Student's Name:  Pat Reed  
OCVTS Program: Collision Repair  
Instructors: Mike Lundin and George (Buck) Hurley  
Employer: All American Ford, Old Bridge, NJ  
Class of: 2008  
Center: Jackson  
High School: Jackson Memorial

In Pat’s own words: This is easy. I wanted to learn more about collision repair. OCVTS prepared me by giving me more of an idea of what it was like to work in the field. Like many of the OCVTS students, upon graduation I continued my education by attending Ocean County College for Business Management. Attending OCVTS and OCC was a winning combination for me. Collision repair skills, computer skills, people skills and management skills are all needed to be a good Auto Body Service Manager.

As the Auto Body Shop Service Manager at All American Ford, I can honestly say the best feeling is being able to help a customer. They come into the shop upset that they have been involved in an accident, but after the repair is finished, they leave happy.

Some “Helpful Hints” that I would like to share with the current students Collision Repair and Auto Body/Welding programs is be prepared to work hard. Take all the training classes available to you. Lastly, listen to what the older guys in the shop have to say!

Mike Lundin stated, “I had the pleasure of being Patrick’s instructor for EO Auto Body/Welding. Pat showed an immediate interest and ability in the shop. His next step was the Collision Repair class, where he also thrived and did very well. Pat always stayed in touch with me and kept me aware of where he was working and what he was up to. He has worked in the collision repair industry successfully since he graduated from vocational school ten years ago. It is with great pride that I share his story and take a little credit for his success.”

Pat Reed, Auto Body Service Manager at All American Ford, working hard to make people happy.