

# HEAVY DUTY MECHANIC RAP STUDENT

## TAKE ON THE FUTURE

For Alexis, working in the trades isn't just a job — it's a calling she has been preparing for since childhood. Growing up alongside her father, who holds tickets in both Automotive and Heavy Duty mechanics, Alexis spent years watching, helping, and learning. That early exposure sparked a passion that has now evolved into a clear career path.

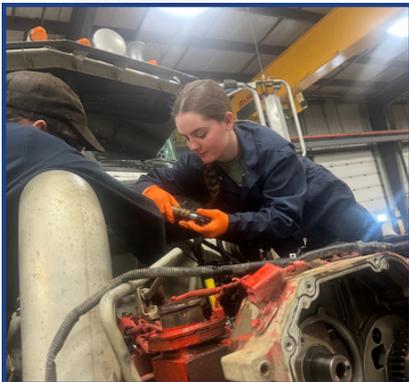
"The opportunities created with trades and the benefits throughout schooling increased my interest. Being a woman in the trade gives me a sense of independence and pride in a male-dominated workforce," she explains.

Her journey into the Registered Apprenticeship Program began when CAREERS visited her school. Their presentation planted the seed, and with encouragement from family connections, Alexis secured an interview and landed her placement.



Inside the shop, Alexis quickly proved that her ambition is backed by skill. Whether independently repairing small trailers, completing oil changes and complete service with 22 point inspection alongside seasoned technicians, troubleshooting wiring, or carefully reassembling suspension systems, she has embraced every challenge with confidence.

Her employer has taken notice: "Alexis has shown exceptional growth. She is hardworking, eager to learn, and not afraid to take on challenging tasks. One of the biggest strengths she has demonstrated is her ability to work independently — she can tear down wheel ends and suspension, troubleshoot wiring, oil changes and complete service with 22 point inspection on trucks and service small utility trailers. It's impressive for someone at her level."



For Alexis, the experience has confirmed she's on the right path. The pride of completing first-year apprentice-level tasks at just 16 has been a defining moment.

"This opportunity has proven that this is the trade I want to continue in. Working hands-on helps me narrow down where I work best and where I want to go in the future. After completing my schooling, I want to expand my knowledge in tech and diagnostics because that's where the world is headed," she says.

Her employer credits RAP and CAREERS for building a stronger workforce pipeline: "RAP/CAREERS helps us develop young apprentices who are already familiar with our shop standards, our equipment, and our expectations. Our experience with Alexis has been very positive, and we would absolutely host another student."



Alexis now encourages other students to take advantage of the same opportunity: "I would definitely recommend RAP, especially to people who aren't sure what career they want to pursue. Experiencing the reality of the trade through hands-on learning affects your decision to continue your apprenticeship. Being able to collect hours for your blue book while getting paid is an amazing advantage."

With her talent, determination, and growing expertise, Alexis is already shaping her future, one wrench turn, wiring repair, and inspection at a time. Her story is proof that when youth are given opportunity and trust, they don't just participate in the trades: they thrive in them.