Sharing Success Stories
Own Your Own Business

Student’s Name: Brian Hahner
OCVTS Program: Electrical Trades
Instructor: Mr. Cannon
Business Name: Hahner Electrical Services, Point Pleasant, NJ

In Brian's own words: In high school, I will admit to being a poor student with no direction or drive. My grades were not good and my attitude was terrible. This might sound sad, but there is a happy ending. In the mail, my family received a pamphlet from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School. After reading about the Electrical Trades Program, I decided to sign up because it “sparked” my interest. Working with my hands and my mind in a program that I enjoyed gave me confidence. It was that confidence that I needed to grow up and thrive, not just survive as a student but also as a person. Honestly, thanks to this program, I made it to graduation and my future looked bright. Now, I am pleased to say for thirteen years, I have been working in the electrical trades industry and truly love what I do!

As a business owner, I do have some basic suggestions to anyone trying to secure and keep a job in the trades: look professional, tie your boots, tuck in your shirt, shave, shower and do not smoke! Be prepared every day with your tools, your lunch and dress for the weather. Show up on time, which means ten minutes early. Treat everyone with respect. If you pick a trade that you enjoy, you may find out that being tired and dirty is very rewarding!

Tom Allen, Electrical Trades Instructor at the Jackson Center, submitted Brian’s name. He stated, “Brian Hahner has been a successful electrical contractor for approximately 13 years. His electric installations are superior to all of his peers’. In September, Brian began working as an instructor at the Toms River Center. Currently, he is teaching an Introduction to Electricity class for novices. I am sure that he is a great addition to the team of electric instructors working at Adult Education.”

Brian Hahner, proud owner of Brain Hahner Electrical Services, LLC and electrical instructor at OCVTS.