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**Rotary Club of Akron
Students of the Year
Business
Hospitality/Tourism**

- **DEI JUANE' BURT**

East Community Learning Center

- **JADE URDIALES**

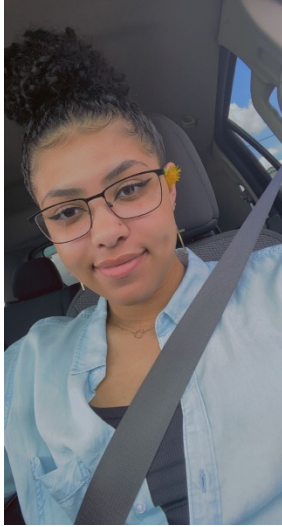
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- **MIRANDA HONAKER**

Buchtel Community Learning Center



DEI JUANE' BURT



Dei Juane is a Senior at the East Community Learning Center. She is enrolled in the Business and Entrepreneurship Career Technical Pathway.

In addition to her rigorous academic schedule where she maintains a 3.2 GPA, Dei Juane' has been a member of the Student Council for 2 years and has served as secretary. She has been involved with DECA for two years and qualified for State competitions. She is a Senior class officer. She has been a member of the KeyBank Leadership team for one year. In addition to these activities, over the past 4 years Dei Juane' has participated in the Guitar Club, Talent show, yearbook staff, Band, Bowling and Spirit team.

When asked how her participation in the Business and Entrepreneurship career pathway has prepared her to be successful in the future, Dei Juane' stated. "Without this pathway, I'd be lacking the speech, people, organizational, and business skills I have now. I learned a lot and plan to use this knowledge to pursue my future marketing career. Through this pathway, I've gotten to see first-hand marketing and business careers on field trips and hear successful people that come to the school to share their journey. These experiences, have opened my mind to more possibilities for myself in the future. I can't wait to be a part of the alumni that comes back and shares their experiences with pathway kids so that they can embrace their potential as well!"

Jeffrey Kline, Business and Marketing instructor for Dei Juane' has this to say: "Dei Juane' is a hard-working young lady who has overcome many obstacles in her life. She has a goal of working in the business world for her future and has worked hard to put herself in a position to accomplish it.

Susan Schutte, another instructor for Dei Juane' has this to say: "Dei Juane' is a hard-working young lady who has stayed focused on her education during the difficult times we are dealing with in this COVID world. Our 'Portrait of a Graduate' lists grit, determination, and leadership' as three of our personality traits that we would like to see in our seniors. Those words are very fitting of Dei Juane'. She has seen personal issues that she has overcome to make sure that her education is held as a high priority. She has successfully completed three college courses and is taking two additional courses this semester as part of her College Credit Plus programming. I am proud to have nominated Dei Juane' for the National DECA Emerging Leader Honor Award."

Dei Juane' works an average of 20 hours per week at a local Marcs store.

Dei Juane' plans on attending Bowling Green University pursuing a degree in Marketing.

JADE URDIALES

Jade is a senior at the Ellet Community Learning Center and is enrolled in the Hospitality and Tourism program. Jade has a 3.5 GPA.



In addition to her academic studies, Jade has been a part of the Volleyball team for the past four years and has been Team Captain.

Jade most recently worked at Kohl's and currently works for Door Dash and can work up to 20 hours per week.

When asked how the career technical program has prepared her for the future, Jade stated "Participating in a career technical program has prepared me to be successful in the future a few ways. It has helped me with choosing what I want to do after high school. It has also given me the opportunity to see all the careers that are available within my program. It also helps me understand some problems that can occur but also how to fix them. It not only shows me all the good things, but also prepares me for when things don't always go as planned."

According to Rebecca Hixon, Hospitality and Tourism instructor, Jade is an amazing young woman with determination, endurance, passion, and perseverance. I have watched her grow into the young woman and leader that she now is. She is a leader in the classroom through her amazing ability to be friendly and welcoming to all. She is well respected by her classmates, team members, teachers, and administrators. Jade has qualities that we do not often see in young people today. Through her genuine personality and respect for others she has helped make the Hospitality program a family and a safe place for all."

Another instructor, Robin Broseus had this to say: "Jade is a pleasure to have in English class and always participates in a positive way. She volunteers to read aloud, answer questions, and help her peers. Her enthusiasm and friendliness are contagious. In addition to being strong academically, she is very social and friendly."

Jade will be attending Kent State pursuing a degree in Culinary Arts and Hospitality. Ten years from now, Jade hopes to be managing a restaurant.

MIRANDA HONAKER



Miranda is a senior at the Buchtel Community Learning Center and is enrolled in the Global Industry and Design – Marketing/Entrepreneurship Academy. Miranda has a cumulative 4.0 GPA.

Miranda has been involved with the school newspaper and is in charge of creating the comics for each issue. She is also involved with the school yearbook. Miranda has been involved with DECA for the past two years.

Miranda has been involved with the Art LIFT/Art Bomb Brigade organization and has assisted in painting and making a mural for the community.

When asked how her career technical program prepared her to be successful in the future, Miranda stated “My participation in a career technical program has prepared me to be successful in the future by teaching me the basics I need to know about entrepreneurship and running my own business out in the real market. The program has also provided me with various life skills and technical skills that I will be able to use for the rest of my life for any job that I wish to do in my future, whether the skill is a soft skill or a hard skill.

Mrs. Whitmore, Marketing instructor has this to say about Miranda. “Miranda is a goal driven young lady who is extremely talented and knows how to get the job done. Her eyes are constantly on the prize of pursuing achievements. She is a top ten scholar. Last year she served as the school newspaper editor and works as a writer for the school yearbook. This is developing her skills as she plans to major in Illustration.

Tiffany Haddon, a College and Career Readiness instructor had this to say: “Miranda is a quiet but highly creative student. She is motivated toward excellence and exhibits that in her work ethic and classroom engagement. Miranda is conscientious, focused and determined. While Miranda may not say much, when she does speak she is always on target and adds relevance to the conversation.

Miranda will be attending the Cleveland Institute of Art or Kent State University.