

Lexi's Speech

Good Afternoon everyone, I'm Lexi and I go to school at the Rise Alternative Education program here in St. Catharines. That's where I found out about the John Howard's Jobs for Youth program and I'm very happy I got the opportunity to have a job and the experience. It definitely gave me something to do other than sit at home in my room watching horror movies all day and it kept me out of trouble. I have to say Giant Tiger in Grimsby was not my first choice but I am really glad it was the job I got.

My co-workers were amazing as well as respectful. They were there when I needed them and they definitely taught me patience with the rude and annoying customers but I have to give all my thank yous to two employees who trained me since day 2. Thank you Krystina and Stacey for training me in fashion and training me in things that made absolutely no sense but we still had to do it because head office said so. And thank you for having faith in me and trusting me to run fashion and close on my own.

I also got the great experiences to be a part of Grimsby's Giant Tiger re-grand opening and the insane renovations. It was great to meet new people and make new friendships but I have to give it all to Steve-O because if it wasn't or Tracy hiring Steve at RISE for the last couple months I would be broke right now. So thanks Steve, I'm glad I got to meet you and I'm glad I had someone at school to show my funny cat videos too.

Also, thanks to Jodie, Ty, and Steve for the fun workshops at Grimsby Secondary School. I'm sad it is over but at the same time I truly miss sleeping in until 2 in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who has gotten me this far and thanks for giving me a job and believing I can do it.

Lastly I want to thank all the students I met at the workshops for giving me a chance and being great people and being okay with my weirdness. I hope everyone has a fun night and I hope this year is more successful along the way.