

I've always been surrounded by construction growing up. My father has been a carpenter for over 10 years and has contributed to the development of dozens of homes. When I was younger, my father would take me to his work during the summer to take care of me. While my father worked, I would spend most of my time venturing around these homes. I'd look around from room to room seeing how carpenters, electricians, HVAC employees, and roofers worked simultaneously to build the home. I was fascinated with the pace these homes were being built. Seeing them work fueled my interest in the field of construction. Additionally, I had a really close connection with my dad's boss, who is a general contractor that works in Bethany. Speaking with him encouraged me to pursue a career as a general contractor or real estate. Thus, after high school, I plan to attend Delaware Technical Community College to major in business and acquire a real estate license. If my primary plan of becoming a general contractor doesn't work, I plan to work as a real estate agent under a firm in Delaware. Being exposed to my father's construction sites sparked an interest in me to pursue a career relating to homes and construction.

During my four years of high school, I've been able to take advantage of the college and dual enrollment classes offered. Currently, I'm ranked 4th out of 232 students and was valedictorian in my freshman and sophomore year. I've made the effort to maintain an A average in all my classes. Some of the activities I was involved in were the Business Professional of America club from 2019-2020 and the boys' soccer program in 2019. My participation in these programs was short because I could not find daily transportation to attend practice/meetings. However, in the summer of 2022, I was provided with the opportunity to participate in a week-long internship at the Del-One Federal Credit Union in the summer. Besides instructional learning, I shadowed a bank teller at the Georgetown Branch where I performed transactions

with Del-One members. It was a unique experience that taught me the importance of financial literacy. I currently work at our student branch for 2 hours, 2 times a week during our lunch periods. Staff and students with Del-One accounts have been able to make transactions using our student branch. In regard to my involvement with my community, I've volunteered at my local community center to tutor young children. The trailer park in which I live has a small community center where the landlord provides additional school help for young kids. The landlord would have parents speak to her about their child's school issues and would offer to tutor them at no cost. Therefore, alongside the landlord, we tutored the young kids in the afternoons. I volunteered 2 times a week for at least an hour, averaging more than 40 hours in total during 2020. Volunteering at the center made me value the importance of giving back to the community. I enjoyed tutoring and seeing the process of how the kids learned. Overall, I've made an effort to contribute to the growth of my community.