

Class of 2020 Genesee Career Institute (GCI)

Que'Anna Hodge-Maresh Forensic Science Advanced Studies



Que'Anna is an exceptional 2020 senior! She is definitely resilient. She is a senior in Forensic Science Advanced Studies and has been in Forensic Science Program for two years. Her future goal is to become a Medical Examiner. She has worked very hard this year to complete her classes while waiting for a computer. Que'Anna emails her instructor and does most of her work from her phone. Even the lack of technology has not stopped her. Our district delivered her a Chrome Book last week and she has worked very hard this week to turn in all assignments. She never complained while struggling through these challenging times. She is taking care of her father and her grandfather who have been ill, while her mother was away from home due to working full time as an essential worker in the

medical field. Que'Anna was helping run her household and caring for her family! Last year, she lost her brother yet continued to accomplish completing the requirements for academics and certifications. She has earned certifications in CPR and First Aid through American Heart Association, OSHA 10 Hour Health and Safety, FEMA Independent Study courses, and HIPAA Confidentiality. She also volunteered in the Genesee County Disaster Drill in 2019. She has balanced sports, academics and even work during the school year. Now she is trying to balance not having a job, her family's needs and academics. This young person demonstrates resiliency to the highest degree.

Olivia Krejci Nursing Advanced-Studies

Olivia Krejci began Genesee Career Institute (GCI) her junior year as a student in the Medical Career Foundations Program. She was exceptional from day one: kind, compassionate, willing to work on any task without hesitation, engaged and eager to learn. During her clinical rotation at an area hospital, she had to face some challenges that might intimidate a person of her age. Olivia was not intimidated. She overcame each situation with poise, maturity, and respect.



Olivia returned to GCI her senior year as a student in the Nursing-Advanced Studies program. Her dedication to her schoolwork continues to excel; she is enthusiastic, dedicated, and responsible in classwork, skills, and clinical rotations at a local long-term care facility. Compassion

is such an important attribute to have (especially in the nursing field). Yet, it is not something that can be taught. Olivia's compassion when caring for others is truly heart-warming. There is no doubt she will be successful in her pursuit of a nursing career and a valuable asset to our health care community in the future

Olivia is passionate about helping others. She is very involved in her community (Byron High School); helping with basketball camps for younger kids, Random Acts of Kindness, a member of her church youth group, helping with Carriage Town Ministries, as well as the Eastern Food Bank of Michigan. She is a member of cross country, track, basketball, National Honor Society, and the Student Council Treasurer. As a student representative on the Advisory Board Committee at GCI, she shares her unique student perspective on the continued development of the program.

In spite of this pandemic, this caring student has delivered senior yard signs celebrating her classmates' success and baked sweet treats for people in need. Her drive to give back to the community has led her to actively seek employment at several nursing home facilities to join the health care work force this summer.

This fall, she will be attending Saginaw Valley State University where she will major in nursing. She has received several scholarships: Daughters' of the American Revolution Award, Byron PTA Scholarship, Shiawassee Community Foundation, and the Saginaw Valley State University-Dean's Scholarship. She is an inspiration to others in the community to stay healthy and active by continuing to pursue her goal of running a marathon-a dream cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic.



(See video: Mlive: <https://www.mlive.com/coronavirus/2020/04/high-school-runner-to-hold-own-marathon-with-road-races-canceled-by-covid-19.html>)

Olivia's compassion for others, selfless acts of kindness, drive to create a healthier world, and unwavering work ethic serve as an inspiring reminder that we are better together.