In Michaela’s own words: OCVTS helped me gain the knowledge I needed to create a portfolio for colleges. It taught me what colleges were looking for, how to improve my resume in related English, and how to improve my image to potential employers. OCVTS has also offered many competitive opportunities to display my skills such as the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), where I won numerous scholarships to a variety of colleges. At OCVTS, students are encouraged to apply and win scholarships because they believe your grades are important, but it is not all you are.

Jefferson University is where I am continuing my education in Fashion Design. I am attending on a Full Tuition Design Scholarship for all four years. I won this scholarship with my portfolio and YouTube video on how fashion designers improve people’s lives. Vocational school taught me how to make a good portfolio and they educated me about the industry for my video. OCVTS helped me achieve this once in a lifetime prize. My future goals are to become a fashion designer and to improve the environment through my innovative fashion designs. I was inspired by the eco-fashion education I received at OCVTS and now it is my career path.

I would recommend Carey Brown and the Fashion Design and Merchandising class to anyone who is considering being a part of the fashion industry. Whether it be business, design, or styling, this course will help you choose your path and it will help you develop the skills needed to succeed. I started out with little knowledge of sewing, drawing, and fashion marketing but OCVTS will help you stand out amongst other college applicants. I already referred two friends to the program and they were just as impressed as I was. Thank you, OCVTS!

With an over-the-moon enthusiasm, Carey Brown nominated Michaela as an OCVTS success story. “Michaela participated in a portfolio competition and received a full scholarship to Jefferson University (my alma mater formerly known as Philadelphia University.) She also competed at FCCLA and made her way to Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia. She earned a gold medal for her project! Additionally, Michaela was my “Outstanding Student” for this past 2017-18 school year. She will do very well at Jefferson University, and more importantly, she will love it!

(Left) Michaela’s first full garment made in Fashion Design at OCVTS, which received a perfect score and earned her numerous scholarships at FCCLA. (Right) Carey Brown, Michaela and her parents are all smiles at the Jefferson University Centennial Educator’s Award Ceremony. Michaela nominated Carey Brown for this prestigious award with a beautiful essay and she won!