

CCC&TI Graduate Receives Commendation

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A Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic graduate recently had her knowledge unexpectedly tested and has since received a commendation from the United States Coast Guard for her potentially life-saving performance.

U.S. Coast Guard Seaman Lindsay M. Goflin of Conover recently received the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar for her performance of duty on Sept. 4 while stationed near San Francisco.

According to the letter of commendation, Goflin was on her way to Coast Guard Island for duty when she encountered a two-car accident on the highway. Goflin administered first aid to an unconscious accident victim who was suffering from hypoglycemia.

"With expert knowledge and certainty, you administered an oral glucose treatment and called 911 for emergency support," the letter states. "Your ability to relay the incident and first responder actions afforded the Oakland Fire Department a full understanding of the situation prior to their arrival. This selflessness, professionalism and confidence ultimately lead to tending to an injured person and averting a possible fatality. Your vigilance and willingness to help others exemplifies the commitment we have as members of the United States Coast Guard to the American public."

Her quick thinking does not surprise CCC&TI Fire & Rescue/EMS Coordinator Reid Roper, who remembers Goflin as a student in 2010.

"Our students stand out early on because they are exposed to many different patients in their clinical setting that will prepare them to effectively take care of patients in the real world," Roper said. "The skills and knowledge learned from our Paramedic program will prepare the student to deal with most every situation imaginable in the pre-hospital setting. Our methods of instruction place the students into many critical thinking situations that will prepare them to make wise decisions both at home and in the pre-hospital setting. They become confident in their abilities

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from the start.”

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Pictured is CCC&TI graduate Lindsay Goflin or Conover. Goflin recently received a commendation from the Coast Guard for her quick response at the scene of a traffic accident that may have saved lives.