



KULSHAN STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THE ENGINEERING PROCESS

Engineering
with your
head, your
heart, and
your hands.

“Don’t Give Up on Your Dreams”

When former Tesla engineer, Dylan Cox went to school, academics weren’t always easy for him. “I really struggled with reading and writing at one point,” Dylan frankly told Kulshan’s eighth graders. “I needed extra help just getting through some of my work. Math didn’t come easily for me when I entered Western Washington University either. I needed to take things at a different pace than my classmates. Still, I didn’t give up. Just because something is difficult for you, doesn’t mean that you should ever think that you can’t do the job. You just might need to work a little harder.”

Dylan did “work a little harder”, and soon found himself at Tesla

as a Mechanical Engineer. He designed parts for the front trunk on Tesla’s Model X, as well as the radar brackets for Models X and S. “Designing is about not giving up. It’s about collaborating with others, sharing ideas that help you to continue to move forward through the design process, and ultimately create something great together.”

Now back home in Seattle, Dylan will be sharing his hard- won design and team work skills with his new employer, Amazon. We are sure that he will do great things there. Good luck Dylan, and thanks for sharing your inspiring story with us!



Kulshan’s Mr. Wallinger, Dylan Cox, and students discuss the challenges of the engineering design process, and their current class projects. Mr. Wallinger attended Western with Dylan, and was instrumental in arranging Dylan’s visit to Kulshan.