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What Path Did They Take?

The ASD has a fantastic Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Through a variety of course offerings, students participate in robust, relevant and rigorous education. One of the best ways to measure the success of our programs is to follow the success of our graduates. This issue highlights five graduates who credit their educational and professional path to the CTE classes they took in the ASD.



Andrew Bell: Class of 2017, Auburn Riverside
Current position:

ASSET technician at Way Scarff Ford

Post High School Education:

Enrolled in the Ford Automotive Student Service Educational Training at Renton Technical College; Associate Degree in Applied Science, August 2019

High School CTE Courses:

Beginning and Advanced Automotive Technology, Graphic Design, Business and Personal Finance, Woodworking and Design, Drawing, Power/Energy, Advanced Placement Studio Art

Favorite Memory of High School CTE Courses:

Working on cars in Automotive Technology class with his friends.

Andrew and his friends enjoyed working on cars. To learn more about cars, he enrolled in the ASD Automotive Technology class. He learned about the Ford ASSET program from a Renton Technical College guest speaker. At that point, he decided to try to turn his hobby into a career. He was accepted into the program and started working at Scarff Ford a week after he graduated. He attends classes for eight weeks, serves in an apprenticeship for eight weeks and repeats this schedule for two years. Once he earns his certifications, he will have a job at Way Scarff Ford as a full-fledged technician.

Diana Carranza: Class of 2015, Auburn Mountainview
Current position:

Customer Service Associate at Way Scarff Ford

Post High School Education:

Green River College, Associate Degree; enrolled in Green River College Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Technology: Software Development, Class of 2019

High School CTE Courses:

Microsoft Office Specialist 1-4, Accounting, Digital Photography, Visual Communications, Jewelry and Metal Sculpture, Graphic Design, Independent Living, Work-Based Learning.

Favorite Memory of High School CTE Courses:

Field trip to Microsoft Campus, competing in state MOS competitions-earning 2nd place.



When Diana started high school, she never planned to graduate. But her plans changed quickly after she discovered a love for technology in Graphic Design and Digital Photography her junior year. The spark was fueled further in Microsoft Office Specialist courses and the encouragement of teacher Patty Eckelman. Through work-based learning, she landed an office job at Way Scarff Ford and has been there for three years. While working full-time, she completed her associate degree and will finish her bachelors next spring. Her dream, which she is determined to make a reality, is to work on the Microsoft campus she toured in high school.



Cesar Rubio Sanchez: Class of 2015, Auburn High School

Current position:

Information Technology Intern at large engineering firm.

Post High School Education:

Junior at Washington State University; Bachelor of Arts in Digital Technology and Culture with a minor in Management of Information Systems; class of 2019.

High School CTE Courses:

AP Studio Art, Graphic Design, Computer Systems Engineering, Visual Communications, Internship in ASD Department of Technology.

Favorite Memory of High School CTE Courses:

Really enjoyed working with technology in the education environment because he could see the impacts of his work on students.

Cesar always had an interest in computers. He fueled that interest in high school with CTE classes and an internship in the ASD Technology Department. After graduating, he enrolled in WSU and was hired for a part-time position doing network installations a week after freshman classes began. He works full-time in the summer and part-time during the school year. His current employer has already offered him a position when he graduates from college!

Melyssa McLaughlin: Class of 2008, Auburn High

Current position:

5th Grade Teacher, Pioneer Elementary (Auburn School District)

Post High School Education:

Bachelor of Arts, Western Washington University

High School CTE Courses:

Careers in Education, Jewelry, Career Choices, Visual Communications

Favorite Memory of High School CTE Courses:

Teaching second graders at Washington Elementary during her Careers in Education class.



Melyssa's father is a teacher at Auburn High. She thought she might want to be a teacher, so she enrolled in Cindy Pratt's Careers in Education course. As part of the class, she had the opportunity to obtain field experience teaching second graders at Washington Elementary. She remembers the very first lesson she taught while still in high school. That experience validated her desire to become an elementary teacher.



Jeremy Asmussen: Class of 2002, Auburn Riverside

Current position:

Branch Head, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Bremerton

Post High School Education:

Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering and Math; Masters of Science, Electrical Engineering- Washington State University

High School CTE Courses:

Engineering Technology, Electronics, Drafting

Favorite Memory of High School CTE Courses:

Participating in SkillsUSA, state competitions and learning from guest speakers about engineering. Frank Medina and Bill Sumner were his favorite teachers.

Jeremy attributes his exposure to the engineering classes at Auburn Riverside as instrumental in his decision to pursue electrical engineering. Electronics and engineering prepared him for the rigor of his college program. He serves in a civilian role overseeing the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Bremerton. He also teaches college-level math.

These are just a few of our graduates who started on their post-secondary path because of a great Career and Technical Education course they took in high school.

Our CTE [website](#) provides a complete listing of all middle and high school CTE courses.



Here are just *some* of the successes ASD CTE students had this year:

- Auburn Mountainview Sports Medicine team finished second in the state in Washington Career and Technical Sports Medicine competition.
- Auburn Mountainview students Nhi Nguyen and Linh Nguyen will compete at the Certiport National Microsoft Office Specialist competition in Atlanta as state winners.
- Auburn High School student Bryan Pineda will compete at the Nation SkillsUSA power equipment competition after taking first place in regionals and state.
- Auburn High School journalism students testified on student press rights during the last legislative session.
- Auburn Riverside student Anatoliy Kinakh took first place in the Puget Sound region SkillsUSA cabinetmaking competition.
- Auburn Riverside students Gobindroop Mann, Kyle Bates, Aaron Baker, Colby Tong, Niina Werronen and Vicky Cegielski will compete at the Technology Student Association national competition in Atlanta after taking first place in the state TEAMS competition, where they applied math and science knowledge to solve an engineering challenge.