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Student Spotlight:

Joseph Lozada, Jordan Matthews High School



Pathway:

Associate of Engineering
College Credits Earned: 19

GPA: 4.16

CCP Advisor: Why do you like Career and College Promise (CCP) courses?

Student: I like the Career and College Promise (CCP) courses because they allow me to learn important, new topics and to complete assignments at my own

pace. The courses I have completed give me an idea of what college work will be like in the near future. I feel I am most successful because I have developed time management strategies.

CCP Advisor: Do you prefer online or seated courses and why?

Student: Online and seated courses each have pros and cons, I have more confidence in some classes than others, depending on the subject. For example, a course I would prefer to attend in-person, would be math.

CCP Advisor: What are your plans after high school graduation?

Student: My plans after I graduate June of 2019, are to attend Western Carolina University in the fall of 2019, to work toward a B.S. degree with a double major in Construction Management and Forensic Science.

CTE Pathway Offering:

Focusing on a Bright Future: A Career in Lasers & Photonics

Are you a problem solver? Do you enjoy working with your hands? Are you curious how things work? Do you like math and science? If yes, then you should consider enrolling in the

Electronics Engineering or Laser and Photonics Technology programs at CCCC. Students in the Laser and Photonics learn to clean, install, and repair components of lasers, build and test systems, and maintain safety while working with lasers, among other skills. All instruction is hands-on which allows students to prepare for real world scenarios.

Students can seek employment as laser technicians, manufacturing test technicians, fiber optic technicians, field service engineers, and electronic technicians. The annual starting salary for graduates is between \$35,000-\$60,000 per year depending on experience and credentials earned. Jobs in this field can be found locally, nationally, and globally.

The program is two years and students will earn an associate in applied science degree in laser and photonics technology. Classes are offered at the Harnett County campus in Lillington, NC. Instructional facilities include 2 innovative electronic labs and 4 state-of-the-art laser labs. Students can also begin their education at the Sanford campus by enrolling in the first year of the Electrical Engineering Technology program.

High school students in Harnett and Lee Counties can begin work on this degree by attending classes at their county's main campus.

For more information about the laser and photonics technology program please [click here](#).

Resources for Students Ready for Work:

AmeriCorps



AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs, made up of three primary programs that each take a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs like increasing academic achievement, mentoring youth, fighting poverty, sustaining national parks, preparing for disasters, and more. AmeriCorps members can choose to commit to service anywhere from 3 months to a year.

AmeriCorps NCCC members strengthen communities and develop leadership skills through direct, team-based service. Teams of young adults, age 18-24, travel across the country to complete projects that meet crucial community needs. FEMA Corps members complete projects specifically designed by FEMA to support disaster preparedness and response.

AmeriCorps State & National members engage in a diverse range of service projects at local, regional, and national organizations to address critical community needs of disaster services, economic opportunity, education, healthy futures, environmental stewardship and veterans and military families.

AmeriCorps VISTA members go where the need is greatest: to communities facing poverty, inequity, and unemployment. VISTA members serve in a professional setting building partnerships, writing grants, and organizing volunteers. Above all, VISTA members are catalysts for change, working to advance local solutions.

In addition to the reward of serving your country and giving back, the benefits of service include, but are not limited to:

- Student loan deferment
- Skills and training
- Living allowance
- Limited health benefit options

Education Award upon completion of service to help pay for college, graduate school, or vocational training, or to repay student loans

- Career opportunities with leading employers from the private, public and nonprofit sectors

For more information [click here](#).

College Transfer at a Glance: University of North Carolina Asheville



The University of North Carolina Asheville is one of UNC's six campuses throughout the state. It is a leading liberal arts universities and offers over 30 degree options. There are about 3,800 undergraduate students, which lends the college a small feel that allows for students to make deep connections with their curriculum and instructors. UNC-A works on developing students who value diversity and inclusion, innovation, and sustainability. UNC-A is also full of traditions to help students feel like a part of the college and community. UNC-A does have a wide variety of sports, such as men's and women's basketball, soccer, tennis, cross country, and track and field. Come experience the beauty of the mountains and grow academically at this campus.

Quick Facts:

- 16 NCAA Division 1 teams
- 60+ student organizations
- Study abroad program
- Students from 37 states and 28 countries
- 68% of students receive financial aid
- #2 national rank for "Making an Impact" according to The Princeton Review
- Ranked as a military friendly school
- 2016's "Green University of the Year"

For more information [click here](#).

Resources for Students Going to College: Take the College Tour

Most students have a dream of attending a particular college; however, it is important that the student steps foot on the campus before making the final decision of where to attend. There is only so much one can gain from viewing a college brochure or website. Students should take the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the college culture by taking a tour.

When planning for college students should check the college's website to sign up for an open house or contact admissions for a guided tour. Tours allow for students to explore the campus facilities including where they will be living and studying for the next 4 years. It also allows students the chance to talk to their future peers to discover more about the culture and character of the university they are exploring. Be sure to find out about extracurricular activities the college offers and how students can become active and involved based on their personal interests.

College is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It is important that students find a college that they are comfortable at. After all, it will be their home for the next four years.

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With the holiday season fast approaching, many students are starting the process of finishing final projects and papers in their fall semester classes. Registration will begin soon for the next semester, and before we know it the spring semester will be starting. As we start future

planning and working with new students in the spring for August enrollment, we will be implementing new eligibility requirements for students in the Career and College Promise Program. We look forward to the future of the program and establishing ways we can work with students to better serve their academic and career goals.