

2021 PACTESP LIFE/WORK CHALLENGE AWARD RECIPIENT



Trevor Darlington was given the opportunity to shine in the Animal Science Program at the Chester County Technical College High School Brandywine. Career and technical education built his confidence, helped to improve functional math skills, improved his reading comprehension through reading within his area of interest, and supported Trevor's postsecondary goals of working within the field.

Trevor is in his third year of the program. He postponed accepting his diploma so he could continue his education and meet stated outcomes in employment and independent living. Trevor has had perfect attendance while completing program certifications in Red Cross Animal First Aid, OSHA 10, Beef Quality Assurance, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals and FEMA-Animal Disaster Certification and has met his transition goals. As a quiet student who could have easily blended into the traditional classroom, when he spent time with the animals, he excelled and worked tirelessly on the skills he needed. His instructor, Kyle Sollenberger, said, "Trevor is a hardworking and determined individual who loves learning about animals. He is always seeking extra lab assignments when finished with his theory work."

Trevor's confidence has sharply increased due to his success within the Animal Science Program. He is completing his internship at a local pet grooming salon. The owner stated, "Trevor is the "dog whisperer." He is calm and has a way with the most difficult animals. He has improved in communication and professionalism. Trevor's optimism, team spirit, and graciousness to others is infectious. He is an advocate for animals, career and technical education, and himself. With time and training, I expect him to be a full-time employee."

Trevor was nominated by Jennifer Seal, Itinerant Learning Support Instructor, Chester County Technical College High School Brandywine.



*Pictured from left to right: Kyle Sollenberger, Animal Science Instructor; Jennifer Seal, Itinerant Learning Support Instructor; **Trevor Darlington**, 2021 Life/Work Challenge Award Recipient; Frank McKnight, Principal; and Michael Katch, Career, Technical & Customized Education Assistant Director; Chester County Technical College High School Brandywine*