

# CJPC APPRENTICESHIP SPOTLIGHT

## October 2020

College of Lake County's Career and Job Placement Center proudly presents our October featured apprentice, Darrell B.

Darrell B. is an apprentice at Aon General Insurance. I have had plenty of work and schooling experience throughout my working years and can unequivocally declare that this job, and this opportunity, and this schooling has thus far been some of the best I have ever participated in.



## December 2020

Harley Pletz is a first-year apprentice at JST Corporation in Waukegan. He is in the Machine Tool Trade program.

Harley participates in the Apprenticeship Program because it allows him to practice the skills he learns from CLC instructors and the job experience from professional journeymen on the job. This combination of class knowledge and real world employment makes education more "Rewarding... helps me understand the course work..." and do a "better job at work." "As an apprentice it's like getting an education and work experience at the same time. I also appreciate getting a paycheck and benefits such as insurance and tuition. I am very grateful to the Career and Job Placement Center at CLC."

## February 2021

"When I learned about the under-representation of women in the automotive industry, I decided to transform my interest in cars into a career. I was drawn to collision repair because it represents the intersection of science, creativity, innovation and craftsmanship. The ACR Apprenticeship Program provides the perfect opportunity for a career-changer like me to gain the knowledge, skills and practical experience I need to ensure a successful future for myself in this exciting field."

Olivia Peterson pursued both a bachelors' and masters' degrees in music with the goal of becoming a professional classical musician. She is currently working as an Apprentice at Gerber Collision & Glass in Crystal Lake, IL.



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**March 2021**

Andrew Richter is transitioning from the automotive sales and management field to insurance. After working with clients, he found it more enjoyable and wanted to learn about the industry. However without a degree, getting a job in the field is difficult. Andrew enrolled at CLC and learned about the Apprenticeship Program in one of his classes. “I applied and was luckily accepted. It has turned out to be one of my best endeavors. I have learned so much about the insurance industry, and the structure of the Apprenticeship Program allows me to work while still having time to attend class. The program also teaches the social and life skills necessary to succeed in today’s workplace. I am grateful for being in this program as it also allows me to have better work-life balance.”

Andrew is a part of the Aon Insurance apprenticeship and is looking forward to his first department placement within Aon. He adds, “This apprenticeship is an integral part of my career journey and I recommend the program to anyone ready to invest in themselves.”

