



February 2020 Transition Skills Newsletter

Dr. Weber,
Ms. Wright, and Dr. Vahie

In Dr. Vahie's Transition Skills courses, the 11th graders have been operating Dragon Delight. As they delight the staff with their beverages, they improve on their own team work, task planning, organizational, money-counting, customer service and of course, beverage-making skills. The 11th graders are also working on a growth-mindset grit-building teenage journal called the Big Life Journal. Parents, please encourage your children to share it with you. For Dr. Vahie's 12th grade class, they have been working on guided reading for reading comprehension on one short story every week. These stories lend themselves to enthusiastic discussions and perspective-taking in class. The students also work on activities to build social skills. The current topic is communication: how to start conversations, how to show interest, small talk, and body language.



Additionally, Dr. Weber and Ms. Wright's classes have worked together to create questions to ask a few of their peers who are currently employed. Here are a few highlights from the interviews with Tyler Roy (11th), Jacob Hassbrock (12th), and Fletcher Perdue (12th), who all work at USA Bowl; Vincent Capriotti (11th) who works at Howdy Homemade; and Max Tarpley (10th) who works at Albertson's.



Tyler: I work one day a week for two hours as a bowling mechanic and cleaner at USA Bowl. My favorite part of the job is getting to be around other bowlers and to see the mechanical side of the alley.

Fletcher: I work one day a week for 1.5 hours at USA Bowl doing food preparation in the kitchen. I really enjoy having a routine to follow and the predictability of my work day.

Jacob H: I work one day a week for 3 hours at USA Bowl doing food preparation with Fletcher. I enjoy my job because I get to interact with people and it's great to work with people who make you feel so comfortable.

Vincent: I work one day a week, usually the weekend, from 5-9:30pm at Howdy Homemade. I help make the ice cream and interact with customers. My favorite part of the job is making the ice cream because it is really fun to follow the directions my bosses give me and see (and taste) the end product.

Max: I usually work every day from 5-9pm at Albertson's where I bag groceries for customers and help deliver them to their cars. My favorite part of the job is getting paid, but after that, I enjoy that I get to help people and that I have a routine that is predictable for me.