

## Alan S.

I came to Vernon Malone College and Career Academy with much hindrance. My friends that I had met in middle school were all attending the bigger high schools in the area and I, too, wanted to have the typical high-school experience that I would hear everyone speak of, which included going to Friday night football games, high school dances, and "all things high school" that I could possibly be involved in. I had been in the Magnet school system since the third grade and had made many fond memories during the elementary and middle school years, making a lot of friends along the way. The magnet way of learning had really prepared me for my high school and college life.

I am very glad that I made the choice to continue my high school years at the Vernon Malone College and Career Academy. Not only did I not miss out on any high school events, but I made even more friends and kept up with my older friends. I was able to play golf for Southeast High School for all 4 of my Vernon Malone years. Simulation and Gaming was my interest and my classmates and I have great class dialogue which will help me achieve great opportunities in my future. I've been a part of many clubs and I've had 2 opportunities to travel internationally with the best Spanish teacher ever (Ms. Faria). Being here at Vernon Malone did not neglect me from any high school experience. Vernon Malone has the best teachers I have come across who love what they do and have the best interest for the students of Vernon Malone.

I was very excited to have the opportunity to walk across the stage on May 22, 2020 and to see those who have played a part in my success while here at Vernon Malone. This place has been my home for the last 4 years and I wouldn't want to attend any other high school. The COVID-19 pandemic has definitely put a halt on a lot of activities, but has not dampened my plans to continue to pursue a college education. I plan to continue year 13 at Vernon Malone and Wake Tech with the Simulation Gaming and Development program and then on to a 4 year institution.

Thank you Vernon Malone teachers for a great 4 years.