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Success Story
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I am Kara Neff and I just turned 20, but I recently just graduated in 2005 from Springfield-Clark JVS. As a junior at JVS, I was enrolled in the business program, administrative assistant. Later as the year progressed, my teacher was telling me that she was taking a class through Clark State called Realtime Reporting. She started telling me about it and I was encouraged to take it my senior year when it was offered for the first time. I decided to take it at JVS my senior year and really had a passion for what I was learning. This is how I became a major of Realtime Reporting at Clark State. I still to this day have a passion for what I'm being trained for in the workplace - the field of Realtime Reporting. As a senior at JVS last year in the Realtime Reporting program, I was selected as the Tech Prep 2005 Realtime Reporting Student of the year. I also received a Tech Prep scholarship to continue the program at Clark State.

I chose Tech Prep Realtime Reporting at JVS as it gave me the opportunity to try a very difficult program without the expense of buying the machine or taking college courses and finding out that the course was not for me. I probably would NOT have taken this course at Clark State as it is such a huge investment if you find you don't enjoy the work.

Our Tech Prep classroom was held at Clark State. We spent our mornings at the Clark State campus, using the computer labs, participating in lectures with guest speakers on the campus, etc.. and returning to JVS half day for our academic classes.

I am now a first year student at Clark State in the Realtime Reporting field taught by instructors Mrs. Robyn Hennigan and Mrs. Debra Smith. I think they both teach realtime to the fullest so we can become some of the best reporters out there today. This is a very demanding profession with many opportunities. This is something most people don't realize and need to know.

I hope in the future others will complete the JVS program and continue in Clark State in the realtime field. I hope we will set a good example and act as role models for those that come new to the program at Clark State and will promote the program so that others will join.

I also plan to finish the realtime program, possibly double majoring in both closed captioning and court reporting, in two years, while keeping good grades.