

Monday, Feb. 25, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mark Gunderman, Communications Specialist
Chippewa Valley Technical College
Desk: 715-831-7288
Cell: 715-210-4714
mgunderman1@cvtc.edu

New La Crosse Police Officer Sworn in at CVTC

Sam Clason enrolled in Law Enforcement Academy

Eau Claire, WI – Normally, a new officer for the La Crosse Police Department takes the oath in the city, but La Crosse Police Chief Ron Tischer didn't want a prized new recruit to get away, so he took a road trip to Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire to get the job done.

Officer Sam Clason, who was sworn in on Friday, Feb. 22 at CVTC's Emergency Services Education Center, is enrolled in the Law Enforcement Academy there. He will finish in May, a necessary step to become a licensed officer in Wisconsin.

Tischer said the hiring process started in September, and Clason stood out.

"He's an outstanding young man, very trustworthy and honest," Tischer said, "He's from La Crosse and his family has been a supporter of the department for many years. He fits everything I'm looking for in an officer."

Tischer noted there were a couple of other departments interested in Clason, so they moved to hire him and swear him in before he finished the Academy. Once Clason joins his colleagues at the La Crosse Police Department, he will enter the department's 12-14 week field training program, Tischer said.

Joining Clason at the swearing in ceremony were his parent and the entire Law Enforcement Academy class.

With over 95 programs and both online and on-campus classes, Chippewa Valley Technical College delivers superior, progressive technical education which improves the lives of students, meets the workforce needs of the region, and strengthens the community. CVTC programs are designed with input of business and industry to prepare graduates for today's jobs, with 94 percent employed within six months of graduation and associate degree graduates earning an average annual salary of \$44,000.

Cutlines:

La Crosse Chief of Police Ron Tischer, right, congratulates new officer Sam Clason immediately after Clason was sworn in at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire Friday, Feb. 22.

New La Crosse Police Department officer Sam Clason is sworn in at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire while Chief of Police Ron Tischer looks on Friday, Feb. 22. Administering the oath is Lauren Sullivan, a notary public who works at CVTC.

###

CVTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in employment, admissions, programs, or activities. General inquiries regarding the College's non-discrimination policies may be directed to:

Director of Human Resources
Chippewa Valley Technical College
620 W. Clairemont Ave. Eau Claire, WI 54701