

## **Daniel Knowsley**

Daniel Knowsley is the 18-year-old son of Tom and Cyndi Knowsley. Daniel is a 2021 graduate of Bridge Creek High School and plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College in the fall. Daniel enjoys eating, playing video games, hanging out with friends and playing with his dog, Eve.

Daniel was born with a high-frequency moderately severe and severely profound hearing loss caused Connexin 26-a mutated gene that both his parents have. He received his first pair of hearing aids when he was 5 weeks old. His parents chose audio-verbal therapy for him so that he would learn to listen and speak like everyone else. He began school at 3 and went to a preschool for children with hearing loss. He did so well there that he was kicked out. He was mainstreamed into preschool when he was 4 and continued in the Bridge Creek school system until graduation.

He is leaning towards a career in graphic design and then continue his studies at a university. His idea of having a successful life and career isn't all about the money, it consists of being a good person, respecting other opinions and being kind. He considers helping his family and others to be a success in and of itself.

He is very excited about his future and credits the support of his parents for making him the person is today.