Student Pursues Career In Timber Management

Getting his hands dirty wasn’t a prerequisite for Corey Ellis but it’s definitely a bonus. The Pine Valley senior is enrolled in the Conservation program at the LoGuidice Educational Center and he is enjoying every moment in, and especially outside, the classroom.

“Working outside and not being stuck in the classroom has to be one of the most exciting parts,” he said. “You can get dirty here … do things you never dreamed of doing at your home school; run chainsaws, drive tractors.”

Having an opportunity to receive hands-on experience in the field is benefiting Corey as he pursues a career in timber management.

“This program has really prepared me for this kind of career,” he said. “Last year, we identified about 65 trees, learning how to cut down trees and how to log.”

When he’s not outside in Conservation he’s still outside. Corey plays baseball and basketball for Pine Valley and shoots for the Pine Valley trap team and for the Randolph Rod & Gun Club. He likes to get his hands dirty during the school days and it makes him a better student.

“I’m an honor student. I’ve been an honor student my whole life at Pine Valley. I just realized being stuck in the classroom is not something that I enjoy,” he said. “Don’t feel you can’t enroll in a program like this if you’re an honor student, you should always check it out … and if you want to get your hands dirty then this is the classroom for you.”

The National Technical Honor Society student is looking forward to interning with a local business to pursue a career in the field. Upon completion of the program Corey will also obtain a 10-hour OSHA certification in agriculture.

Corey is one of the 37,313 students developing college-and-career-ready skills through Career and Technical Education programs in New York state.
Dear Board Members, District Administrators and School Community

E2CCB is continuing its ongoing effort to share student stories and outcomes through our Educational Collaborations which highlights how E2CCB is impacting your students, programs and operations.

Thank you for your on-going collaboration as we work together to provide programs and services to support students and districts throughout the region. We continually strive to build and strengthen our programs and services for students in your district as well as maximize operational efficiencies through shared services. We look forward to our continued partnership and making opportunities to best serve the needs of your students, teachers and administration.

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Student Enjoys Opportunities At LoGuidice

Pine Valley student Christopher Burdic is excelling at the LoGuidice Educational Center. Christopher enjoys the diverse education he’s receiving by splitting his academic day between specialized programming and Career and Technical Education programming while enrolled in the Conservation program.

“I joined conservation because I like being outdoors and it seemed like a good fit for me,” Chris said.

Chris stays connected to Pine Valley through sports, specifically basketball.

Chris participates in Special Olympics in the track and field events and hope to volunteer at the event this year. Since attending E2CCB, there has been a great improvement to Chris’s academic abilities. He learned to read and has developed socially. Chris participates in the work experience program and attributes his success to personalized learning opportunities and his ability to focus his attention on the details.

Upon graduation Chris hopes to open his own landscaping business.

“This program has really helped me open up and become more social,” Chris said. “My classmates and teacher have helped me to see my strengths and what I can do if I put my mind to it.”

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Career & Technical Education

Students enrolled in an approved CTE program acquire the skills, knowledge and professional practices necessary for success in college and the workforce. Students experience relevant, challenging, industry-aligned curricula supported by current technology in learning environments that foster high academic achievement and skill development. Course work is organized to provide both theory and hands-on.

Students have an opportunity to participate in internships with business, industry and education partners. Curriculum is assessed against national industry standards and meets the Common Core Learning standards.

Upon the successful completion of the two-year program, CTE students meeting specific criteria will earn a Technical Endorsement on their Regents/Local Diploma.

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CTE By the Numbers

- Automotive Body Repair: 1 student
- Automotive Technology: 2 students
- Career and Technical Explorations: 1 student
- Conservation/Natural Resource Management: 6 students
- Construction Technology: 1 student
- Cosmetology: 4 students
- Culinary Arts: 2 students
- Health Careers: 5 students
- Small Animal Science: 3 students
- Sports Conditioning and Exercise Science: 1 student

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Pine Valley student Christopher Burdic has become a leader at the LoGuidice Educational Center.
Pine Valley senior Nathan Rogers stepped out of his comfort zone and into WNY P-TECH College & Career Academy – and he hasn't looked back.

“I still remember my first day. I told myself ‘alright, you’re not going to hide yourself in that shell, you’re going to walk up to the first person you see and introduce yourself,’” he said. “I instantly had quite a few friends after that.”

It’s been Nathan’s willingness to jump in and try new things that has helped him succeed at P-TECH.

“It’s been a challenge. You’re held to a certain expectation here,” he said. “You’re given a lot of freedom here; the classes are personalized and there's a lot of teacher-student work and my academic standing has increased because of it. I think I’ve become more social person as well.”

His ability to adapt and eagerness for something new is leading Nathan toward an associate degree in welding from Jamestown Community College.

“My family thinks this is a really good opportunity because it’s giving me a chance to do something that I probably wouldn’t have been able to do otherwise,” he said. “Welding is an interesting pathway. It’s needed in the area that we’re in, a lot of places are in high demand for welders. It gives me something new to do.”

When Nathan isn’t in the welding booth he enjoys Massive Multiplayer Online games on Playstation and Xbox and is currently watching “The Walking Dead.” He is one of six Pine Valley students enrolled at P-TECH and one of 2,545 students in New York state who are advancing their learning through a Pathways in Technology Early College High School program.

WNY P-TECH is tailored specifically for students interested in one of two educational pathways: Welding Technology or Mechanical Technology with specializations in CADD or machine tool. The up-to-six-year program allows students to earn an associate degree from Jamestown Community College in a high-demand field with no out-of-pocket expense.
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