

Experience is the best teacher

Different interests, Different skills, Different dreams, Same results

“The medical careers program helped me change my life and realize the right career choice. In the years since, I have helped change the lives of thousands of patients in my practice.”
 — Chiropractor, Dr. Jason A. Bailey



Chiropractor, Dr. Jason A. Bailey, reviews an x-ray with a patient in his office in Georgia. A 1996 graduate of Chippewa Valley Schools, he stays in touch with his CVS instructors.

Justin, Jackie, Jason, Rod, Jamie, Andrew, Juleka and Reeti have different interests, skills and dreams. However, with the high school experiences they each gained through Career and Technical Education courses, they get the same results and are each enjoying success in employment and higher education. The quotes and photos on this page demonstrate how these students used their CTE experiences as a gateway to opportunity not only in Macomb County, but across the state and the country.

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Justin Bollenbach completed the CAD and manufacturing programs at the L'Anse Creuse Frederick V. Pankow Center. He's shown here on the job at American Die Corp. Bollenbach says, “The Pankow program assisted me with a smooth transition from the educational environment to the real world of engineering and manufacturing.”

For more information about CTE programs in your schools, call your public school district CTE Director, or contact Karen Johnston at (586) 228-3469 or Monika Leasure at (586) 228-3513 at the MISD.



Jamie Doniar assists a customer in Lucido's Fine Jewelry Store in Sterling Heights. Doniar is a 1994 graduate of the Warren Consolidated Career Prep Center. “The minute I toured the watch and clock repair program I knew it was the program for me. Two years of training enabled me to land a job that I love doing. I know I have an excellent job with a bright future, high demand and that pays very well.” Doniar apprenticed under an expert watchmaker for five years, then opened his own repair business specializing in high-end watches.



Andrew DeKeyser practices at the Rolex Lititz Watch Technicum Training Center in Pennsylvania. He and classmate Christopher VerKullen, not shown, were two of only 12 individuals chosen to attend the Rolex training in 2005. They are graduates of Warren Consolidated School District's Career Prep Center, which is the only high school in North America to teach watch and clock repair.



Juleka Shah, left, a junior at Fitzgerald High School, is enrolled in the pharmacy tech program and has also completed the health science skills class. She is employed as an intern at the CVS located at 10 Mile and Ryan roads. Reeti Choudhury, right, a 2005 graduate of Fitzgerald High School, is attending Wayne State University studying to be a pharmacist. Choudhury is also employed at CVS through the internship program.



Rod Gillison monitors traffic with a radar gun as part of his studies in law enforcement at the L'Anse Creuse Frederick V. Pankow Center. He can earn college credit through this program to get a head start on the degree required of most law enforcement officers.

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