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STEM Student Draws Clear Path to Success

While busing tables at a popular casino, Elizabeth Strader decided to take a chance on learning to become a draftsman. Thanks to DOL's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program, she hit the career jackpot. STEM funding, coupled with a partnership by Connecticut's workforce investment board and that state's Electric Boat company, allowed the twenty-three-year-old to enroll and complete technical drafting and math courses at a local community college. Electric Boat hired her for computer design on naval vessels and also pays for Elizabeth to take apprentice draftsman courses. She also has her sights set on earning a future Associates Degree in Nuclear Technology. Elizabeth said she was "given that extra little push to succeed" towards a high-wage, technical career thanks to STEM.



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