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JOB ORDER FORM

Date: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person(s) and Title(s): _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Job Title(s): _____

General Information about position: _____

Knowledge & Skill(s): _____ (trade area)

☐ No Experience necessary ☐ Experience helpful ☐ Experience required

Will train? ☐ yes ☐ no Must have: ☐ permit ☐ license

☐ Transportation to job site ☐ Must have own tools _____ Years or older w/valid driver's license

☐ Part Time ☐ Full Time

☐ Flexible Hours ☐ Flexible Days ☐ Possible CIE ☐ Will work around student's schedule

Work Days: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ T ☐ W ☐ Th ☐ F ☐ S (check all that apply)

Work Hours: _____

Salary: \$ _____

☐ Hourly ☐ Negotiable ☐ Discuss at Interview ☐ Depends on Experience

Benefit Package Available?: ☐ yes ☐ no

How to apply: _____

~~~ PLEASE BE ADVISED ~~~

***In order to post a job opening with us, you must be an  
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# HELP WANTED

## VARIOUS FOOD SERVICE POSITIONS

To apply: Send resume to Rylie's

**Joe Leone's Italian Specialties**

510 Rt. 35 South

Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

Contact: Rylie Smith

Email: [rylies.joeleones@gmail.com](mailto:rylies.joeleones@gmail.com)

Tel: 732-701-0222x16

**Part time and full time positions available**

Experience helpful, will train

**Sunday through Saturday**

20-40 hours weekly

Come join our fast-paced high-energy team and surround yourself with fantastic food and even better people. Joe Leone's Italian Specialties is

hiring full time team members! Applicants must have excellent communication skills, organizational skills and an attention to detail ;

Weekend and Holiday availability is required

**Salary:** \$11-13 hourly and depends on experience  
(Benefit package available)



# HELP WANTED

## LUBE/LIGHT SERVICE TECH AND AUTO TECHNICIAN

To apply: In person

Lacey Auto Care

930 Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ 08731

Contact: Rich Ritche

Email: [richardmritche@me.com](mailto:richardmritche@me.com)

Tel: 609-693-5175 Fax: 609-693-2212

Part time and full time positions available

Experience helpful but required, will train

**Must be 17 years or older with valid driver's license and transportation to job site**

Flexible hours, days, possible CIE and will work around students schedule

Monday through Saturday - Hours of operation 7am-6pm M-F - 7am to 1:00pm Sat

Auto Tech: diagnosis and repair all years/ makes/ models- cars and light trucks  
engines, transmissions, brakes, steering and suspension, state inspect and repairs,  
exhaust, heating and cooling.

Lube/light service tech: service cars and light trucks, repair flat tires, mount and  
balance new tires, replace bulbs and minor car repairs

Salary: \$14-30 per hour depends on experience and ability will discuss at interview  
(Benefit package available)



OCVTS

Programs Showcased

“I won a full scholarship for 4 years to Jefferson University with my portfolio and YouTube video on how fashion designers improve people’s lives. OCVTS helped me achieve this once-in-a-lifetime prize. My goals are to become a fashion designer and to improve the environment through my innovative fashion designs.”

- MICHAELA DAY, FASHION DESIGN STUDENT

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Ocean County Vocational Technical School



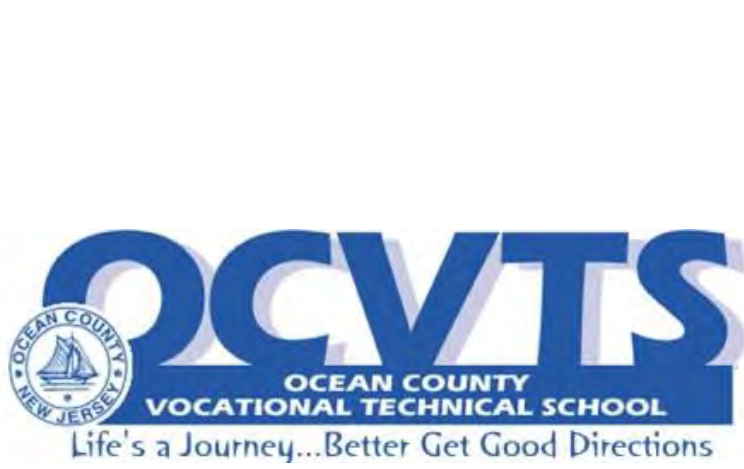


“Having completed the OCVTS culinary program set me apart from the rest of my class right through college. Being ahead is a good thing in this industry. Today, I work for one of the most luxurious hotel and resort in the world. The opportunities to grow are limitless.”

- RYAN SCHMITT, FOUR SEASONS HOTEL DENVER

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# Program Profiles



# Culinary Arts I

2 Year Program/ 900 Hours



**Chef Jill Scott, Chef Rose Anne Delnero and Chef Bruce Van Sickle**

Our Culinary I Instructors have a total of 44 years of teaching. Chef Jill has a degree from the Academy of Arts, Chef Roseanne has a Masters in Teaching and Chef Bruce is a graduate of Johnson and Wales. Impressive!



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## Trade Skills You Will Learn

- Introduced to a variety of cooking methods
- Trained in Garde Manger production and prep
- Develop skills in working in front of the house
- Develop creative menus
- Learn basics in bakery fundamentals
- Begin creating a personalized culinary portfolio
- Value the importance of safety & sanitation

Upon completion of our Culinary Arts program earn college credits with our Tech Prep agreements with ACCC, Walnut Hill College, Johnson and Wales, the Art Institute of Philadelphia, & Brookdale Community College

## SkillsUSA



## Related Job Titles

- Short Order Cook
- Prep Cook
- Pastry Chef
- Pantry Cook
- Baker Assistant
- Host/Hostess
- Wait Staff

## Opportunities...Feed the Need



## Opportunities...To Learn a Trade

The OCVTS Culinary Arts I Program provides students with opportunities. They get actual hands-on experience in all aspects of the culinary industry.

## What does it take to prepare 2,000 Thanksgiving meals?

2000 lbs. of turkey, 426 lbs. of potatoes, 500 lbs. of stuffing, 400 lbs. of yams, 300 lbs. of green beans, 50 gallons of gravy, 300 holiday pies.

## Opportunities...Dining Room Service



Stories include students continuing their education, owning their own business, enlisting in the military & working in the field



**Juliet Faas, Student**  
**Johnson and Wales**



**Steven Glassoff, Sous Chef**  
**JBK Soul Kitchen**



**Christian Clarke, Dir. of Foods**  
**Amboy Care Center**



**Paul O'Neill, Instructor**  
**Drexel University**





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## Culinary Arts II

### 2 Year Program/ 900 Hours



#### **Chef Gary Lesniak, Instructor**

Has been working in the food industry since he was eighteen. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, he begins his 19<sup>th</sup> year as a culinary instructor at OCVTS. Chef Gary loves cooking and sailing.

#### **Trade Skills You Will Learn**

- Experience in food prep, expediting, production
- Trained in usage of commercial kitchen appliances
- Acquire knowledge of weights and measures
- Develop skills in table set-up, dessert plating
- Excelled in customer service and food service
- Receive training in safety and sanitation
- Create a culinary portfolio

Upon completion of our Culinary Arts Program students earn college credits with our Tech Prep agreements with ACCC, Johnson & Wales, Walnut Hill College, Art Institute of Philadelphia and Brookdale Community College

#### **Related Job Titles**

- Chef
- Sous Chef
- Pastry Chef
- Line Cook
- Pantry Cook
- Expediter
- Short Order Cook
- Food Manager
- Wait Staff/Bus Person
- Host/Hostess
- Prep Cook
- Beverage Manager

#### **Opportunities...Feed the Need**



#### **Opportunities. To Learn a Trade**

The Culinary Arts Program provides students with many opportunities. They get actual hands-on experience in food preparation, food service and a variety of management tasks all within the food industry. Other areas of concentration include food safety and sanitation, basic knife skills, and commercial baking. Students will gain valuable practical experience in the operation of a dining facility.

#### **Opportunities...Chef's Night Out**

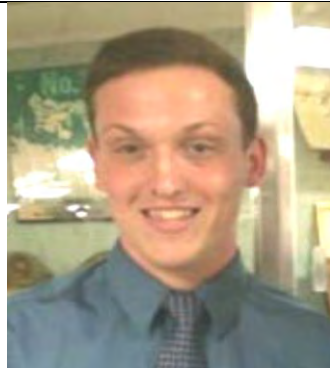


**Success Stories include students continuing their education, owning their own business, enlisting in the military & working in the field**



**Joseph Castellano**

**Johnson & Wales University**



**Nicholas McClellan**

**Rose Mount Lodge, Yosemite**



**Jesse Bingham**

**United States Navy**



**Ryan Schmidt**

**The Four Seasons Hotel**





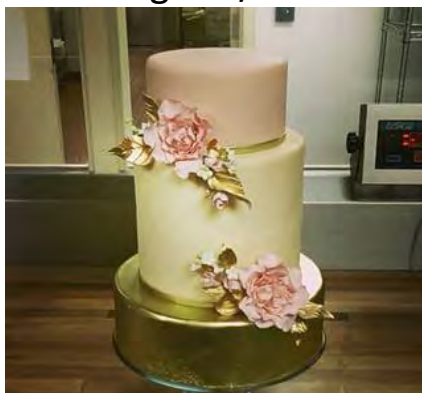
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## Bakery

2 Year Program/ 900 Hours



**Ryan Schmitt's Creation**



**Chef Dennis Melia, Instructor**

With Masters classes from the French Pastry School in Chicago, and 25 years of experience working in the baking industry, Chef Dennis always has something delicious baking in the oven.

### Trade Skills You Will Learn

- Experience in commercial bakery equipment
- Learn in gelato production, bakery scale
- Trained in the production of artisan breads
- Become proficient in advanced cake decorating
- Knowledge of bakers' metric scale/conversions
- Bake fancy cookies, European tarts & pastries
- Create fondant icings and gum paste flowers

### Tech Prep Agreement

Upon completion of our Culinary Arts Program, students can earn college credits at Atlantic Cape Community College, Johnson and Wales, the Art Institute of Philadelphia, Walnut Hill College and Brookdale Community College.

### Related Job Titles

- Baker
- Pastry Chef
- Cake Decorator
- Baking Assistant
- Bread Artisan
- Bakery Technical Sales
- Bakery Technician

### **Opportunities...Work in Finest Bakery**



### **Opportunities...To Learn a Trade**

The OCVTS Bakery Program provides students actual hands-on experience in food preparation, food service and a variety of management tasks all within the food industry using the finest, updated equipment. Areas of concentration include: advanced food preparation, commercial baking and advanced baking, safety, sanitation, dining room service & management.

### **Opportunities...Chef's Night Out**



**Success stories include students continuing their education, opening their own business and working in the field**



Chris Castellano

**Bobby Flay's Steak House**



Joseph Introna

**Joe Leone's, owner**



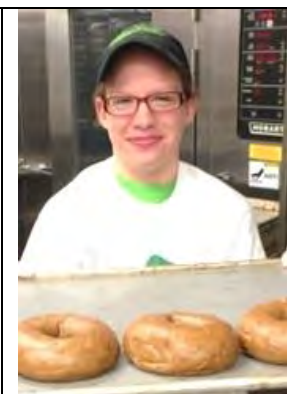
Ryan Schmitt

**The Four Seasons Hotel**



Gina Rispoli

**The Acme Bakery**



Angela Downes

**The Shop Rite Bakery**





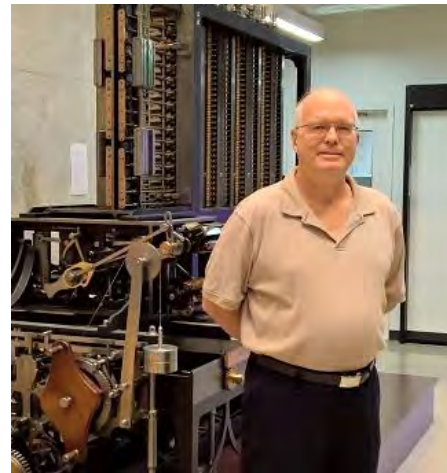
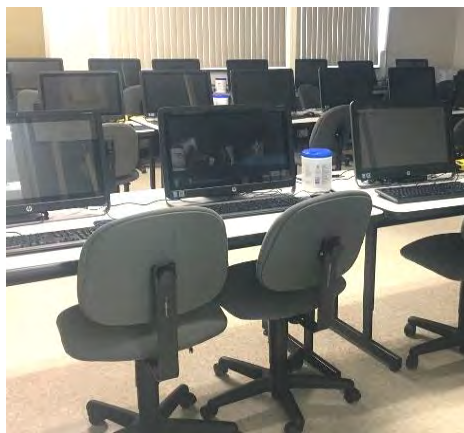
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## Computer Science

### 2 Year Program/ 900 Hours



**Michael Clarke, Instructor**

Michael has a Master of Science in Computer Science from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He is beginning his 18th year of teaching at OCVTS. Michael enjoys teaching and traveling with his family.

#### **Skills You Will Learn**

- Install Operating Systems & related software
- Use a variety of applications software
- Program in a high-level language
- Produce a production software package
- Elementary web page development
- Use graphic animation packages
- Install and use a relational database



Earn up to 12 college credits  
 at Ocean County College  
 with our Tech Prep  
 agreement

#### **Related Job Titles**

- Software Development
- Network Engineer
- Web Developer
- Hardware Technician
- Systems Analyst
- Technical Support
- Database Developer
- Data Privacy/Security
- E-business Architect
- Project Manager
- Programmer/Analyst
- Systems Operator

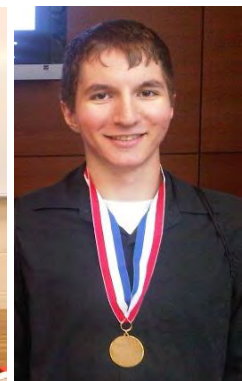
#### **Opportunities...in DeVry HerWorld Competition**



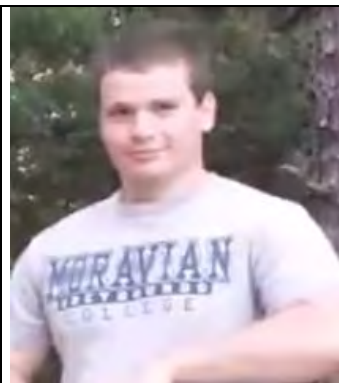
#### **Opportunities...To Learn a Trade**

This course provides students with **opportunities** for advanced studies in information technology. The program is open to students who plan to pursue college degrees for careers in the Technology Industry. The course may include internships with area businesses. Multimedia applications, high-speed Internet access, and state-of-the-art equipment and technology are available to students.

#### **Opportunities...in Robotics & SkillsUSA**



**Success Stories include students continuing their education, enlisting in the military and working in the field**



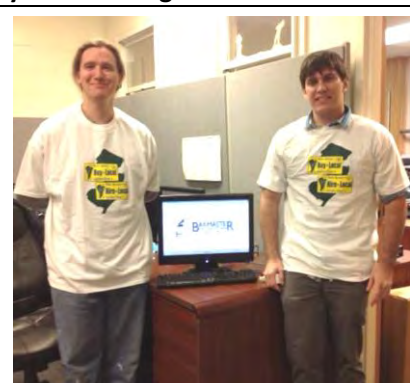
Bill Collins  
 Moravian College



Jason Laboy  
 NJ Institute of Technology



Luis Lugo  
 United States Army



Tim Hochstrasser, Joseph DeGeorge  
 Bay Master Management Software





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# Cosmetology

2 Year Program/1000 hours



**Amanda Kingsley**  
September's Hair Salon



**Deb Gall**



**Kelly Maloney**



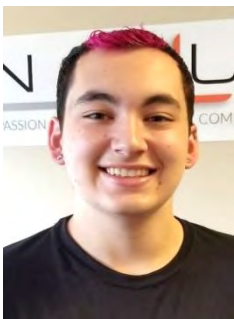
**Regina Rosetto**



**Shari DeGregorio**

The OCVTS tradition continues with our **Cosmetology Instructors** offering the finest in cosmetology training.

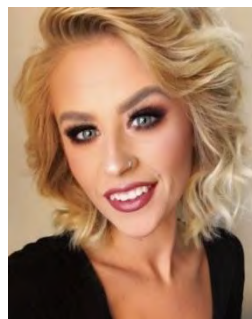
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**Tyler Milleman**  
Salon Solutions



**Cat Casselli**  
Elan Hair Studio



**Lindsey Ernst**  
Le Palais Hair Lounge



**Lena Paternoster**  
Lavish Salon

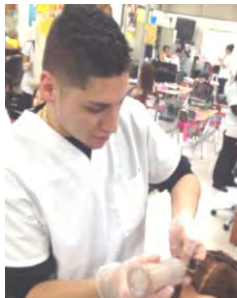


**Katelyn Koenig**  
The Savvy Hair Loft

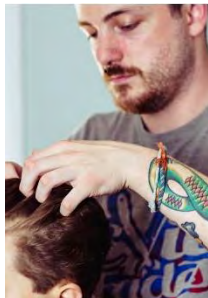


**Gina Scotti**  
Elan Hair Studio

The **Cosmetology Program** teaches the skills and knowledge necessary to pass the New Jersey Board of Cosmetology Licensing exam.



**Edgar Gallegos**  
EG's Barbershop



**Evan Beattie**  
Evil Fades Barbershop

Whether working in the field as are the alumni pictured above, or the alumni pictured below who decided to open their own businesses, all have reasons to smile.

### Skills You Will Learn

- Shampoo and condition hair/scalp
- Cut, shape, set/style, color, lighten hair
- Permanent waving/chemical relaxing
- Apply makeup and perform facials
- Hair removal and waxing
- Care of styling of wigs & extensions
- Manicuring & pedicuring applications
- Sterilization/sanitation procedures
- Perform salon reception functions
- Thermal pressing and curling

### Related Job Titles...

- Cosmetologist
- Hair Stylist
- Beautician
- Barber
- Skin Care Tech
- Nail Technician



**Konnor Ryan**  
NYC Stylist



**Bobby Menagos**  
The Tailored Barber



**Cristy Matisse**  
L Style Bar



**Christina Menagos & Michele Morehouse**  
Nia Sophia Salon



**Carli Cifelli and her stylists**  
Elevations Hair Salon



**Joanne Polacek & OCVTS grads**  
Hair Friends & Co.





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## Dental Assisting

### 2 Year Program/ 900 Hours



**Roxanne Beers, Instructor**

A graduate of our Dental Assisting program herself, Roxanne is a National Certified Dental Assistant and a Registered Dental Assistant in the State of NJ. She also holds a NJ Dental Radiology license and is certified as a CPR/BLS instructor. She was awarded Teacher of the Year in 2012 and now begins her 11<sup>th</sup> year teaching our Dental Assisting program at OCVTS.

#### **Career Ladder**

Students may climb the health career ladder by passing challenging state and national board examinations. The licensure options include: NJ State Dental Radiology License, X-Ray License, Dental Assisting National Board Certified Dental Assistant.

#### **Skills You Will Learn**

- Taking patient's medical history and vital signs
- Mixing dental materials; pouring laboratory models
- Taking and developing dental x-rays
- Sterilization of instruments
- Dentrix software and CPR
- Showing patients how to brush/floss
- Passing instruments and suctioning

#### **Related Job Titles:**

- Dental Assistant
- Certified Dental Assistant
- Registered Dental Assistant
- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Laboratory Technician
- Dental Receptionist

#### **Opportunities...in Earned Externships**



#### **Opportunities...To Learn a Trade**

The OCVTS Dental Assistant program teaches fourhanded dentistry and lab skills, prevention techniques, operative treatment, and specialty areas. The course provides preparation for students interested in dental careers such as a Certified Dental Assistant, Registered Dental Assistant, dental hygienist, lab technician, x-ray technician, and dentist. A clinical experience in a dental office is a required part of the program.

#### **Opportunities... HOSA Competition**



**Success Stories include students continuing their education and working in the field.**



**Jennifer Staples & Jessica Applegate**  
**Swain Dental**



**Gina Rotunda**  
**Encore Dental**



**Rae Anna Gulino**  
**Oakhurst Dental**



**Jasmine Heacock**  
**West Creek Dental**





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## Fashion Design and Merchandising

### 2 Year Program/ 900 Hours



**Carey Brown, Instructor**

Graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor's of Science in Fashion Design, Ms. Brown spent over ten years in the fashion industry before turning her focus to teaching. Beginning her sixth year of teaching, she loves sewing and birdwatching.

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#### Trade Skills You Will Learn

- Merchandise categories, pricing strategies & visual display techniques
- Retail sales techniques and cash handling
- Proper garment construction methods
- Basic principles and elements of design, fashion illustration and rendering techniques
- An understanding of retail marketing and advertising strategies

#### Continuing Education at...

Art Institute of Philadelphia  
 Fashion Institute of Technology  
 Savannah College of Art & Design  
 Jefferson University  
 Montclair University  
 Centenary College  
 Brookdale Community College  
 Burlington County College

#### Related Job Titles

- Assistant Designer
- Visual Display Assistant
- Boutique Owner
- Sales Associate
- Assistant Buyer
- Product Developer
- Showroom Sales Rep
- Assistant Store Manager
- Technical Designer

#### Opportunities...in FCCLA



#### Opportunities...To Learn a Trade

Students will explore & develop skills in the areas of Fashion Design, Retail, Merchandising, and Marketing via hands-on experiences utilizing industry tools and off-campus activities. Students create a portfolio of work highlighting the skills they have learned, which is a valuable asset in the college application process.

#### Opportunities...Industry Tours



**Success Stories include students continuing their education, owning their own business, enlisting in the military & working in the field**



**Miczhane Clay**  
**Savannah College of Art & Design**



**Victoria Falk**  
**Fashion Institute of Technology**



**Michaela Day**  
**Jefferson University**



**David Costadina**  
**Times Ahead**





# Marine Service Technology

2 Year Program/ 900 Hours



## Rob Berenwick, Instructor

Rob has been teaching Marine Service Technology at OCVTS for 17 years. A former OCVTS student himself, Rob has been employed in the marine industry for over 27 years. Having been a technician, service manager, and owner, Rob has earned many industry certifications from ABYC, NMEA, Yamaha, Bombardier and Mercury Marine.

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### Skills You Will Learn

- Basic boating fundamentals & navigation skills
- Acquire skills in basic electrical troubleshooting
- Able to service & winterize outboards
- Stern drive systems maintenance
- Trained in trailer & wheel bearing service

### Continuing Education



### Related Job Titles

- Marine Service Technician
- Diesel Engine Technician
- Marine Electronics Installer
- Rigger
- Yard Worker

### Opportunities...in Hands-On Learning



### Opportunities...To Learn a Trade

This program utilizes modern engine technology and test equipment to help enhance skills in the theory, maintenance and troubleshooting of outboard and inboard marine engines. Students will develop a working knowledge of marine systems such as electrical, mechanical, cooling, fuel, boat design and construction, and trailer maintenance. The program has access to waterfront facilities, where students will operate and maintain vessels.

### Earning Gold...at SkillsUSA



**Success Stories include students continuing their education, enlisting in the military and working in the field**



Sam Hutchison  
West Creek Outboard



Tucker Weisleder  
SUNY Maritime University



Kevin Carswell, Service Manager  
Doha, Qatar



Tom Lonieski, Service Manager  
Silver Cloud Harbor Marina





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# Medical Assistant

2 Year Program/ 900 Hours



**Palmer College of Chiropractic**



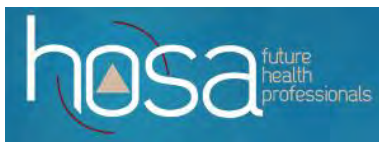
**Marlene Damon & Irene Malfitano**

Having years of experience working and teaching in the medical field, our instructors truly enjoy sharing their enthusiasm and knowledge of the Medical Assistant program with their students as they begin their career path in this demand occupation.

## Trade Skills You Will Learn

- Medical terminology
- Record patients' medical history
- Assist doctors with special procedures
- Computerized scheduling & software
- Take vital signs and documentation
- Perform electrocardiograms and lab procedures
- Venipuncture techniques

A component of the program includes membership in HOSA, a student organization emphasizing professionalism and leadership skills for students who are pursuing a health career.



## Related Job Titles

- Medical Assistant
- Medical Receptionist
- Billing & Coding Specialist
- Radiology Technician

## Continuing Education at...

- Ocean County College
- Brookdale Community College
- University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

## Opportunities...in HOSA Competitions



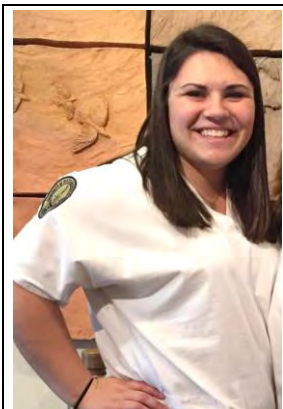
## Opportunities...To Learn a Trade

This program emphasizes physician-assisting skills in medical offices, clinics or outpatient facilities. It is a two-year program divided into a clinical and an administrative year. A student may begin the program at the beginning of either year. A job shadowing experience and structured learning experience is provided in physician offices during the course of this program.

## Opportunities...Externships



**Success Stories include students continuing their education, and working in the field**



**Chelsea Erick Kasper**  
**CentreState Med. Ctr.**  
**Freehold, NJ**



**Zuleyma Flores**  
**Ocean Renal Assoc.**  
**Brick, NJ**



**Vanessa Michael**  
**Cedar Bridge Pediatrics**  
**Barneget, NJ**



**Courtney Mahoney, Shelsea Mahecha,**  
**Meredith Wendt and Samantha Sente**  
**Thompson Healthcare & Sports Medicine Staff**





# New Home Construction

10-Month Accelerated Program



**Chris Sullivan, Instructor**

Years of working as a Union Carpenter Foreman prepared Chris to take on the challenge of teaching adult students about the home construction industry. The OCVTS New Home Construction program encompasses all aspects of building houses and prepares students for meaningful in-demand careers.

**Waretown Center**  
**423 Wells Mills Road**  
**Waretown, NJ 08758**  
**732.286.5660**

Check out the OCVTS Programs and success stories at...[www.ocvts.org](http://www.ocvts.org)



## Curriculum Includes...

- Use of hand and power tools; safety training
- Blueprint reading and layout
- Skills in framing, roofing, sheathing and siding
- Installation of windows, doors, and staircases
- Insulation and drywall installation
- Trim work, ceilings and floors
- Industry-related mathematics
- 10-hour OSHA Hazard Recognition Training
- CPR/AED First Aid Training



## Opportunities...To Learn a Trade

The OCVTS New Home Construction Program is an accelerated program for adults. Through ongoing partnerships with outside agencies, such as Habitat for Humanity, students receive real world, hands-on experience in all phases of construction as they build homes (pictured) from the foundation up on-site in Ocean County.



**Success Stories include students continuing their education, owning their own business, and working in the field**



**Tina Brea**  
**Shore Legacy, LLC**



**Ryan Maness**  
**Home Works Construction**



**Robert Conway**  
**Habitat for Humanity**



**Joseph Philips**  
**Frankoski Builders**





**Toms River Center**  
**1299 Old Freehold Road**  
**Toms River, NJ 08753**  
**732.473.3100**



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# Welding

2 Year Program/ 900 Hours

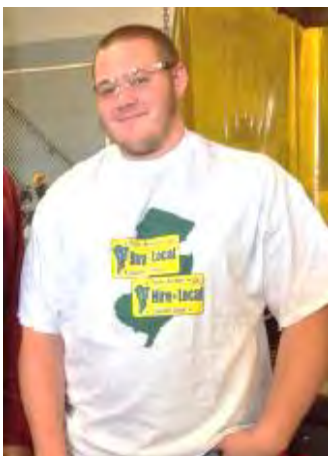


**James (Jim) Mansfield, Instructor**

Teaching welding for eighteen years, Jim has built a reputation in being one of the finest welding instructors. He is the instructor in the daytime and evening welding programs at OCVTS. To relax, Jim loves taking his bike for a spin.

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| <p><b><u>Trade Skills You Will Learn</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shielded metal arc, gas metal arc welding</li> <li>• Gas tungsten arc, flux core arc welding</li> <li>• Build up metal parts using electric welding</li> <li>• Repair broken or cracked objects</li> <li>• Knowledge of OSHA safety standards</li> </ul>                                                                      | <p>A <b>National Certification</b> from the American Welding Society (AWS) is available to graduates upon successful completion of an AWS exam.</p>  | <p><b><u>Related Job Titles</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arc Welder</li> <li>• Production Line Welder</li> <li>• Underwater Welder</li> <li>• Welder/Fabricator</li> <li>• Welding Sales</li> <li>• Welding Education</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b><u>Continuing Their Education at...</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hobart School of Welding Technology</li> <li>• Ohio Technical College</li> <li>• The Lincoln Welding School</li> <li>• Welder Training &amp; Testing Institute</li> <li>• Pennsylvania College of Technology</li> <li>• Underwater Welding Divers Academy</li> <li>• Ocean County Vocational Technical School</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>Winning Gold Medals @ SkillsUSA</u></b></p>                                                                                                | <p><b><u>The Welding Program</u></b></p> <p>This program provides students with hands-on instruction in a variety of welding and metal fabrication processes. Upon completion students are prepared for careers in construction, fabrication and repair of industrial and transportation equipment including cars, ships, pleasure crafts and aircraft. They are also qualified for employment in the area of structural welding including the fabrication of bridges, steel structures, pipelines and boilers.</p> |

**Success Stories include students continuing their education, owning their own business, enlisting in the military & working in the field**



**Eric Oyamburu**  
**Plumbers & Pipefitters Union**



**Evan Bahrle**  
**Viking Yachts**

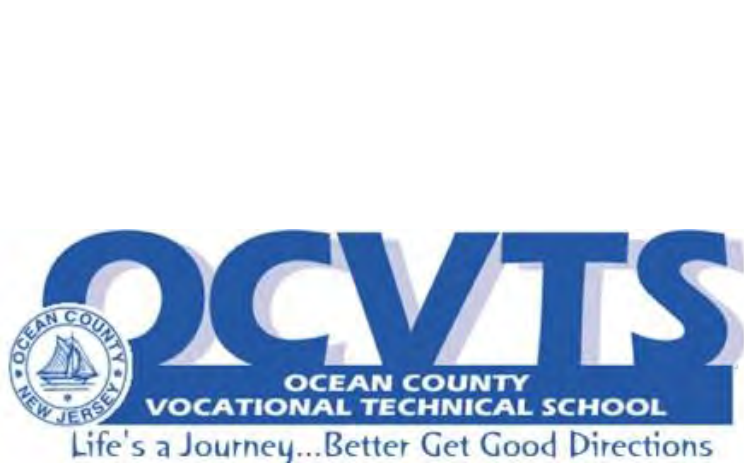


**Trevor Finch**  
**Plumbers & Pipefitters Union**



**Joseph Rupp**  
**Ironworkers Local #11**





# Success Stories



## *Sharing Success Stories*

### *Greetings from Pennsylvania College of Technology*

**Student's Name:** Christopher Hopkins  
**OCVTS Program:** Automotive Diesel  
**Instructor:** Greg Cullen

**Class of:** 2017  
**Center:** Jackson  
**High School:** Southern Regional

**In Chris' own words:** I chose OCVTS because it was a perfect fit for me for what I wanted to do after high school. I could go to school and still get hands-on experience and learn a lot on a daily basis in a shop environment, which is hard to do while in school. Now, I am continuing my education at Pennsylvania College of Technology in the Ford ASSET Program. This turned out to be a good game plan. I enjoy going to work every day because it is a new challenge each day. No matter how frustrating it may be at times, for me the best feeling is watching a truck that I repaired drive away.

If you are thinking of a career in the auto industry, you will need a general knowledge of vehicles and the fundamentals of how they work. It also is important to be a good listener so when the customer tells you what the vehicle is or is not doing, you will have an understanding in addressing the problem. You should also have a good work ethic, be motivated, and have problem-solving skills. I never pictured myself working at a dealership or working for Ford, but sometimes life has a way of changing your views on things. Work hard and do not take any opportunities for granted.

Greg Cullen was delighted to share the story about one of his successful students. "Chris was a student that came to the program with a great attitude, work ethic, and a desire to learn. He was bright and outgoing, and got along well with the other students. Over the course of two years, Chris applied himself in the classroom and during shop activities. He developed the skills necessary to succeed as an entry-level technician, and gained confidence in his abilities. He wanted a career working for John Deere tractor. His father had John Deere equipment on their farm in New Egypt. Chris saw firsthand his father's frustration as the equipment became more complex, computer controlled, and difficult for his father to repair and maintain. Continuing his education was Chris' plan. A technical college in Pennsylvania, Penn College, offered a two year associates degree program. Ford Motor Company designed the program. Chris would attend class at college for ten weeks, and then work ten weeks at a sponsor Ford dealership. This cycle would repeat over the two years. Upon graduation, Chris would have Ford factory training certificates, a career with Ford, and an Associate Science degree. Win Win!"



Chris (pictured left) posing for photo at Penn College. One can see why he enjoys auto tech, check out their shop. Cooks send us photos of delicious foods they prepared, mechanics send photos of clean, operational motors they repaired. Love it!





## *Sharing Success Stories*

### *Greetings from the Automotive Training Center*

**Student's Name:** Jacob Gnad  
**OCVTS Program:** Automotive Technology  
**Instructor:** Lou Gauvain

**Class of:** 2018  
**Center:** Waretown  
**High School:** Lacey Township

**In Jake's own words:** My goal is to become a diesel mechanic. Having spent two years in the Automotive Technology Program at the Waretown Center, I experienced hands-on training and learned the fundamentals of automotive technology. Mr. Gauvain also introduced me to the other areas of automotive studies and the many post-secondary schools for specific training where I may continue my education. With numerous schools to choose from, I decided to attend the Automotive Training Center in Pennsylvania, utilizing my scholarship.

To the current students in the automotive programs, I would like to suggest that you pay attention, study, and work hard towards your goals. You can do it!

"A short introduction about Jake Gnad, my selection as an OCVTS Success Story. Jake, an honor roll student, graduated last year from my Automotive Technology Program. He was a Lacey Township High School student. During his junior year, Jake got himself a job at a jet ski repair facility and began to apply some of his acquired engine repair and maintenance skills working there. During his senior year, Jake became a participant in the OCVTS Cooperative Education Program working at Jet Medix, learning and earning throughout the majority of his senior year. While in the program, he applied for and met the criteria to receive a half paid scholarship through the Cooperative Education Program to attend the Automotive Training Center (ATC) in Warminster, PA, worth \$15,000. I am very proud of Jake's accomplishments and the decision to further his education in this very rewarding career."  
– Lou Gauvain, Automotive Technology Instructor.



Jacob Gnad's educational career path portrayed in logos. He is well on his way of reaching his goal of becoming a diesel mechanic.





## ***Sharing Success Stories***

### ***Greetings from Georgian Court University***

**Student's Name:** Victoria Janssen  
**OCVTS Program:** Child Care Professions  
**Instructors:** Laura Morelli and Amy Mayer

**Class of:** 2018  
**Center:** Brick  
**High School:** Jackson Memorial

**In Victoria's own words:** Enrolling in the Child Care Professions program at OCVTS was a good decision for me. Being in the two-year program confirmed my passion in wanting to become a teacher. I learned the fundamental job skills in working with children that I can utilize in future jobs as well as in college classes.

I chose to continue on my career path. In the fall, I am so excited to be continuing my education by attending Georgian Court University. I will be majoring in psychology and be on the path for elementary education which I will begin in my sophomore year. I plan to complete GCU in five years and receive my degree in psychology and my master's in teaching. My goal is to be working in an elementary school teaching young children and loving every minute of it. Having just completed two years at vocational school, the suggestion I would like to share with current students is to take advantage of all the opportunities, resources, and information that OCVTS has to offer. I learned so much there and you can too. Just as Dr. Seuss exclaimed in his book, "Oh the places you will go!"

"We have a perfect success story, namely Victoria Janssen. She was our Outstanding Student of the Year and she will be attending Georgian Court University on a partial scholarship. Academically, she was at the top of her class always striving for excellence. As a preschool teacher in training, she demonstrated true leadership and developed the skills necessary to be an excellent preschool teacher. We would highly recommend Victoria for any job working with young children. Her understanding of ages and stages of development, classroom management, time management and effective communication are exemplary," submitted Laura Morelli and Amy Mayer.



Congratulations Victoria Janssen on developing a solid career path. Beginning with earning your high school diploma from the Jackson Memorial High School, and completing the Child Care Program at the OCVTS, and continuing your education at Georgian Court University in Lakewood. Enjoy the journey!





## Sharing Success Stories

### Working in the Field

**Student's Name:** Christian Alexander

**OCVTS Program:** Computer Science

**Instructor:** Michael Clarke

**Employer:** AT&T, Middletown, NJ

**Class of:** 2010

**Center:** Toms River

**High School:** Point Pleasant Borough

**Post-Secondary:** Ocean County College and New Jersey Institute of Technology

**In Christian's own words:** As a freshman at Ocean County College, I started taking computer science classes. I found that the skills I learned in Mr. Clarke's programming class best prepared me for the working world by giving me a 'jump-start' on my peers in Computer Science. Having the early experience and exposure Mr. Clarke provided was incredibly valuable to my success. This let me quickly give back to my OCC community and helped me focus on my leadership skills by accepting a position as a student tutor for introductory-level programming courses.

Having earned my Associate's Degree in Honors Liberal Arts at Ocean County College, I must admit I struggled with mathematics; so I threw myself at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) to learn mathematics with a 'sink or swim' attitude. Thanks to this and countless hours studying and finding YouTube videos that taught me in ways I understood, I evolved from struggling in college algebra to leading the study groups for Calculus III. In 2016, I completed NJIT as a member of the Albert Dorman Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Cum Laude.

I LOVE the culture around my organization. Flex Force, which acts as internal contractors for AT&T, is empowered to put lifelong learning and experience first. During my workweek, I am always learning about new technology or framework while making changes to our services that impact our customers worldwide. Moreover, speaking of technology, my development stack is often pushing the boundaries of modern development. I design our applications through Angular and Material Design, build our services with Node.JS and Express, and deploy our applications as micro services using Docker and Kubernetes.



Christian hard at work!

Continuous learning! Always be coding! This is an industry where new languages quickly replace existing ones. Make sure you are always keeping yourself open to learning something new. Also, just know how awesome you already are for taking advantage of an education experience that opens you up to peers from different schools. As you will need to be ready to network globally in this industry, you are already halfway there.

While college is recommended for Computer Science and other computer careers, I do want those who cannot commit to college to know that there are pathways for them as well. Programs like Udacity offer Nanodegrees with internship assistance that will allow you to enter the field. As an employer that uses the Nanodegree program, I would definitely recommend you review some of your options if you cannot enter college immediately. Be sure to do your research before enrolling in any online program to ensure the program's credentials are legitimate and the program fits your needs. Finally, if you are someone who does not have the best grades in high school that officially means nothing once you enter college. My high school GPA was 1.7 and my only option for college was OCC. Community college is a great way to get yourself adjusted to college life and helps to set yourself back on track.

Mike Clarke wanted to share Christian Alexander success not just because of his 96 grade in Computer Science, the college degree he earned or having secured an excellent challenging job but because it is such a "feel good" story!







## Sharing Success Stories

### Working in the Field

**Student Names:** Catherine (Cat) Casselli and Gina ScottiD'Antuono

**OCVTS Program:** Cosmetology

**Instructor:** Kelly Maloney

**Employer:** Elan Hair Studio, Sea Girt, NJ

**Class of:** 2015/2017

**Center:** Brick

**High School:** Brick Memorial/Pt. Pleasant Borough

**Website:** elanhairstudionj.com

**In Cat's own words:** I chose OCVTS because I could complete the Cosmetology Program while earning my high school diploma at Brick Memorial that put me one-step closer in starting my career. Elan was the first salon I ever applied to and I got the job right away. That is how I knew it was meant to be! Immediately, I entered their Apprentice Program that focused on a variety of topics such as color, haircutting, special occasion styling, etc. I would have to bring in hair models each month to practice and gain more confidence behind the chair. I learned the ins and outs of being an amazing stylist by having a mentor to shadow throughout the program. After two and a half years, I graduated from the Elans' Apprentice Program and now I am a full-time Hair Artist at Elan! I love my job and all of the women I work with. They are more than just co-workers; they are my family. The

atmosphere my boss, Kellie, creates at Elan is amazing, welcoming, and heartwarming. My job is something that I love to do because I enjoy making my clients feel amazing from the minute they walk into Elan, to the time that they leave! Some helpful hints to cosmetology students is that this field is very big on your personality. A great, kind, outgoing personality is one key to being a great stylist! Also, if you want to work in a salon, choose one that is big with education and growth.



**In Gina's own words:** Coming from a family of hairdressers, I always knew what I wanted to do with my life. Becoming a shared-timed student from Point Borough High School and the Cosmetology Program at OCVTS was the perfect option for me. I did continue my

education not in college, but through the Apprentice Program at Elan Hair Studio. Their program is a top of the line system designed to make us succeed in our career path. Every Monday we have class focusing on hair color, design, up stylings and business classes. We also have team building events to strengthen the bond and culture within our salon. What I enjoy most about my job is making my clients feel beautiful and connecting with anybody who sits in my chair. My coworkers are my best friends and I am so blessed to be in a salon that believes in our education and wellbeing. My boss is an incredible woman and mentor. I am so grateful for the way she treats her employees and the opportunities she gives us. Helpful hints to future graduates are to know that your career is not a race. It is not about who gets to the top the fastest, but about believing in yourself, staying consistent, being proud of your growth, and the person who you are. Be patient, the person you are going to become after attending OCVTS is worth waiting for.



"Gina and Cat started their career at Elan in our Apprentice Training Program. This taught them how to build their confidence with weekly training in both technical and communication skills. They both share excellent work ethic, positive mindset, and a passion for not only the craft of hairdressing but a passion for people that is a must in order to be successful in the beauty industry. They are our rising stars at Elan.♥"  
Kellie Johnson, owner. (Pictured left)



"Both girls make me beam with pride and I am so happy that they have remained a part of each other's lives as well as mine after leaving OCVTS. Gina and Cat are both shining stars and examples of the success that can be achieved in the field of Cosmetology." Kelly Maloney, Instructor (Pictured right)



## Sharing Success Stories

### Working in the Field

**Student's Name:** Christian Clarke

**OCVTS Program:** Culinary Arts

**Instructor:** Chef Gary Lesniak

**Employer:** Amboy Care Center, Perth Amboy, NJ

**Class of:** 2012

**Center:** Brick

**High School:** Barnegat

**Post-Secondary:** Atlantic Cape Community College

**In Christian's own words:** I heard about the Culinary Arts Program at OCVTS through my high school. I decided to attend because I had a passion for cooking and wanted to better my knowledge. Attending OCVTS helped me acquire the skills necessary to quickly get promoted over others in my work places. During my first job after graduating OCVTS, I was offered a "head cook" position with Sodexo in Atlantic City thanks to the skills I learned. I realize the value of a solid education and decided to continue mine. I attended the Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) for Culinary Arts, as well as Business Administration. I plan to follow up with Human Resources having that desire to continue to learn.

At my current occupation, I am employed as the Director of Food Service at Amboy Care Center in Perth Amboy. My job duties involve a lot of paperwork, food orders, as well as overseeing my staff in the day-to-day operation.

In order to be successful, you must study hard, take notes, and practice your craft constantly. If you truly have a passion for what you do, then never give up on it! OCVTS provides great help for those looking to pursue a career in a variety of fields. Just ask! I enjoy stopping in and visiting all of the fine culinary instructors at OCVTS. They are so happy to hear how I am doing and it gives me another opportunity to say thank you!

"We had a student come back and visit the culinary teachers today. Christian Clarke was a good student that enjoyed being in the Culinary Arts Program. He graduated OCVTS in 2012 and went on to ACCC. Today, he is doing very well employed as a Director of Food Service at a healthcare facility. It seems like only yesterday when he was in my class. That old saying is true...time flies when you are having fun!" Jill Geraghty-Scott, Bakery Fundamentals Instructor.



(Photos counter clock wise)  
Christian's first photo in the Culinary Arts I Program, at the Brick Center. Followed by a photo with Chef Gary from the Culinary II Program taken during a recent visit. Christian poses for a picture in his office while at work as a Director of Food Service at the Amboy Care Center.







## Sharing Success Stories

### Working in the Field

**Student's Name:** Steven Glassoff

**OCVTS Program:** Culinary Arts

**Instructors:** Chef Kevin Musto, Chef Gary Lesniak, Chef Dennis Melia

**Employer:** JBJ Soul Kitchen, Toms River, NJ

**Class of:** 2017

**Center:** Brick

**High School:** Toms River North

**In Steven's own words:** I wanted to start my culinary arts education as soon as possible. OCVTS was my pathway to do it. While enrolled in their culinary program, I learned the fundamentals of cooking, along with basic knife skills, and how to work in a fast-paced culinary environment. I started volunteering in the kitchen at JBJ Soul Kitchen. The executive chef saw my desire and willingness to learn. He hired me as an assistant and today, I have worked my way up to sous chef. Each day, I am in a position where I get to work with volunteers and provide meals for those who are in need in our community. Since we operate on a two-week menu cycle, I can create new dishes and experiment with new techniques. It is awesome!

Chef Kevin Musto, Steven's first culinary instructor at OCVTS, touted, "Steven was a student in my Culinary Essentials class for one year before moving on to the mainstream Culinary Arts Program. While he was in my class, Steven was a leader, role model, and all around great student. He took initiative on a daily basis to learn and master as many skills as he could while in my class. After quickly seeing the potential in Steven, I began to challenge him with more diverse dishes and tasks. He passed the test time, and time again with his preparedness and natural culinary skills. Steven went on to the Culinary Arts class for the next two years and continued his success. Steven is now the Sous Chef at the JBJ Soul Kitchen in Toms River. As long as Steven continues to approach his career with the same intensity that he did with his schooling, I see a ton of success in his future.



Wendy Arnold, recently retired teacher at Toms River High School North, nominated Steven as a culinary success story. "At the young age of 14, he wanted to pursue a career in the culinary industry. I remember how excited Steven was upon hearing the news that he was accepted into the culinary program at OCVTS. His determination, hard work, and desire to learn has served him well. Steven is living the dream! Congratulations to Steven and the Culinary Essentials program where it all began!"

(Photos counter clockwise) Steven posing for a picture at work at The JBJ Soul Kitchen. Steven cooking up a flambé dish, and photo of one of his prepared dishes. He encourages everyone to come the JBJ Soul Kitchen and taste the culinary delights for yourself.





## Sharing Success Stories

### Greetings from Johnson and Wales University

**Student's Name:** Juliet Faas

**OCVTS Program:** Culinary Arts I

**Instructors:** Chef Bruce Van Sickle, Chef Roseanne Delnero and Chef Jill Scott

**Class of:** 2017

**Center:** Brick

**High School:** Brick Township

**In Juliet's own words:** From an early age, I have been a very adventurous eater and foodie. My dad loves to cook, especially grilling or smoking meats to make an amazing dinner for my whole family. I have also watched cooking shows all of my life, including one of my favorites, "Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." In September of 2015, I created my own food blog called PaleoRebel, where I share my recipe creations and food photos.

Since fourth grade, all of my schooling has been online. Prior to beginning online schooling, I struggled to learn in a traditional school setting. After many years of online schooling, I discovered that Ocean County Vocational-Technical School (OCVTS) in Brick, New Jersey, offered a Culinary Arts Program for high school juniors and seniors. I jumped at the chance to attend. I have an enormous passion for the culinary arts — and a strong drive for success within the culinary world. During my amazing experience at OCVTS, I was taught by talented chefs and a great faculty. I gained so much experience over the course of my junior year of high school — my year at OCVTS opened my eyes to the countless opportunities that exist in the industry, and that only fueled my desire to learn more.

Throughout my 17 years of life, I have endured many challenges, varying in nature. Some of the challenges were quite exciting and positive, while others were more difficult and exhausting. These challenges, however, eventually led to something amazing! My journey to starting the Early Enrollment Program (EEP) at JWU's College of Culinary Arts exemplifies this perfectly.

In addition to my academic courses this term, I have attended multiple Craft Skills Sessions, which means I have been able to get in the Cuisinart Center for Culinary Excellence (CCCE) kitchens and cook! I had such a blast making fish tacos in a skills class with Chef Britt and Chef Robotham. I have also joined student-run culinary clubs like the Club of Culinary Excellence, which has given me additional volunteer opportunities to get involved, on and off-campus. Six weeks into the school year and I am already having the time of my life, gaining lifelong culinary skills and knowledge that will set me up for success within the industry. I cannot wait to experience what the future holds during my time at Johnson and Wales University!

Mary Beth Currie, OCVTS' guidance counselor at the Brick Center, bubbled over with enthusiasm stating, "This girl is GREAT! Juliet was accepted at Johnson and Wales University to dual enroll for next year as a senior in high school and a freshman at college. She will not complete our culinary program as she is only in her first year here, but you should meet with her. She optimizes an OCVTS success case to me."



(left to right) Chef Bruce received the NJEA's "Spirit Award" thanks to Juliet for nominating him. Juliet was thrilled to be accepted in JWU and continue on the culinary career path!





## *Sharing Success Stories*

### *Greetings from Johnson and Wales University*

**Student's Name:** Joseph Castellano

**OCVTS Program:** Culinary Arts II

**Instructors:** Chef Dennis Melia and Chef Gary Lesniak

**Class of:** 2018

**Center:** Brick

**High School:** Brick Memorial

**In Joseph's own words:** As a recent graduate of the Culinary Arts program, I would like to thank everyone at OCVTS along with all of the chefs and the staff for really preparing me for the workforce and post-secondary school. People say school is what you make of it and that is true. If I had to sum up OCVTS in one word, it would be opportunities. They provide you with so many opportunities to improve your skills, participate in activities, be active in the community and lastly, get a chance to challenge yourself. Participating in Feed the Need where the culinary classes prepared 1000+ Thanksgiving meals or baking hundreds of culinary treats for Chef's Night Out or entering the OCVTS' SkillsUSA competition, it all was a lot of work and a lot of fun!

To any student reading this that may not be sure what to do, may I suggest getting into a trade at OCVTS. The entire staff in any of the trade fields will give you an insight into that career. Now, I am moving onto to Johnson & Wales University, and thanks to OCVTS, I am ready to continue my journey. I got my feet wet with many things. In the next four years, I hope to hone those skills and dominate every task. I am ready!

Bakery Instructor, Chef Dennis Melia gladly submitted Joseph Castellano as an OCVTS success story. "Joe was a pleasure to have in my baking class, as well as an excellent employee who worked with me at Klein's Restaurant in Belmar. He competed in the SkillsUSA competition earning a gold medal in state's job demo, and he won a silver medal in the National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Joe is a focused and dedicated student who learned a great deal of skills in both pastry and cooking. He has always assisted me with community service projects and as well as special wine dinners at Klein's Restaurant. He considered it an extra opportunity to learn. He will do very well at Johnson and Wales. I am happy to report Joe is following in his brother's Christopher's footsteps."



(left to right) Joe poses for a photo on Graduation Day with Lynn Sauer, Principal of the Brick Center. Klein's Restaurant in Belmar, where Joe has worked and practiced his culinary skills. Excited about continuing his education, Joe meets the mascot at the Johnson and Wales orientation. Let the fun begin!



## Sharing Success Stories

### Working in the Field

**Student's Name:** Brian Eaton

**OCVTS Program:** Custom Cabinetmaking

**Instructor:** Rob Gonsalves

**Employer:** Ideal Kitchens, Point Pleasant, NJ

**Class of:** 2015

**Center:** Jackson

**High School:** Central Regional

**Website:** [idealkitchens.com](http://idealkitchens.com)

**In Brian's own words:** Thanks Mr. Gonsalves for giving me a better understanding of how shops run and helping me hone my custom cabinetmaking skills. You taught me to stay focused on the tasks at hand, and the importance of proper safety when using tools and saws. I looked forward to coming to your class every day because I enjoyed being there, that is probably why I earned straight A's!

Today, I enjoy all aspects of my job from the people I work with, to being part of a skilled team who build beautiful kitchens in multimillion-dollar homes. I look forward to the new challenges every day.

To students in the cabinetry program, I would like to encourage you to be patient because everyone starts at the same place. Develop a good understanding in using all of the power tools in the shop. Take it from me, there is a lot to learn but I promise you that if you are doing something you enjoy... pursue it. You are on the right path.



"Over the course of his employment, Brian has proved himself to be a valuable part of our team. He came to us with certain skills and knowledge, but showed both an interest and willingness to learn more – and that he has. Brian has used his excellent work ethic to grow his skill set and become a reliable, productive, and talented employee, creating high-quality finishes on our luxury custom cabinetry. We are glad to have him and would like to thank OCVTS for preparing him so well," commented Mark Arthur, president of Ideal Kitchens Inc.

Custom Cabinetmaking Instructor, Rob Gonsalves, considers Brian an OCVTS success having secured a good job that he loves, where he can continue to learn and earn.



Duckling Blue or Pure White, helping to create such beautiful custom cabinetry makes Brian smile with pride!





## *Sharing Success Stories*

### *Greetings from Parsons School of Design*

**Student's Name:** Brian Green

**OCVTS Program:** Design & Visual Communication

**Instructors:** Mr. Ehrhardt and Mr. Polenberg

**Class of:** 2015

**Center:** Brick

**High School:** Manchester Township

**In Brian's own words:** A little bit about me, I graduated from Design and Visual Communications with Mr. Ehrhardt and Mr. Polenberg in 2015. Since then I have moved to New York City and I am now beginning my final year of study at Parsons School of Design. At Parsons, I am working towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography with a minor in Creative Entrepreneurship. I feel so lucky to have the opportunity to study here in NYC and pursue my dream at this amazing university. I owe it all in thanks to my time spent at OCVTS. Mr. P. and Mr. E. began as teachers and quickly became mentors, and now life-long friends.



The time I spent in the DVC program at OCVTS gave me the opportunity to think critically about what I might want for myself in the future. The facilities and equipment were adequate for me to test out ideas, and my teachers and friends encouraged my creative motivations, and they helped me connect to photo jobs and competitions such as Skills USA. By the time I graduated from OCVTS, I had a portfolio strong enough to get me into Parsons School of Design on a heavy scholarship. Upon graduating OCVTS, I was able to take my ambition and creative drive and apply it to a four-year degree. Looking back, my photography and my goals have changed since leaving OCVTS. I am now a filmmaker and photographer and I prefer to be considered a visual artist. This year I will begin a yearlong thesis project. I will work to produce a body of work that will be exhibited at a major art gallery in the Chelsea art district of Manhattan along with my other graduating friends and colleagues.

Since being in New York, I have applied myself in major internships in fashion, marketing, media, and art. This summer, I am completing an internship with The Richard Avedon Foundation where I have been helping to research and archive the work of one of the greatest photographers of all time. When I was studying at OCVTS, I always dreamed of living in New York and practicing photography. This dream I knew I would have to work hard to get, so I spent my two years at OCVTS applying myself in every class, asking for opportunities and practicing in the photo studio.

My advice to anyone in the DVC program at OCVTS is to have fun but take it seriously. The teachers, facilities and opportunities are enough to get you into college or to help you start a career upon high school graduation.

Mr. Ehrhardt nominated Brian Green as a DVC success story with one sentence, "This kid is going to be famous one day!"



## Sharing Success Stories

### Own Your Own Business

**Student's Name:** Marissa Armstrong  
**OCVTS Program:** Health and Fitness  
**Instructor:** Helene Crist  
**Name of Business:** Marissa's Fit Boutique, Oshkosh, WI

**Class of:** 2011  
**Center:** Toms River  
**High School:** Toms River South  
**Website:** [marissasfitboutique.com](http://marissasfitboutique.com)

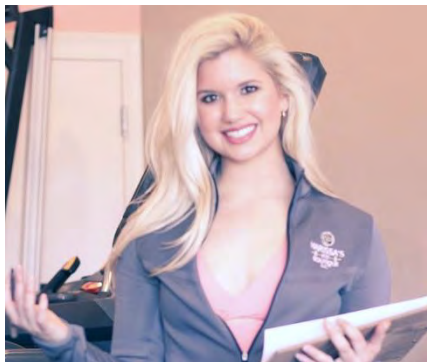
**In Marissa's own words:** It was in my junior year in college at Montclair State University when I first realized that I was meant to become an entrepreneur. Sarah Yeager, an OCVTS alumnus and I started an online personal training business out of my small dorm room called IRONbabes. We grew our fun little business the next three years before we both agreed to move on to new ventures. My next entrepreneur venture would lead me to buying an old 1950's barbershop in downtown Oshkosh, Wisconsin. It took six months of renovating the old brick building before Marissa's Fit Boutique was born, a women's personal training studio I had envisioned since I was 16.

I am SO grateful to OCVTS! It was the perfect stepping-stone for starting my career right after high school. I was able to immerse myself immediately into the fitness industry as a personal trainer, group exercise instructor, NPC bikini competitor, and powerlifter because of the confidence and knowledge I was equipped with before graduating. I still refer to my time at OCVTS as the "start of it all!"

I would like to share an amazing quote I once read. *"Those who have their health have 1,000 dreams, those who don't have their health only have one dream."* I encourage every one of you to go after your dreams and make them a reality! It is possible, I promise. However, it is not possible if you do not take care of your body, mind, and spirit in the process. Remember, a healthy business begins with a healthy owner.

As a business owner, I prefer to hire personal trainers with high levels of emotional intelligence. Personal training skills, coaching, and physiological knowledge can all be taught, but high levels of emotional intelligence is the X-factor. A trainer who has a high energy, enthusiastic personality is key to being successful in a service industry such as personal training. Our mission statement is to provide an uplifting, private environment where clients can learn to take ownership of their own health. We educate and empower people on holistic fitness, nutrition and mindset to achieve balanced health results.

Helene Crist, our Health and Fitness Instructor, was over-the moon excited when she read about Marissa successful business venture on Facebook. Of course, she wanted to share the good news with everyone.



(Pictured left to right) Marissa is well prepared to utilize all of her training and emotional intelligence with her patrons at Marissa's Fit Boutique.





## Sharing Success Stories

### Own Your Own Business

**Student's Name:** Ryan Laverty

**OCVTS Program:** HVAC and Plumbing

**Instructors:** Rob Doherty (HVAC) and Jim Wulkekotte (Plumbing)

**Business Name:** Ryan Laverty Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, Toms River, NJ

**Class of:** 2010

**Center:** Brick

**High School:** Jackson Liberty

**In Ryan's own words:** Never would I have guessed that I would be my own boss at the age of twenty-five. I was working full time during the day for someone, then working my own jobs at the night and on the weekends. It started one day a week, then 2-3 days, and the next thing I knew, I was working every night and every weekend. It got to the point where I had to leave my day job and I started working for myself full time as Ryan Laverty Plumbing, Heating and Cooling. I grew my company through word of mouth; and it continues to grow, proving that hard work does pay off! Today, besides myself, I have two technicians plus two helpers employed in my business with most of us having received our training at OCVTS. Also, my soon to be wife Christie runs the office, handle permits, and meet with inspectors.

If you are good at multitasking this business is for you! My day consist of working in the field, talking to inspectors, and constantly being on the phone. At the end of the day, making a customer happy with a job is all that matters to me. You must have pride in your work because it is your name on that job.

OCVTS was a huge stepping-stone to where I am today. Rob Doherty, the HVAC Program Instructor and Jim Wulfekotte, the Plumbing Instructor, are a huge part of my success. They both are walking books of knowledge. I am beyond happy that I completed these great programs. I learned so many things in their classes that make my job easier today, and more importantly, getting the job done right!

If any future students want to learn and succeed in plumbing and HVAC pay attention in these classes and you got yourself the golden ticket!



Rob Doherty touted, "Ryan's hard work in the classroom and his time spent working in the field has finally paid off. He obtained his HVAC and Plumbing licenses and coupled with his experience working in the industry, Ryan decided to open his own business. Laverty Plumbing, Heating and Cooling will be successful because Ryan knows "his stuff", and more importantly, he cares about doing a good job!"

Ryan and Christie pose for a photo reminding everyone, "We treat our customers like family."



## *Sharing Success Stories*

### *Greetings from Ocean County College*

**Student's Name:** Dominic Fargo

**OCVTS Program:** Law & Public Safety Academy

**Instructors:** Robert Yaiser and James Anuario

**Class of:** 2017

**Center:** Waretown

**High School:** Toms River East

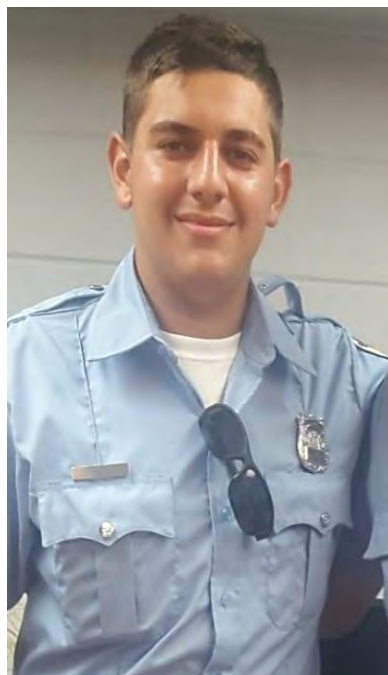
**In Dominic's own words:** OCVTS has helped me in my career path by providing me with the necessary skills to obtain my first summer job in law enforcement. Due to the competitive nature of the school, I also gained discipline and determination traits by striving to do the best that I can. Gaining many college credits and multiple certifications that provided me with a job right out of high school was an incredible result of attending the Academy of Law and Public Safety. From being president of my class, to obtaining multiple scholarships, the successes from OCVTS were endless and greatly prepared me for my future.

In the fall, I will be obtaining my Associate's Degree at Ocean County College. In the spring, I will be transferring to Stockton University where I plan on majoring in Political Science and minoring in Criminal Justice. Ten years from now, my hopes and dreams are to have a family of my own, reside in my hometown of Toms River, and work for the Toms River Police Department.

I would like to mention how thankful I am to the Academy of Law and Public Safety and especially, my instructors, Major Yaiser and Officer Anuario. These two men have always wanted to see me succeed and have provided me with advice and knowledge that prepared me for my field in Law Enforcement. I am a product of their sincerity, diligence, and dedication. Since I was a kid, I have always wanted to make a difference in the world. I wanted to use my gifts and talents as a force for good in the community and to help people who need it. Years later, I consider it is an incredible blessing to be able to do this every day.

Determination and dedication are the keys to succeeding in this field and you must always strive to do the best. Respect, good morals, and doing the right thing when nobody is looking are also keys to success in this field.

Major Bob Yaiser and Officer Jim Anuario (pictured far right) agree Dominic is an "Outstanding Student" and someday will be an exemplary Police Officer. Everyone at the Academy of Law and Public Safety congratulates Dominic (pictured below) and wish him the best of luck at Ocean County College and Stockton University.







## Sharing Success Stories

### Working in the Field

**Student's Name:** Tom Lonieski

**OCVTS Program:** Marine Service Technology (formerly Marine Trades)

**Instructor:** Rob Berenwick

**Employer:** Silver Cloud Marina, Forked River, NJ

**Class of:** 2005

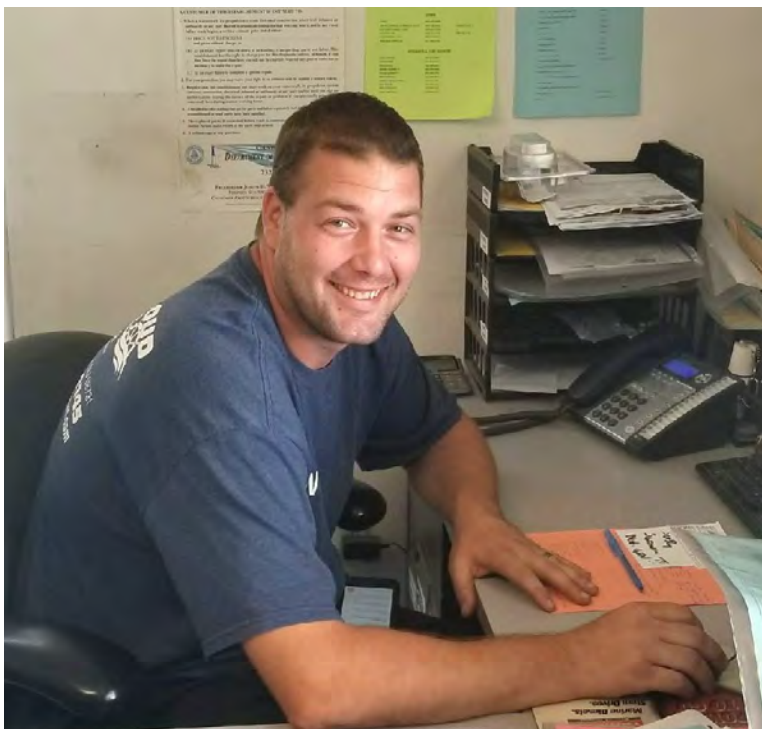
**Center:** Toms River

**High School:** Central Regional

**In Tom's own words:** OCVTS was the option I chose after graduating high school. Having a love for boats, the water and fishing, their Marine Trades program was the perfect fit for me. I feel that going to OCVTS has taught me the basic work skills important to be successful in the marine trade industry. After completing the program, I went straight into the workforce, and still use the knowledge I learned from the class on a daily basis. Throughout the past 13 years, since I have been in the Marine Trades program, I have often reached out to Rob Berenwick for help or advice. As Service Manager at the Silver Cloud Harbor Marina, I can honestly say that I enjoy going to work every day because I am doing what I love and that is working on boats and continue to expand my knowledge about them.

"Tom Lonieski started with Silver Cloud Harbor Marina in 2006. As a recent graduate of OCVTS and he had a desire to work as a marine technician, Tom was a good fit to our growing marina complex. He immediately began working alongside seasoned marine mechanics on an assortment of marine related systems: gasoline engines, diesel engines, outdrives water systems, sailboats, yard equipment, yard vehicles, etc. In 2009, Tom was promoted to Yard Manager, and in 2013, he was promoted to Service Manager. Over the years with Silver Cloud Harbor Marina, Tom has acquired certifications in many areas of engine repair and marine related systems. As Service Manager, Tom is responsible for the day-to-day operation of our Service Department. With a staff of full-time mechanics and a fully stocked Parts Department, the responsibilities for Tom are quite varied. Tom is well respected by the customers, and his co-workers alike. His relaxed personality combined with his real hands-on experience has made him very approachable to all who have worked with him," commented Dave Giombetti, owner of the Silver Cloud Harbor Marina.

The accolades continue from Rob Berenwick, the Marine Trades Instructor. "One of the joys of teaching is seeing your students not only do well in the classroom, but also succeed in the world of work. Tom Lonieski is a true success story."



Tom enjoys his job as Service Manager at the beautiful Silver Cloud Harbor Marina. In his free time, Tom can be found fishing in his Grady White, with wife, Erica, and their two girls.



## *Sharing Success Stories*

### *Working in the Field*

**Student's Name:** Chelsea Erick Kasper  
**OCVTS Program:** Medical Assisting  
**Instructor:** Marlene Damon  
**Employer:** CentraState Medical Center, Freehold, NJ

**Class of:** 2012  
**Center:** Toms River  
**High School:** New Egypt  
**Post-Secondary:** University of Pittsburgh

**In Chelsea's own words:** I chose Ocean County Vocational School's Medical Assisting Program in high school because I knew that I wanted a career that was focused on helping people in the community. I knew that I wanted to pursue something in the medical field. Attending OCVTS was the way to start my career. It was a huge part of reasoning to continuing my education. When I graduated from Mrs. Damon's class, I knew that I wanted to further my education and do more!

Continuing my education was important to me because no one in my family had ever gone to a four-year college and earned a degree. After completing the Medical Assisting Program, I knew that I wanted to be a nurse; and I was determined to finish college. I only applied to two colleges. I was so excited when I found out that I was accepted at the University of Pittsburgh. I went to the Bradford Campus, which is about an hour away from Lake Erie. I graduated with a Bachelor in Science in Nursing.

I work at CentraState Medical Center on the ACE/ Med-Surg unit. I love being a nurse! My job can range from basic care needs like hygiene and making beds, to administering and being able to describe side effects of a new medication, as well as just having a simple conversation with a patient. It is not only the medications and procedures that can make a patient feel better but also taking the time to listen and talk with them. I love every minute of it!

To anyone thinking of becoming a nurse, I have three little suggestions for you and that is... stay determined, never give up and follow your dreams!

Chelsea Erick completed our Medical Assisting Program in 2012 and went on to college. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and is now a Registered Nurse. Being an honor roll student and having the desire and compassion to help people will make Chelsea an outstanding nurse. One more bit of good news, she recently got married. She is now Chelsea Erick Kasper, RN.



Chelsea stayed determined, never gave up and is now living her dream of being a Registered Nurse!





## ***Sharing Success Stories***

### ***Greetings from Keiser University***

**Student's Name:** Taylor Wilson

**OCVTS Program:** Medical Skills and Related Health Careers

**Instructor:** Mildred Fritz

**Class of:** 2016

**Center:** Toms River

**High School:** Pinelands Regional

**In Taylor's own words:** OCVTS has helped me in my career path by providing me with experience in health care professions. My classmates and I interned at a hospital and a nursing home, which gave us hands on experience. Being in those facilities gave us the opportunity to see how other jobs in the health care field work. I had the opportunity to speak with doctors and nurses, which contributed to my final decision to become a registered nurse. In the medical skills class, we completed two years of Anatomy and Physiology and Medical Terminology that prepared me for college work. Most of the information I was learning in my general education college courses I had previously learned through OCVTS, and it was very beneficial. Before graduation, I received my Certified Nursing Assistant license through OCVTS, which helped get my foot in the door of the health care professions. When I graduated OCVTS, I also graduated from high school. Fresh out of high school and I was already on my path to success because of OCVTS.

I first started continuing my education at Ocean County College in the fall of 2016. I attended OCC for three semesters. I was motivated and even enrolled in summer classes as well to finish as fast as I could, with a 3.997 GPA. This August, I will be attending Keiser University's Nursing Program. I hope to graduate December 2019. After the pinning ceremony, I can sit for the RN examination. I am very excited to be attending Nursing School at Keiser University. My original plan was to attend OCC's nursing program, but my dream was to move to Florida. Now, I will be living my dream!



Taylor at Keiser University smiles with excitement!

My short-term goal is to graduate Nursing School within the top 10% of my class, and score a job using my license working in maternity or pediatrics. Then I want to continue education and earn my BSN and MSN. Becoming a Nurse Practitioner is my long-term goal.

My suggestion is to attend OCVTS if you can. By the time you graduate, you will most likely know which career path you would like to take. Wherever you decide to attend study hard and aim for high grades. I did and it gave me the feeling that all my hard work had finally paid off. Lastly, always follow your dreams, stay focused on your career path, and you will succeed.

In nominating Taylor as one of the Medical Skills Program's success stories, Millie Fritz touted Taylor's accomplishments such as having completed the program with the highest grade point average. Taylor also receiving an Award of Excellence from the nursing home where she interned. They were impressed with her dedication and desire of becoming an outstanding nurse!



## Sharing Success Stories

### Working in the Field

**Student's Name:** Ryan Maness

**OCVTS Program:** New Home Construction

**Instructor:** Chris Sullivan

**Employer:** Home Works Construction and Repair, Toms River, NJ

**Class of:** 2018

**Center:** Waretown

**High School:** Point Pleasant Beach

**In Ryan's own words:** I attended Point Pleasant Beach High School. During that time, I mostly enjoyed hands-on classes such as wood shop and advanced technical drawing. It was not until late in my senior year (2017) that I learned of the New Home Construction Program at OCVTS. With the help of Jim Lowda, I applied and within two days, I was accepted into the program. I enjoyed the hands on experience while constructing a new home for a good cause, "Habitat for Humanity." In June, I graduated, and in July, I obtained a full time job in the construction industry working with Home Works Construction and Repair in Toms River.

"Meeting and assisting motivated students like Ryan is what makes my job so gratifying," heartfelt sentiments from Jim Lowda, the Adult Ed Recruiter for OCVTS. Now for some accolades from Chris Sullivan, the instructor of the New Home Construction program. "Ryan came to our program fresh out of high school and he quickly excelled. His punctuality, along with a strong work ethic, and a willingness to learn was the biggest part of his success. Ryan with his newfound skills and abilities lent a very important element to the program while building a home for a deserving Habitat for Humanity family. I am confident that Ryan will not only succeed in the trades while building homes for others, but will someday build a home for himself. It was a pleasure to teach Ryan the trades and I consider myself privileged to have had him as a student." Chris Sullivan, Instructor of the New Home Construction program.



Looking back, Ryan along with his New Home Construction classmates and the OCVTS team can take pride in a job well done! Home #5 built thanks to OCVTS and the Habitat for Humanity Partnership and of course, Chris Sullivan.





## Sharing Success Stories Working in the Field

**Student Names:** Fourteen LPN graduates (pictured below)

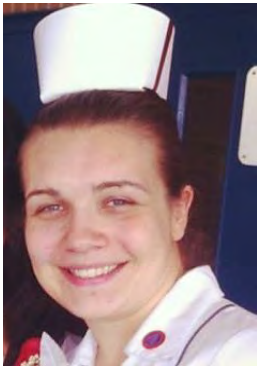
**OCVTS Program:** Practical Nursing

**Instructors:** MaryEllen Picchiello, Lori Strazzella, Jeneya Jenkins, Kim Deem, and Tanya Rivera

**Employer:** Star Pediatrics, Lakewood, NJ

**Class of:** 2011 - 2018

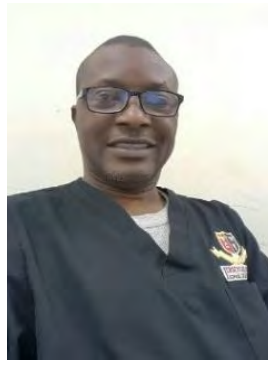
**Center:** Toms River



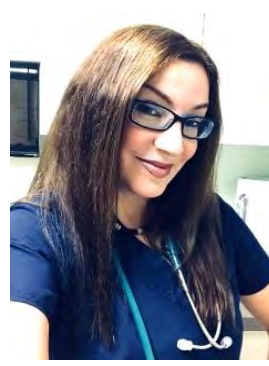
Krystle Jeannot 2012



Sheri Sweet 2016



Ademuyiwa Adegbite 2013



Tiffany Menendez 2017



Kaitlyn Vassallo 2017



Chasirilee Beniquez 2015

Yana Nastashkin, Human Resource/Nurse Recruiter at Star Pediatrics, has recognized fourteen LPN's as success stories. The common thread being all of these nurses have graduated from the Practical Nursing Program at OCVTS. "From past experience, we at Star Pediatrics have found the graduates from the Practical Nursing Program at OCVTS to be insightful, and knowledgeable. Having completed the 10-month intensive program and then passing the N-CLEX Exam, they are prepared to enter the healthcare industry and are eager to work as Licensed Practical Nurses.

When new LPN's are hired at Star Pediatrics, we ensure that they have completed training prior to the one-on-one training that is provided in the patient's home. This prepares them to deliver quality and competent care to our pediatric patients.

Our greatest achievement is to help all of our patients thrive in the comfort of their homes. This is achieved through the dedication of our skilled healthcare professionals."

Lillian Zavattieri, Principal of the Toms River Center, gratefully stated, "It is through the support of our local healthcare businesses such as Star Pediatrics that our program is such a success. Potential employers witness our students at work and recognize the value of those students to their facilities as well as to their patients' needs."



Nicole Cassidy 2018



Cynthia Obriwin 2011



Rachel Amarr 2018



Homika Moore 2018



Eriq Hagan 2018



Jessica Alvarez 2016



Taylor Zapata 2015



Zachary Rios 2018





## *Sharing Success Stories*

### *Greetings from Rowan University*

**Student's Name:** Peter Wilenta  
**OCVTS Program:** Pre-Engineering Technology  
**Instructor:** Kirk Goebel

**Class of:** 2018  
**Center:** Toms River  
**High School:** Toms River East

**In Peter's own words:** Going into my junior year of high school, I tried Pre- Engineering Technology at the vocational school not really knowing what I was interested in for my future. After taking the course, I am proud to say that I am on my way to college majoring in mechanical engineering fully confident in knowing what type of work interests me. Mr. G's class introduced me to numerous skills, techniques, and equipment that are important in the field. Through everything I learned and experienced, the class opened my eyes to a career path that I could really enjoy.

This fall, I will be entering Rowan University with the intended major of Mechanical Engineering. I am excited stepping forward in this new chapter of my life confident in what I want to do and with prior knowledge in the field of work as well. While I am there, I plan on not only learning from the standard curriculum but also expanding to outside clubs and organizations that take what we learn on paper and apply it to the real world with building and experiments.

My plans for the future are to graduate with a bachelor's degree for Mechanical Engineering within four years. While I'm at college I intend to gain the necessary experience out in the field through internships or summer jobs. With these tools my hope is that I can hit the ground running after college and find myself with a good job that can support me for my future ahead.

For students in the same situation I was in during high school, don't be afraid to try something new. You never know if you will like something unless you give it a chance. Once you find something you want to do hold onto it and do everything you can to be successful at it.



A proud family photo at Graduation Day at Toms River East. Peter is all smiles as he continues his studies in Mechanical Engineering at Rowan University. Thank you OCVTS, Toms River East and of course, his family!



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