

The Dual Enrollment Program at Southside Virginia Community College gives many students a jump on college and education beyond high school...during high school. Joshua Vaughan of Skippers is taking advantage of the boost.

As a senior at Greensville County High School, he is working to earn his Career Studies Certificate in Precision Machining through SVCC. He also is a Welding student in dual enrollment in which he is a competitor in SkillsUSA. He will be going to the state competition in SkillsUSA welding.

He is currently employed at Bojangles in Emporia as a cashier. Joshua plans to be a machinist in his future, after completing the program at SVCC. He is also planning to join the Army Reserves.

Joshua feels that the staff at SVCC helped him prepare for the field of work he would like to pursue. He will be able to take all that he has learned at SVCC and put it to work in the machining industry.

When asked what advice he would like to give to current and potential SVCC students, Joshua said "Don't give up because it's hard. Keep on moving forward and you will reach your dreams. Most importantly have a little fun too."