Sharing Success Stories
Working in the Field

Student’s Name: Fawn Creutzinger
OCVTS Program: Center for Culinary Arts
Instructors: Chef Jason Crispin and Chef Ian Smith
Employer: Sally’s Seafood (formerly Ahearn’s Seafood), Waretown, NJ

Class of: 2018
Center: Cuisine on the Green

In Fawn’s own words: I have always had a love of cooking and decided late in life to change careers. The accelerated program was perfect for my timeline and goals. Working for Sally’s Seafood, a small business that is family run, allows me to use my creativity to introduce new items. I enjoy being part of a small team dedicated to fresh food and great customer service. Having just completed the accelerated culinary program at OCVTS, I do have some advice to share with the current culinary students. Give 100% of yourself to ensure you succeed in the program. Take advantage of all volunteer opportunities to gain experience in your field. Volunteering is a great networking tool to interact with potential employers. Take full advantage of the knowledge and experience of the instructors, Chef Ian and Chef Jay. Enjoy your time there before you know it, it will be graduation day!

The folks at Sally’s Seafood in Waretown stated, “Fawn has from day one, been a part of the family fabric here. She has brought us new and exciting items, as well as a fresh look at all our processes and offerings.”

“The idea had stated Culinary Arts had always been a passion of hers; however, she never had the opportunity to work in the field. Fawn worked in retail for years but when she found herself laid off, she knew it was the perfect time to start the career she always wanted. Fawn was always smiling and happy to talk about her training at OCVTS, you could tell she was very passionate about what she was doing. She had perfect attendance in school, and once she started her internship, she continued to excel. The intern supervisor reported that Fawn was an indispensable asset to their kitchen. It was only fitting they decided to keep her fulltime.” This success story submitted by Kali Rorke, Employment Counselor at the PIC Office, Toms River.

Fawn, Assistant Manager at Sally’s Seafood, gladly shares photos of some of their delicious seafood delights!