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Dalton Slute

Dual Credit Student

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How a high school student discovered he wanted to be a college student

Dalton Slute, a grade 12 student, has just accepted an offer to attend college in the fall. He claims he owes it all to the Dual Credit Program - a program that allows you to earn high school credits and college credits at the same time.

Dalton Slute, was a high school student who never really enjoyed being in the classroom, as he said, "I never really enjoyed high school, until I did a co-op at a Heavy Equipment Mechanic Shop. It was more challenging and focused on my actual interests."

One of his teachers noticed how much he enjoyed his co-op and suggested he try the Truck and Coach Level 1 Dual Credit Program. At first Dalton thought school wasn't for him and wasn't sure college would be much different, but he quickly realized that he really enjoyed college.

Dalton raved, "The college experience is more challenging and the instructors really focus on your actual interests." According to Dalton, the college experience offers a more relaxed environment which allows him to really be himself.

Dalton said before he joined the Dual Credit Program, he didn't really know what he wanted to do in the future, but now he knows he wants to be a mechanic. Dalton is currently working as a paid mechanic and earning his apprenticeship at a local shop. In the fall, he will attend college and then he plans to return to his local shop.

"I can really see myself having a long-term career at the shop I am working at now; I just want to go to college because mechanics with college credentials often receive higher pay. I really want this to be a long-lasting career!" he exclaimed.

When asked what he would tell a high school student thinking about entering the Dual Credit Program, Dalton said with a smile, "Just go ahead and do it. It's a great experience, there's nothing bad I can say about it. It's a good way to actually know if you're interested in a trade."

The Dual Credit Program allows students to participate in apprenticeship training and post secondary courses, allowing them to earn credits that count towards both their high school diploma and their postsecondary diploma, degree or apprenticeship certification.

For more information regarding Dual Credits visit www.canadorecollege.ca/programs or contact a Dual Credit representative at a local District School Board.

