

MEET

Tanner C



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Tanner is a student at Trumbull Career and Technical Center (TCTC). This is his first year at TCTC and he just loves it. Tanner works two different jobs at TCTC, spending two days at each job per week. He works in the Market Café on Monday and Wednesday, and in the car wash on Tuesday and Thursday. Tanner works four hours per day in the café and two hours per day in the car wash. He enjoys both jobs very much.

Tanner describes his jobs as being very different. For example, when Tanner works in the market, his primary duty is tending to the cash register. He possesses great money skills and that makes him the perfect worker for the job. Before the first customers enter the market, Tanner counts the money in his drawer, gets his register ready for the day and helps straighten out products on the shelves. The reason he likes working in the market is that he is making new friends and gaining valuable skills that will help him to obtain a job when he is done with school. Some of Tanner's other duties in the café include working in the bakery and heating up cookies. "Who doesn't like cookies?" he notes. Sometimes, Tanner works the soup station as well and really likes it.

During his days in the car wash, Tanner spends his time washing and waxing cars. The car wash only cleans the outside of the cars according to Tanner, and he enjoys this job as well because of the friends he has made.

On the days Tanner is not working in the café or the car wash, he works on his academics and enjoys watching CNN and catching up on current events. Making friends is very important to Tanner and he really likes spending time with the friends he's made in the classroom. He also wants to acquire good working skills so he can work as a cashier at Game Stop.

Prior to attending TCTC, Tanner attended school in Howland, Niles and Liberty. During his last year at Liberty High School, Tanner worked in the Community Integrated Training for Employment (C.I.T.E.) program through the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD). His work site was based at Shepherd of the Valley in Niles where he worked as a dishwasher and housekeeper. Tanner enjoyed his time at Shepherd of the Valley, though he thinks TCTC is less frustrating at times.

Tanner lives at home with his mother, father, younger brother and two dogs (Jack and Jill). While at home, he enjoys making videos with his brother. "We're YouTubers and TikTokers," he says. Tanner also enjoys playing car racing and WWE games on his Xbox. Though his friends and teachers are very important to him, Tanner is very proud of his accomplishments at TCTC.