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Center: Toms River  
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In Mustafa’s own words: In high school, I did not have any career path, nor did I have a passion in a specific field, I decided to enroll in the Automotive Technology Program at OCVTS because it was available. That turned out to be one of the best decisions I have ever made. It was in that program I learned the fundamentals of auto repair as well as auto diesel. As a student, I looked forward to going to school every day because I was gaining knowledge in something that I was interested in and that is becoming an automotive mechanic. The auto repair skills that I learned at OCVTS best prepared me to work in the field, to earn a livable wage and enjoy my job. Let me repeat that, earn a livable wage and enjoy my job. I have been working as automotive mechanic at Eppy’s Automotive Center for fifteen years!

Driving to Seaside Heights, Eppy’s Automotive Center is somewhat of a landmark on Route 37 East in Toms River, having been there for thirty-five years. Epifanio (Eppy) Wachtler, the owner prides himself on starting and staying in business for over three decades. When asked what can he attribute the longevity of his small family business, Eppy credited his skilled mechanics and quoted the phrase painted on his office wall, “Our customers are our greatest asset.”

One of Mustafa’s happy customers nominated him as a success story. She wanted to thank him for keeping her Honda on the road for over fifteen years with 202,000 miles on the odometer and still going strong!

Mustafa Amer (pictured above) at work at Eppy’s Automotive Center either repairing your car or selling you a reliable used one. To students in the auto field, he reminds you “The more you learn, the more you will earn!