

2018 PACTESP LIFE/WORK CHALLENGE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Sasha Decker is a third year student in the Culinary Arts program at Indiana County Technology Center. She entered Penns Manor High School as a life skills student, struggling academically, behaviorally and socially. Through hard work and persistence, she has matured into a responsible, pleasant and hard-working student who advocates for herself. She has made remarkable progress and has overcome many challenges during her high school career.

Sasha has become a dependable part of the Culinary Arts program. She is able to work in all areas of the program, is able to assist other students in the class and takes great pride in passing on the knowledge she has attained. She works independently; producing high quality baked goods. She has shown significant growth in the Culinary Arts program and received the Culinary Excellence Award which is given to the student that has put forth the most effort and has shown the most positive attitude in the program during a grading quarter. She competed in the SkillsUSA competition at the local level and received first place and went on to compete at the state level. During her junior year, she was recognized as the ARIN IU 28 Transition Student of the Year.

Sasha holds a part-time job with a local catering company and has volunteered at the Grocers Fight Cancer hot dog wagon. She visited an area technical college independently and has attended various community-based instruction activities and had the opportunity to job shadow at the high school cafeteria. Sasha is on her way to a bright future.

Sasha was nominated by Robert Piccirillo, Learning Facilitator, Indiana County Technology Center.