

SUCCESS STORY

FEATURING BRENDEN K!

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A Shining Example of Success: Brenden K at NOUR

Since August 2024, Brenden has been a valued member of the NOUR team in Camp Hill, PA, bringing his positive energy, dedication, and enthusiasm to a space that's truly redefining the coffee shop experience.

NOUR, a coffee shop unlike any other, flips the script on the traditional café culture—creating a welcoming, inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated, and everyone's light shines brighter.

Some fast facts about Brenden!

- Favorite food: burgers, favorite topping is mayo.
- He has 11 older siblings, making him the youngest of 12!
- He has a pet fish named Speedy Mohawk Kenny.
- Brenden's favorite color is black! If you come into NOUR donned in an all-black attire, you will get a heartfelt compliment from Brenden.
- Brenden loves country music, and his dream is to be a country singer! Brenden loves sharing music with other people, especially country songs that he likes to listen to.
- Favorite Country Singer: Brantley Gilbert
- Favorite thing to order at NOUR: Mango Smoothie and a chocolate cake pop. He has gained a reputation as the "Mango Man" because he loves the mango smoothies that much!
- Best Memory at NOUR: Brenden loves doing the dishes at NOUR and standing at the register to wait on customers.



Pictured above: Brenden K

A Café Inspired by Family and Community

The name “NOUR,” which means “light” or “radiance” in Arabic, was inspired by the daughter of owners Kait Gillis-Hanna and Mena Hanna. Their vision for the café was rooted in a personal mission: to create a place where people from all walks of life could come together to share a space of community, warmth, and belonging.

The name, which is a tribute to their daughter, serves as a reminder of the shop’s core values: connection, positivity, and inclusivity.

As Kait and Mena explain, “NOUR is a place where people of different abilities work together to contribute to our community and where diversity is celebrated.”

Building Connections with the Community:

At NOUR, Brenden’s role as a “Barista Back” is essential to the smooth running of the café. He manages the cash register, assists the baristas, and helps make sure everything flows smoothly behind the scenes. Whether it’s taking orders, grabbing pastries, helping with dishes, or even taking out the trash, Brenden is always there to keep things on track.

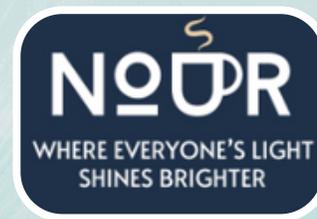
Brenden works two days a week at NOUR, with the support of his job coach. Together, they’ve created a rhythm that not only supports NOUR’s busy operations but also allows Brenden to thrive and grow within a meaningful work environment.

Brenden can be reserved at first but is a people person at heart! When time allows, he loves walking around the Cafe and talking with customers. In the warmer months, customers might bring their dogs with them to sit outside, which is thrilling to Brenden. He loves dogs more than anything!

There are many regulars that come into NOUR that know Brenden and are excited to see him! Pictured below, Left to Right: two regulars who Brenden loves to wait on, Nick and Chris!



Pictured above: (Left) Brenden and members of the NOUR Squad getting ready for a shift, (Right) Brenden and his job coach from WOU.



At the end of this summer, Brenden will celebrate his 2-year anniversary at NOUR, with the intention of sticking around for round three!