

Know Me

NAME

Jessica

PASSION

Star-Lord
Guardians of the Galaxy

My Story

Meet Jessica, a 21-year-old student at Stark DD's Rebecca Stallman Southgate School.

According to her mom and dad, Lois and Dave Varner, Jessica absolutely loves Peter Quill/Star-Lord, the main character from Guardians of the Galaxy. She has an entire collection of Quill figurines. She also enjoys Jurassic World and The Avengers.

Jessica loves to help. She likes to sort items (laundry, silverware, toys). She also loves to color and put puzzles together. "A 350 piece puzzle is no match for her," said Jessica's mom.

Jessica started having seizures at 7 months of age, and received Early Intervention services. She was shy and withdrawn. At age 3, Jessica was diagnosed with autism. "Jessica was non-verbal. Speech therapy has helped tremendously. Now, as a 21-year-old, Jessica's outgoing bubbly personality shows," said mom.

Tiffany Staneck, Intervention Specialist at Stark DD's RS Southgate School, has been Jessica's teacher for the past two years. "She really is a joy to work with at school!! Jessica is very hard working while at school and loves completing vocational tasks. She takes great pride in completing her work and is very determined to learn more. She is very supportive and eager to help anyone in need," said Mrs. Staneck.

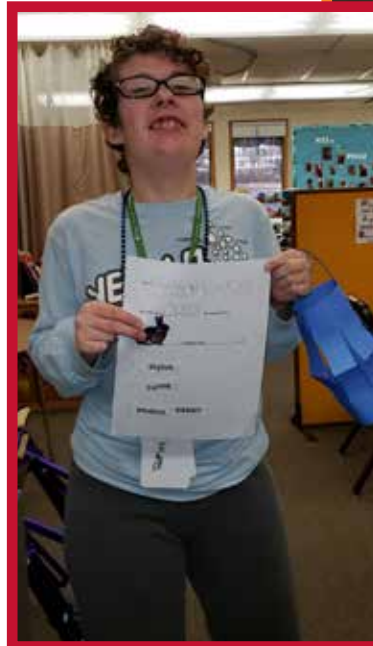
"She has greatly improved her social interactions at school and has become a very positive peer role model. More recently she has become more of a leader in my classroom. She has done so by being an advocate for herself and has taken on a role as a teacher helper within my classroom,"

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Mrs. Staneck added. "Jessica's strengths include being social with others, continuing to work hard at being independent, and thoughtful towards her peers and staff. In her free time, Jessica enjoys art projects, music and movement, and puzzles."

Jessica is part of the Rebecca Stallman Southgate School Class of 2021, and will graduate this June. After graduating, Jessica will go to a day program and continue to live at home.



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