



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## SAHARA WARD

Sahara is a level 2 student in the Welding program at Center of Applied Technology North. She started her journey in the 9th grade Career Exploration program thinking she wanted to be a Cosmetologist. She thought CATN was a lot of fun and quickly fell in love with the school. Although welding was not Saharas top career choice she had completely fallen in love with the class.

Sahara says welding is hard work but it's fun work. Her favorite kind of welds are aluminum and stainless steel because she loves the way they look. Sahara is not afraid of flames or heat, in fact she claims she gets a "serotonin boost" from creating a clean bead. A clean bead comes with patience, rhythm and practice! Sahara takes a lot of pride in all her welding projects.

Sahara participated in the 2023 SkillsUSA MD State Competition where she placed 2nd in the Welding competition earning herself a silver medal. Sahara was completely shocked that she had placed and was ecstatic to collect her medal (see picture on right). CATN is extremely proud of Sahara and all her accomplishments.

CATN wishes Sahara best of luck in her future as we know she is going to set this world on FIRE!

