Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Working in the Field

Sharing Success Stories

Student: Brendan Trevors

OCVTS Programs: Intro to Auto and Auto Technology

Instructors: Pete Jewell and Jay Houle

Employer: United States Air Force

Class of: 2016

Center: Brick

High School: Brick Memorial

In Brendan’s own words: OCVTS gave me the opportunity to enhance my mechanical skills in a setting that was very comfortable and different from the regular classroom. All of the staff at the school makes you feel that what you are learning will be very usable in the work field after high school. They give you the confidence to succeed. If you are willing to learn, the staff at OCVTS is willing to teach. Putting an effort into your learning really helps you benefit from the program.

Being in Mr. Jewell’s Intro to Auto class taught me to have confidence, to believe in myself, and to have discipline in what I am learning. He taught us not only mechanical skills but lessons about life. Mr. Houle’s Automotive Technology class was also great. I made many friends at the school that had the same goals as me. To me, the school is like life. The greater your desire to succeed, the better you will do out in the world. Hard work can honestly take you anywhere.

Being in the Air Force has taught me discipline, courage, honor, and a sense of self-confidence. Combining this with serving my country has made it the perfect setting for me to start my life in the real world. The OCVTS training and skills I learned have helped me tremendously in the Air Force. I never thought I would be seeing all the things while I am working and utilizing my skills learned from both OCVTS and the Air Force. It has given me a great base to start life.

“I have someone to nominate. His name is Brendan Trevors. He spent four years at OCVTS, two in Pete Jewell’s Intro to Auto class and two in Jay Houle’s Automotive Technology class. Pete Jewell loved him. Brendan is in the US Air Force stationed at Elmendorf Air Base in Alaska. He recently was promoted to crew chief, in laymen’s terms – a head mechanic. A great success story,” submitted by Mark Smith, DVC aide at the Brick Center.

Mr. Jewell remembers, “Brendan always wanted to join the Air Force. As a student, he was focused, dedicated, and hard working. He also helped other students with their projects. Brendan will be an asset to the Air Force and serve our nation well.”

Brendan proudly serving our country in the United States Air Force!