



Congratulations Aiden McCartney!

2026 Michigan CEC Yes I Can! Transition Award Winner

Aidan McCartney is being recognized for his tremendous growth in independence, resilience, and self-advocacy as he prepares for employment, vocational training, and adult life. After transitioning to Carlson High School, Aidan successfully navigated a new academic and social environment while participating in the digital media program, where he developed valuable technical and vocational skills and built meaningful relationships.

One of Aidan's greatest accomplishments has been his growing independence. After receiving one-to-one paraprofessional support throughout much of his education, he learned to navigate the school environment independently, manage responsibilities, adapt to new expectations, and ask for assistance when needed. Aidan has also grown in his understanding of himself and his disability, becoming increasingly comfortable and confident advocating for his individual needs.

Following graduation, Aidan successfully took another important step by transitioning into a post-secondary program and workplace setting, where he continues to build routines, develop skills, and advocate for himself. Aidan's determination, independence, and willingness to embrace new challenges truly embody the spirit of Yes I Can!

