



Alexis was a straight A student at Keystone High School. She was active in band, drama and swimming at her high school. When Alexis first started looking into Lorain County JVS, she had heard a lot of misinformation—most notably the myth that LCJVS was not for highly motivated students.

When her mother took her to an information session for LCJVS, they were both very impressed. Her mother said “I was proud of my daughter’s GPA. I knew that would take her far in life, but I wanted her to have skills!”

Alexis had expressed an interest in the field of nursing. She decided that the Allied Health Sciences Program would give her the foundation needed to prepare her for a post-secondary nursing program. Alexis’s mother explained, “one of the best things about LCJVS is that my daughter had the opportunity to have a looksee into nursing. They gave her *two years* to know what she wanted to do.” All the while, Alexis remained active in her home school’s extracurricular activities.

Upon graduation, Alexis passed the exam to receive her Phlebotomy certification. She had the opportunity to search for a job as a phlebotomist immediately after graduation, but instead chose to continue the path toward becoming a nurse. Alexis is now a freshman at Hiram College. She tested out of several classes thanks to the groundwork provided by LCJVS. She earned scholarships to cover all of her tuition this year. She also plans to use her phlebotomy certification to earn money over the summer.

Her parents attribute this success to LCJVS. “Alexis had choices,” boasts her mother. “The difference is the hands on learning. It is the way LCJVS lifted her up—the love and pride they had in my child. The difference is the way they let the kids know ‘You can do it!’” Alexis’s parents note that their favorite thing about LCJVS is the welcoming environment. “I never for a minute felt like my baby didn’t belong. That is rare in this world.” Her mom continues, “this school accepts everyone for who they are.”

At LCJVS, we value the praise and concerns of our students *and* their families. Stories like the one above, confirm that our effectiveness reaches beyond data and statistics. We are motivated to provide an environment that can produce success stories for every student that commits to our school.