

Ethan Croteau

One of senior Ethan Croteau's favorite memories of his time at LEAF, is his internship at Cedarcrest Center for Children with Disabilities. Ethan says, " Everything I did was a highlight. I loved working with the staff and getting to know them. I also loved going outside with the kids, or hanging with the little ones in the day room. Everytime I made a kid smile was a highlight. I learned that the kids are the ones who need to be listened to, not the other way around. I grew in a sense of having an understanding for what the kids there go through. I believe it's always important to understand where a kid is coming from, and I will make sure I do that in my future career."

Some of the teachers who have made a difference for Ethan during his time at LEAF include art and music teacher Sammy Burhoe who "helped me improve as an artist, and was very accommodating to me, which I appreciate." Humanities teacher Chris Becker "taught in a great storytelling fashion and I would always be intrigued. He is also someone I could count on for support." STEM teacher Rob Leinau made math less of a boring subject and is very attentive when people have an opinion or an idea."

Ethan has the following advice for incoming LEAF students: "Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it."

Ethan is thinking about a career in social work. He plans to attend River Valley Community College in the fall to complete some of his general education requirements and then transfer to a 4 year institution.