

YCSD Alumni Spotlight

Brandon Pride
Grafton High School
Class of 2012

PROFILE



Brandon's Experience with Project Explore, Experience and SEARCH

Brandon enjoyed his time in the Project Explore, Experience and SEARCH programs and they provided him with the job skills that he has today. During the Project Experience program, he interned at the York Library, The YMCA, Goodwill and Colonial Harbor, a Senior Independent Living Community. In Project SEARCH, Brandon interned with Williamsburg Sentara Hospital where he worked in food services.

Where Is Brandon Now?

Brandon still resides in Yorktown and works at the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station where he performs on government contracts. While still in Project SEARCH, Brandon was selected to interview with Versability Resources and with his experience and job skills, he was able to land a position in the galley as a food service worker. Later, he began working in the clinic also where he is a custodian. Brandon has been employed for the last 6 years and during his time working with Versability Resources, he has been recognized several times for his service which included the Navy's Five Star Award that his team received for their excellent service on the contract.

This job has been great for Brandon as it has allowed him to earn his own money, participate in a 401K and build his resume.

Community Participation

Brandon is a productive citizen who received his driver's license, saved his money and bought his favorite car, an Acura RSX. Brandon handles most of his own affairs including banking, grocery shopping and car repairs. In addition, Brandon has embraced his civic duty as an active voter since the age of 18. He recently participated in early voting and has already cast his ballot for the 2020 Presidential election.

Leisure Activities

When Brandon isn't working, he enjoys hanging with friends, playing video games, family vacations and attending auto shows. Brandon loves cars and is an expert at car shopping. He is quite diligent in his research, and he has found great car deals for both his mother and father as well as his own vehicles.

Adult Education

Brandon has not had any adult education since Project SEARCH. However, he has expressed interest in learning new skills and pursuing new job opportunities.