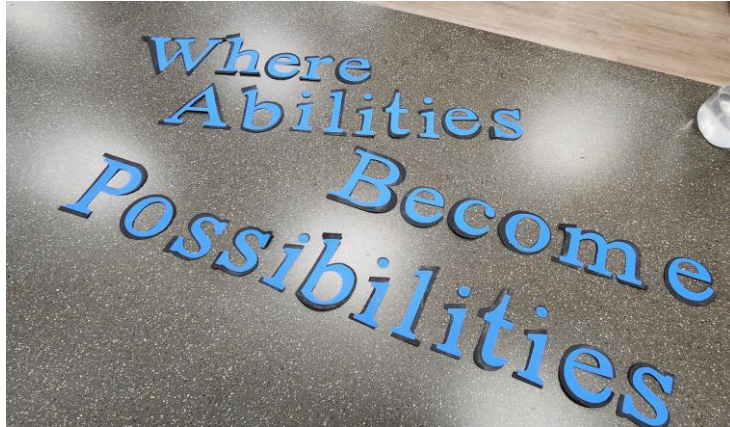


# EXPLORE

Independence. Transition. Discovery





Shredding paperwork for the entire UVCC campus.

Our laundry center has a table for folding clothes, baskets to organize items, a mop station, sink and more!



# Recycling



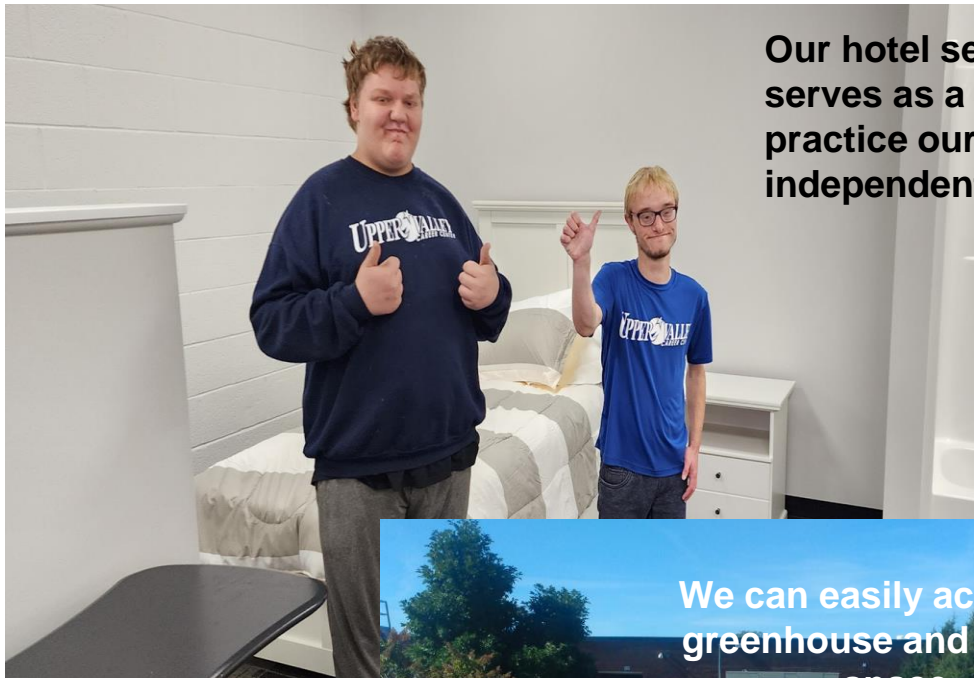


# Life skill lessons.





**Did you know we deliver cupcakes to every single staff member and student on their birthday?**



**Our hotel setup also serves as a place to practice our skills for independent living.**



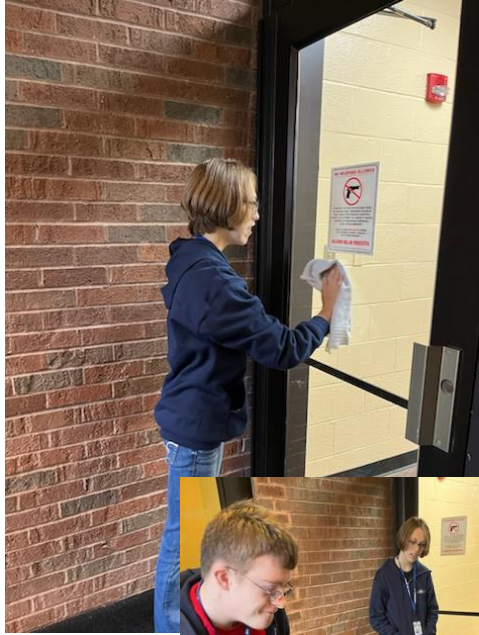
**We can easily access the greenhouse and outdoor space.**



New spaces.



Putting away groceries is fun in our new kitchen space! The counter serves as additional work area.



**We take pride in helping take care of our school. Maintaining entrances/ exits and high traffic areas allows visitors to feel more welcome.**





**Working in Vet  
Science. You  
never know what  
you might find out  
there! On this day  
it was a sweet calf.**





**Early Childhood Education**  
**Learning the importance of play.**



**Early Childhood Education**



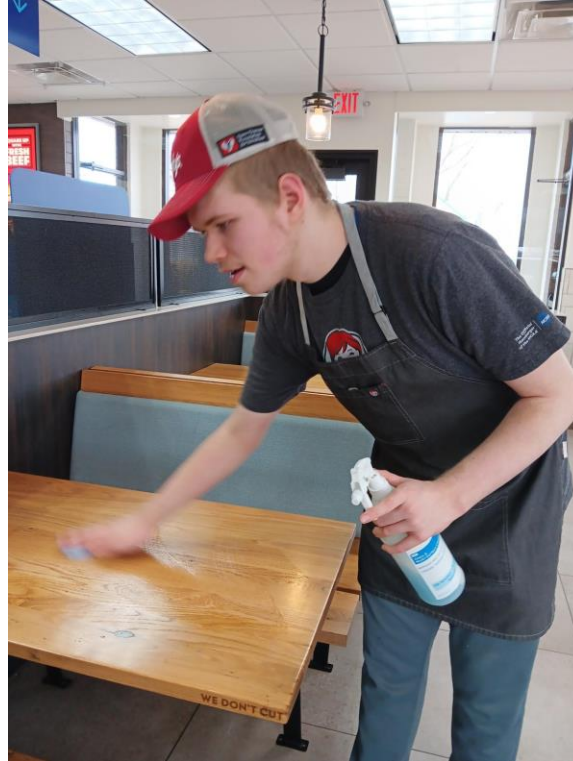
# The Career Coffee Shop

Skills brewed by the cup



# Wendy's

- Tables
- Chairs
- Doors
- High touch surfaces
- Floor
- Drink refills
- Trays
- Assist customers





# Miami County Animal Shelter



- Cat room
- Storage
- Customer service
- Walking dogs
- Attention to animals to help be more adoptable
- Refill supplies
- Inventory / stocking
- Cleaning/ sanitizing





# Willowbrook





**A guest speaker from Medical Careers Academy shared her journey to employment, driving and independent living with us.**







**Sports Medicine is a favorite place to collaborate.**



# Pickleball



**Explore and  
Sports  
Medicine  
Students  
exercising and  
having fun!**



## Visiting the career tech lab mock set ups.



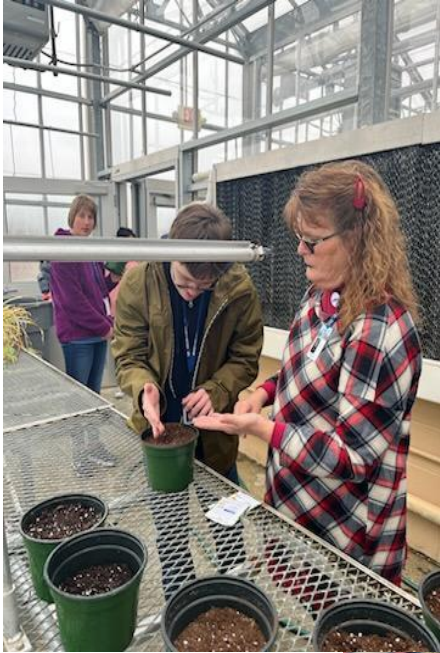




**Cosmetology and Electrical Trades**



# Working in the greenhouse.





# EXPLORE has a member of the National Career Technical Honor Society. Congratulations to Kalup!



# Application Process

The Explore Program at the Upper Valley Career Center is a unique opportunity designed to help students experience different careers through the career technical programs offered through the school.

**The Goal:** *To help facilitate each student's ability to secure employment that suits them.*

Career exposure is facilitated through rotations where data is collected to show the interest and ability levels of each student. Participants, parents, and the IEP team will assess the student's best path to achieve their goals upon completion of the program. Continued career pathways may include entry into a career-technical program offered at Upper Valley Career Center, the Launch program, or direct and supported job placement

## PROGRAM FACTS

- The student must be at least a high school junior grade level.
- The student must be at least 16 years old.
- Priority will be given to students enrolled at one of our 14 associate school districts.
  - *Students applying from open enrollment schools will be placed on a waiting list until April 1, 2023.*
- Students with a one-to-one aide will be placed on the waiting list until May 1, 2023.
- It must be the intention of the student and family to be working toward community employment as an adult.

## TIMELINE

- Application packets accepted at the same time UVCC applications for online applications go live. All information must be completed and returned with the application.
  - *An observation and school visit will be scheduled when the completed application is received.*
  - *An administrator signature from the student's home school is required before application is considered complete.*
- Once a student is accepted, an IEP meeting with a UVCC representative will be held to update placement and confirm that the student goals transfer appropriately to the Explore setting.



***Thank you for your support!***

**EXPLORE** *staff and students*