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Student Connection



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Claire Dailey **Independence**



Claire Dailey is a student at Independence High School who enrolled in CVCC's Sports Medicine Exercise Science program, taught by Shawn Fahey, because of her interest in pursuing a career in physical therapy. That interest developed after her father broke his ankle and underwent rehabilitation. Attending one of his physical therapy appointments inspired Claire and helped her realize this was a career path she wanted to pursue.

Claire plans to become a Physical Therapist and is thankful that CVCC is helping prepare her for her future career—especially through anatomy coursework. She is also grateful for the opportunity to meet and learn alongside students from a variety of school districts.

One of Claire's favorite experiences in the program so far has been the class potlucks. "We do class potlucks every so often, and it's always so fun. We're all really close in the class, and days like that are so fun," she shared. Looking ahead to next year, Claire is most excited about field trips to colleges and universities where students can visit sports medicine programs, helping her gain a better idea of where she wants to go and what she wants to do. She is also looking forward to participating in HOSA Future Health Professionals alongside several of her classmates to see what it's like and determine if it's something she wants to participate in again next year.

Outside of academics, Claire plays softball at Independence High School and enjoys spending time with friends, shopping, watching movies, and never missing a day without Starbucks. Her advice to future students? "This program is hard—you have to want it and take it seriously—but it's so worth it and will set you up for success." Keep up the great work, Claire!

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