counseling, or social work and finally decided that social work was right for me." As part of her class time in Human Services, Katie has been able to intern in Curiosity Corners preschool here on the Tech Center campus, in a kindergarten class at St. Albans Town School, and at Care Partners (a day care for elderly people). Katie adds, "One of the benefits of being in the Human Services program is being able to focus on areas you are most interested in." Katie has been accepted into the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York. She hopes to be a family and child services social worker after earning her degree.



Katie Bouchard, Human Services

Lizzy Paquette is a senior in the Culinary Arts program. Lizzy really wanted to attend the Tech Center in her junior year, but could not figure out a way to fit it into her schedule. She didn't give up on her dream to study the culinary arts, though, and applied to come for her senior year. Her instinct to pursue what she knew she loved has paid off. She has been accepted at NECI (New England Culinary Institute) in Montpelier. When asked about her experience in NWTC's Culinary Arts program, she said, "It's a good program. You learn a lot and it's fun." She was able to earn her ServSafe certification in class and that's important in the restaurant industry. Her favorite part of cooking is being able to use her creativity. The part of the program she likes best is being in "the back of the house." For those of us not familiar with that term—that means in the kitchen. Lizzy loves to cook and hopes to own her own restaurant one day.



Lizzy Paquette, Culinary Arts

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