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CVCC Alumni Spotlight

Media Arts Alum, Has Found Great Success!

Joe Battaglia attended CVCC during 2007-2009, his junior and senior years at North Royalton High School. Joe was enrolled in the Media Arts (formally Media Technology), program instructed by Mr. Bernie Van Tilburg. Joe always had a deep passion for making movies growing up, and would make movies with his siblings, friends, and neighbors. During a field trip to CVCC his sophomore year of high school, he visited the Media Arts program and was stunned at the technology and opportunities it provided, and knew he needed to be a part of it. Joe has many great memories from attending CVCC, including engaging class projects and socializing with wonderful classmates who were not only fun, but helped raise his bar of creativity. He found great passion for leading groups of creative people, as well as acting, writing, directing, producing, filming, and editing projects. During the program, Joe earned an internship at the Cleveland Film Commission as a Location Scout, as well as became a Kids Content Creator for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. One of Joe's favorite memories was when he came back to CVCC after football practice one day to edit his short film, and ended up working on it until 9:30 p.m. Joe explains that he found himself in the "zen-zone" and knew he had a bright future ahead of him, as not every kid wants to go back to school after a long day. Joe exclaims, "I was truly inspired!"



Joe Battaglia

After graduating from high school, Joe attended Ohio University as well as explored many opportunities outside of school to help get ahead in his future career. Joe absorbed as much knowledge as he could, and explored any opportunity possible to get involved in the big-time filmmaking projects that were coming to Ohio. What determination! Currently, Joe is a young filmmaker, working on large movies and TV shows as well as his own projects. Joe has assisted Matthew McConaughey, Sir Ben Kingsley, Adam Scott, Nike Directors and LeBron James Team. He has also produced three micro-budget films; the first is titled "Mad." "Mad" was disbursed on Netflix for two years and is currently available on iTunes. Joe also produced a film in partnership with other CVCC Alumni, including Robert G. Putka, Ben Measor, Chris Mack, Damon Smith and Jon Koenig. Presently, Joe is preparing for his directorial debut.

In terms of success, Joe feels CVCC, "Helped me in every way." Joe is thankful to have had the opportunity to constantly learn and absorb knowledge during his time at CVCC. Joe states, "Filmmaking is a complicated medium and it takes a lot of practice and research to be great. All crafts take commitment, determination and perseverance." CVCC is honored to have given Joe the foundation he needed to compete and succeed in such a competitive and creative industry! Best of luck in your continued success!

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CVCC Student Spotlight

Congratulations to CVCC's 2020 Outstanding Students!

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Brecksville- Broadview Heights

James Dabney (Homeschooled)- Construction Trades
Joshua Darty-Berry- Machine Technology
Victoria Haeberle- Fire & EMS Academy

Garfield Heights

Adam Smith- Culinary Arts & Food Services
Dyeshawn Fleetwood- Auto Body
Rosalie Sajovie- Digital Design

Independence

Jared Albertson- Programming & Software Development
Kalli Screptock- Cosmetology B

Nordonia Hills

Alexis Dupont- Health Careers A
Brandon Dolly- Sales & Service Fundamentals
Danielle Parker- Dental Assisting
Elizabeth Elliott- Medical Administrative Specialist
Elizabeth Imrie- Sports Medicine Exercise Science
Emily Taylor- Cosmetology A
Nathan Juchnik- Heating & Air Conditioning
Shane Romero- Electrical Systems

North Royalton

Austin Keller- Education Professions
Dane Manias- Engineering Technology
Gavin Graham- Graphic Imaging
Nicholas Westfall- Transition-To-Work
Taylor Ward- Job Training

Revere

Madison Mitchell- Hotels & Resorts

Twinsburg

Alyssa Willis- Health Careers C
Cehlan Sparks- Computer Networking Academy
Henry Ovalle- Power Equipment Technology
Matthew Senvisky- Media Arts
Yamira Hill- Health Careers B

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Technology
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*Programming & Software Development
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CVCC Staff Spotlight

CVCC Wishes Our Retirees Best Wishes!

Colleen Buehl has been the Student Support Services Coordinator at CVCC for the past 20 years. This position blossomed into the STAR (Student Teacher Assistance Room) classroom assisting all students in all areas. Colleen also served as the VoSE (Vocational Special Educator) for students on Individual Education Programs (IEPs) in the Culinary Arts and Cosmetology programs. Colleen has many good memories working at CVCC. Specifically, her Student Support team of five years participated in professional development at various locations; this team-building helped prepare them for the upcoming school year by teaching best practices for "at risk" students as well as those with disabilities. She also acknowledges that STAR would not be what it is today without the team of teachers involved in its great success. Additionally, Colleen will remember all the fun times had at golf outings, pig roasts, TGIF outings, bowling, and Christmas parties.

Colleen says she will miss the teachers most; "I have bonded with so many and they will be lifelong friends." Of course, Colleen will miss the students too; adding that, "It is always nice for students that you taught years ago say that you made a difference in their life." In retirement, Colleen hopes to travel to Atlanta and spend time with her daughter, son-in-law, and two granddaughters. Colleen will also be working on her golf game, as well as bicycling, walking, and traveling with her husband, Brian. Colleen wishes all at CVCC a relaxing, safe and healthy summer, as well as a great 2020-2021 school year. Thank you for your 20 years serving CVCC Colleen, you will be greatly missed!



Colleen Buehl

Patty Kempf has held the position of Transition to Work Instructor at CVCC for the past 12 years. Prior to teaching at CVCC, Patty taught in the field of Special Education for 40 years. Patty's best memories at CVCC are working with so many amazing students at work sites as well as in the classroom. She states, "It was always wonderful to see the students make progress and gain confidence. We also laughed a lot, and always had fun in the middle of learning. I hold each and every student in my heart. That's just part of this job, you get so attached."

Patty will miss the daily interactions with her students most, as well as the wonderful staff at CVCC. She mentions how much of a pleasure it has been working with so many dedicated co-workers, and will cherish the friendships she has made. During retirement, Patty hopes to spend more time with her grandchildren. She also looks forward to skiing, and having more time to do quilting, hiking and bike riding. She also hopes to do some traveling with her husband. Best of luck in this next chapter of life Patty! Thank you for your dedicated years teaching at CVCC!



Patty Kempf

Upcoming Events

- ☀ Monday, August 17 – Tuesday, August 18 ♦ CVCC District Staff In-Service
- ☀ Wednesday, August 19 ♦ First Day of School for High School Students
- ☀ Thursday, August 27 ♦ CVCC Board of Education Meeting

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