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This semester's class was exceptional. Dealing with Covid protocols and rearranged days and weeks did not phase them in the least. Their combined work ethic was evident in all the products that they produced for the winter sale and the website that they facilitated.

The work experience offered by Hickory Dickory Decks was phenomenal. The carpenter on site made a point of working with each and every student to show them the tricks of the trade. The decks that were created will last for years to come as a testament to the work that they could produce.

Each and everyone of these student have to ability to achieve great things in the trades. They were kind, considerate, compassionate people with great teamwork skills.

I wish them
the very best for the
future!!!



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Cody Conway's Story

Are you bored of sitting in a regular classroom? Are you tired of sitting all day doing paperwork? Would you rather be up moving and working hands-on? Well do I have the class for you, By reading this you can learn all about this amazing program called EOP and my experience.

Hello, my name is Cody Conway and today I would like to tell you about my awesome experience in E.O.P, If you don't know what that stands for, it stands for exploring opportunities programs. Throughout the program, I did some super amazing things that I would not get a chance to do if I did not take part in this program. Some of the things we did in this program that I would not get to do on my own were make a foldable bench, resin, welding in dual credit and actual job-site experience working alongside Hickory Dickory Decks. Next I would like to tell you a bit more about the program before I get into my actual experience. In E.O.P there is something called The 5 pillars of E.O.P. The 5 pillars are safety first, teamwork, decision making, problem solving and conflict resolution. This is what we live by in E.O.P. Without that we would not get through.

Now let's get into why I feel this program is amazing. Let's start by talking about the folding bench for a moment. This was the first project we worked on this year in eop. It was fun and complicated. But in the end when we all got to see it work we were all happy.



The next thing I would like to talk about is when we did resin. Resin is very fun and a one of a kind experience. It is a two part liquid that after 24 hours turns to a solid. We made a table out of spalted maple with a blue and green river.



The next thing I want to talk about is how different this program is from a normal class. There were times where my teacher Ryan Neale would ask us if we wanted to go somewhere and we would just go. For example, the lumber yard or when we went to Angle Wood a few times. Continued on Page 4...



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Cody Conway's Story

During this semester we got the awesome opportunity to work alongside hickory dicory decks on not one not two but 3 decks. I can't stress how fun and informative this was. I personally learned a lot and had lots of fun. This was a good learning experience because we got to see how a real job site is run. The highlight of that was bending a composite deck board.



The next thing I would like to talk about is the eop family. I personally believe that throughout the eop program me and the other students and teachers became like a small family.



Next I want to tell you about one of the coolest machines we have in the shop which is the laser table. I got to use the laser table to make some coasters.



One of the major components of this program is the dual credit that we get to do. This year we got to do welding and it was pretty fun. I had never done any welding before so the opportunity to learn that is a skill I can take with me for my life



During this program we also got to build a chicken coop with my other teacher Garnet Leduc. That was a big opportunity to learn because I was able to frame from start to finish including a gable roof.



**"It's about drive, it's about power, we stay hungry, we devour
Put in the work, put in the hours and take what's ours"**

-Dwayne Johnson

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Mahdi Khakoo's Story

Hi this is Mahdi Khakoo and this is my journal for eop semester one 2021-2022. Firstly I would like to start off with a quote from Tim Notke were he says "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard". The five pillars of eop is:-safety first, team work, making decisions, problem solving, and conflict resolution. Safety first is because there are a lot of tools in the shop and dangerous equipment around you that your colleagues are using and you have to be safe like wearing proper shoes like steel toes or proper eye protection like safety glasses or wearing ear plugs because there may be a lot of noise from the dust collector in the class. Steel toes is there because sometimes there is a lot of weight that you have to carry and if it so happens that it falls down on your toes it protects it as the toes are the most farthest thing away from your body other than your nose. Teamwork is there because you always have colleagues around you that you will have to work with and do task together with them. You can't be a one man show there is always something heavy or something you have to work with someone else, even if it is using the table saw and cutting a big piece of wood or if its lifting a big piece of wood like a 4x4 or a 6x6 and taking it across a certain distance. You always have to have good team working skills. Decision making, that is because you will come across a bunch of decisions you are going to make, some being small or some being big. If you should put a 2x4 standing you in a high traffic area which could fall and injure someone. Problem solving a good example is a the jointer used to always get clogged up with saw dust, so what we had to do was turn off the power then find the right screwdriver or nut driver and open the hose and put our hand while the machine was off and clean up all the sawdust. Conflict resolution, there is always going to be a fight here and there or a disagreement her and there. You got to know how to work with each other and resolve the disagreement or come to an understanding.



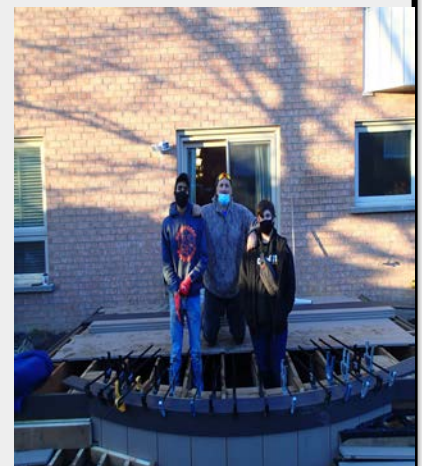
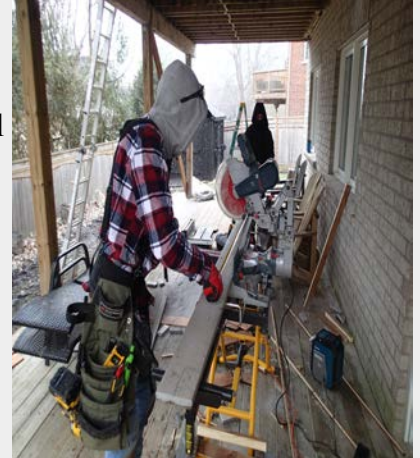
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Mahdi's Story

The teachers in eop are by far the best teachers we have come across Mr. Leduc who was a carpenter then a tool and die maker has a lot of experience under his belt. He can teach you a lot of stuff and make you a very successful person, Mr. Neale on the other hand He is preparing you for the real world like doing the holiday sale which will happen in semester one around December time and he will also teach you how to become a smart person in general. This course is a really good real life experience for you where you get to go out and work. For example you get to go out and work and build a deck and learn and see how easy or hard it is for you and to see if it is your type of thing. The good thing about this course is that it is giving you a trial run for what you want to do in the future and to see if it is something you actually want to do like how construction is a job that is very physically demanding and you can see if it is something your body can cope with, not that you go down the line and go to college for four years and learn everything for your future job then you get to the job and see that it isn't something you want to do or it isn't something your body can cope with which is a waste of the four years of your life that you went to college for. Latest with this courses you get a trial run. This course always has cutting edge present dated tools and not some old 1900's tools, this course teaches you how to use the tools that is in the time you are growing up in safely and efficiently. Like how this semester we got a few new drills to use that were top of the line. The other good thing is the school sale, you get to become a sales person cause some of us in the future may own our business in which we are going to have to sell a product or a service. This course helps us run a business to a certain extent we have to take picture upload them put them on the website then put them on the google form sell it then interact with customers (some being very nice and some not as nice).

“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard” Tim Notke.



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Hamida Paiman's Story

Have you ever heard about EOP class? Or have you ever been in a EOP class?

Hello everyone this is Hamida Paiman and I would like to share my experience and story from my first time in EOP class.

Actually I am an immigrant from Afghanistan and this is my first time that I joined the EOP class, It was an amazing class that I have ever been in it ,It was really exciting for me as a newcomer.

I did wonderful class work which I could learn new skills; like, how to work with different kinds of machines and tools that I would not be able to learn and experience without attending the EOP program.



Let me give you some information about E.O.P class. EOP stands for Exploring opportunity Program that you experience theoretical and practical lessons together. The most important things in this program are; 5 pillars of EOP, safety first, team work , decision making , problem solving and conflict resolution .

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Hamida Paiman's Story

Why this class is more beneficial and interesting? It is all because of multit talented Teachers in EOP. They are some of the best teachers that I have ever had in my whole life . Mr Ryan Neale is the best creative and intelligent teacher who always encourages me for every lessons that he taught me , he always prepare and teaches me how to plan to do anything that I want to do . My other teacher, Mr Leduc ; the is well organized and disciplined is one of the best teachers , He is always ready to teach me how to be a successful person or how to be an organized person , Actually both of them are the best teachers . My teachers have provided me with lots of important information that are useful for the rest of my life. They taught me how to work with tools with machines and I am really glad that I joined this class. Before I came to this class I didn't know



About my classmates: as our teachers make a friendly environment, we have a good and friendly communication with each other and also we had some good team work together. My classmates always helped me in every class work which I didn't feel good or when I had some problems with machines or tools they always help me.

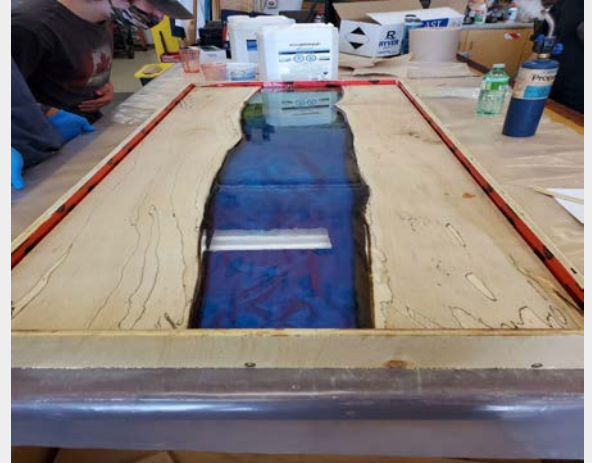


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Hamida'S Story

The good part which I like to add is when we did resin. I was very excited about doing the resin it was a great experience for me. We mixed to liquid that takes 24 hours to turn to solid, We mixed it with four colours; Dark blue, light blue , white and black .We pour it on a board with different colours and we made a beach on the board .It was my first project with resin.



I would like to add about my experience to make a wooden car and a table with Mr Leduc. He taught me how to build it . My first cutting board that I made it was with Mr Neale and my final project which I made a hammer that was really informative and also fun.



This class is different from the other classes, Our teacher Mr Neale always asked us if we want to go out for launch together or watch a movie when we were done our class work, Which it is really a enjoyable and amazing class for me .

The final thing that I want to add as a quote to represent EOP which is **“The struggle you are in today, is developing the strength you need for tomorrow.”**

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Hayden's Story

My experience with EOP has been extremely positive. To start, I enjoyed this class because this class is not like any other class I have ever taken. It's not every class where you get to go out and build decks for 2 weeks, or go out and eat lunch with each other, or go to a welding class every week. The fact that it is so unique made me enjoy the class a lot more. We did a lot of cool things this semester like going on small field trips to Anglewood and going to Sentry Mill.



My favorite moment of this class was when we got to work with Hickory Dickory Decks and build decks. It was very interesting and fun to me that I got to experience an actual worksite and participate in it. I felt very accomplished to see you help build it when it is all done. Before this I have had no experience in an actual construction worksite, but now I understand how an actual trade job can work. Building the decks also made me more experienced in using some of the tools, some of the math, and some of the skills such as teamwork.



Another one of my favorite parts of this class is the welding course we did. Every Thursday we had a dual credit welding course at George Brown College where we did our step 1 welding. Learning more about a trade that I am kind of interested in and actually doing it was a fun experience.

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Hayden's Story

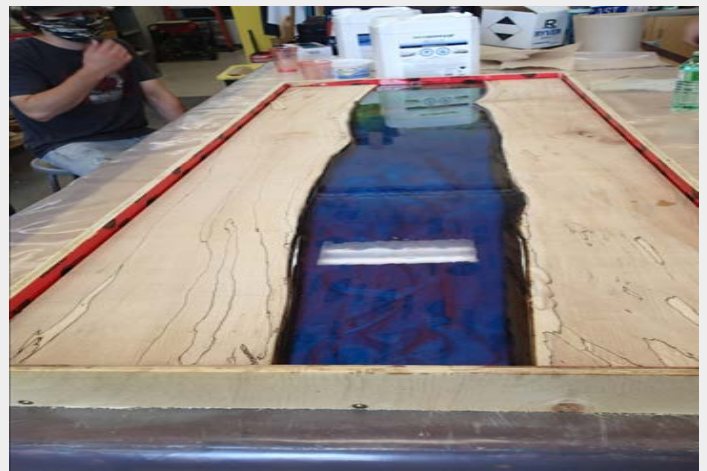
This class has taught me lots of information that I will use for the rest of my life such as using a lot of the tools. Before this course I didn't know how to use a single hand tool but now I am confident in a lot of them. Because I am planning of going into the trades in the future, this knowledge and experience will help me.



"That it will never come again is what makes life so sweet." This is a quote from Emily Dickinson and I think it describes this course perfectly because it is truly a once in a lifetime course. I would recommend this program to anyone who has even a thought of trying out woodworking or going into the trades after high school. To conclude this was a really fun class and I learned more in this class than any other class I have ever taken.



In the program I felt very well treated. The class felt like a group of friends rather than a class. The fact that there was only 5 people in the class allowed me to gain a more personal connection with everyone. Also the fact that there are only 2 teachers allowed us to learn more about each other which I think is important for school in general. To explain some of the important skills we used and worked on throughout the course I would describe the 5 pillars of EOP which are safety first, teamwork, decision making, problem solving, and conflict resolution.



"That it will never come again is what makes life so sweet." - Emily Dickinson

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Kyle'S Story

Hello, today I'm going to speak about my second amazing semester in EOP. Throughout the semester we did many things, but I want to talk about just some of the stuff we've done and how this semester has started compared to my previous semester. The first task we did was our safety videos just like last year but unlike last year I felt more experienced with the tools and finished them quicker. We started the foldable bench project which I was also a part of last year but unfortunately last year didn't turn out as planned and this year would be a redemption for me. This first project was also a good way to get used to some of the tools again but also help even more with how all of us in the class work together. We were able to get it done within a week or so and we all worked really well together so I could tell that for the rest of the semester we would be a great team. One of the most memorable things I did this semester was build a huge end grain cutting board with Mahdi. When we started the board it was supposed to be two big cutting boards but then we had the idea to put them together to make one big one and we immediately cut our boards on the table saw and glued them together. The gluing job was one of the best gluing jobs I've done as the board was very straight after I removed it from the clamps. This project was more memorable because it was the biggest board I have ever made and also probably one of the best boards we've made. One more unexpected memory was getting to visit the school's heating and AC systems. At first I didn't expect it to be very interesting to me but after walking around and hearing about the machines I found myself very interested and understood a lot more about how our school is heated and cooled. Every Thursday our EOP class took part in a welding course at George Brown College at Casa Loma. We all had a lot of fun with the course, meeting new people and learning new tricks like oxy acetylene welding, stick welding and mig welding. I learned so much more than I thought I would and hope to weld again one day.



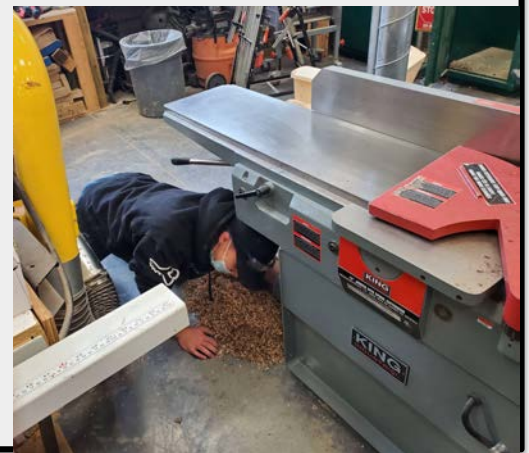
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Kyle'S Story

Finally EOP has allowed me to pursue my goals in woodwork with what I've learned in class. Me and my brother have recently started building a shed with a barn roof. It is 12'x11' and has been a blast to build. I wouldn't be able to do it without the knowledge I've learned in EOP. After everything I've done in EOP, it is still one of the best courses I have ever taken and also I think that this semester is my best one so far. I will always remember everything that this course has taught me and will apply it to my everyday life. I would not have been able to do this without the five pillars of EOP which I learn in both semesters of EOP.

1. Was safety first which we used whenever we used a tool and did anything that could be dangerous like when we used the grinder to remove bolts that were in the ground we all took it seriously and wore all the necessary safety equipment. 2. Teamwork was used to build almost everything that we built and our teamwork was amazing because we could all work with each other very well. 3. Decision making was used to solve any problems that might have occurred throughout the semester. 4. Was problem solving which we used to solve problems like how to make a shelf with a limited amount of wood and how to cut the wood so you don't run out. 5. Which is conflict resolution which we would have used if we had any problems with each other but I don't remember there ever being a conflict. The final thing I want to do is say a quote to represent EOP as a whole which is "Great things in business are never done by one person, they're done by a team of people." Steve Jobs.



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