

“What makes working in the movie theatre industry unique, and how will that experience support your college goals?”

Working at Allen Theaters Galaxy 8 has been a unique experience, but an experience I wouldn't trade for any other job. Working at any movie theater is many teens' dream, and I have been lucky enough to get the full movie theater experience out of my time here. Although I have never worked in fast food, retail, or a reception job, I have plenty of experience in all those categories with just one job. At the movie theater, there is always room for growth, improvement, and moving up within your team. This has already helped me with my college goals by maintaining the hardworking/competitive mindset I need to further my education in a world with limited jobs. Throughout my time at Galaxy 8, I have noticed a significant difference in my workplace compared to other places of work. We have created a comfortable, flexible, fun work environment for individuals to not only work in but also enjoy bringing jobs to customers as well, not just because we are getting paid. This alone is something very unique to movie theaters because it is not the traditional 9-5 boring workplace. There is so much room to do this job on your own, have a good work ethic, and have fun! I have learned how to quickly problem-solve when a projector is down, and there's a line of people out the door. I've learned how to multitask better when guiding new hires during a rush, and making sure my manager's duties are done, like putting change in the registers and ensuring everything is running smoothly. In most cases, continuing to further your education by going to college is a stressful thing, and having a stressful job on top of that makes pursuing that a lot harder. Working at the theater has helped me support my goals, mostly by being so flexible and understanding with my schedule and schoolwork as well. On slow days after all tasks are finished, I have had chances to complete my school work, and it has been a great help to me as well, which is something I am very grateful that I know it is a privilege that many of my friends and peers are not able to have. Overall, I have loved and will continue to enjoy the privileges and unique experiences I get to have working at a movie theater.