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DeShaan Celebrates 4 Years on the Job!

As soon as DeShaan finished high school, his grandmother, Anita, jumped into action to find an organization to help find employment for her grandson. Anita is DeShaan's primary care giver and they live together in nearby Broadview. She selected CSS for DeShaan and he got connected to the Supported Employment team.



DeShaan on the job at Plymouth Place

That was back in 2014 and DeShaan had never had a job before coming to CSS. He met Maria Davis, Lead Employment Specialist at CSS, and she prepared him for his job search. Maria worked with him on resume building, interviewing techniques and helped him fill out his job applications. This was all new territory for DeShaan, and he caught on quickly.

With this great preparation, he got an interview and ultimately landed his very first job with Plymouth Place, a senior living facility in LaGrange. He currently works three to four evenings per week, plus weekends. His face lights up with pride when he talks about his job. DeShawn works in the kitchen and delivers meals to the residents who prefer to eat in their rooms. He has also gained independence by learning to take the bus to work. His grandmother usually gives him a ride back home. He loves working and is known to arrive to work a full hour early.



DeShaan proudly poses with his managers at Plymouth Place.

DeShaan is a friendly magnetic individual who fits in quite well at Plymouth Place. He is a huge hit with the residents and his fellow coworkers! In his four years there, he has developed many friends. They consider him an important part of the team, and many of them even attended his 21st birthday party.

Besides being a hard worker, DeShaan also loves art. He has been a loyal student at CSS Academy for three years now. He enjoys all forms of art, but especially likes painting.

"The best I can do is my art. My dream is to become an artist."
~Deshaan, CSS Participant

Not only is DeShaan working, but he is also attending classes at Triton College to earn his General Education Requirements (G.E.D.) Deshaan enjoys math and wants to better himself. He looks forward to earning his diploma.



DeShaan works on a painting with Cassie Colvey, CSS' Community Art

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