

Student Highlight

William "Will" Denny
Senior



Introducing Mr. William "Will" Denny, a graduating Super Senior who has truly made the most of the Person Early College (PECIL) and Piedmont Community College dual enrollment experience. This year, he will graduate with both his high school diploma and an Associate in Applied Science degree in Mechatronics, preparing him to head directly into the workforce with valuable technical skills and real-world experience.

Will is humble, kind, and hardworking, and consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and commitment to learning. During his time at PECIL, he has engaged in rigorous learning, participated in service learning projects and community service and he also became a member of the Piedmont Community College SkillsUSA Robotics Team. This year, he placed 1st Place in the Robotics Urban Search and Rescue competition, showcasing his problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and technical expertise.

Will has also gained hands-on industry experience through a work-based learning placement with Polywood and most recently through a paid internship with Duke Energy, where he will be employed post graduation. Through this journey, he has developed skills in industrial and residential wiring, PLC work, instrumentation, hydraulics, pneumatics, and robotics.

In recognition of his dedication and achievements, Will has earned PECIL's Rising Star Award, PCC's Outstanding Student Award in Mechatronics, and has been recognized as a Person County Scholar.

Will credits much of his success to the unique PECIL-PCC partnership as well as the mentorship and guidance he received from his PCC Mechatronics instructor, Chris Davis. His advice to students planning to attend PECIL and pursue Mechatronics is to have a strong work ethic, be willing to learn, ask questions, and always put forth great effort. His personal motto is simple but powerful: "Do better than your best!"

As he prepares to enter the workforce, Will Denny serves as an example of how dedication, humility, and perseverance can create opportunities for success.



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