

## Buy Local, High Local Promo

OCVTS Program: Culinary Arts, Brick Center – Bruce Van Sickle, Instructor

Student: Alex Kallai (left)

Employer: Broadway Bagels, Toms River – Ken Savulich, Manager (right)

Broadway Giant Bagel has been in business for over 20 years and was acquired by Robert Doherty in 2005. Since then the store has hired numerous OCVTS students from HVAC/R, Design and Visual Communication, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, and Health and Fitness. Rob a former HVAC vocational student, Skills USA competitor and current HVAC Instructor feels that vocational students are ready to work and have the work mindset needed to run growing company. Broadway Giant Bagel is a good fit for vocational student employees in college or fulfilling military duty since we are very flexible with work schedules and pay living wages.

"Alex, our newest hire, is a great employee. He has my full confidence to be a leader and authority to the ins and outs of a full service bagel store. Alex is one of the few employees that works in all departments of the bagel store but admits cooking and customer service is his passion. Alex has been around the bagel store since he was a little kid. Alex's mom, a former OCVTS cosmetology student was working at the hair salon next door to the bagel shop. Alex would come visit her and migrated next door to us at the bagel store. Once we started to feed him, he never left and came to visit us all the time and hung out with the bagel makers after school. By chance Alex entered into his junior year of high school and chose vocational education and was quickly hired by me. We hope to employee Alex thru his high school career and college just like many of our other OCVTS successful employees," commented owner, Rob Doherty.

The OCVTS Brick Program has taught me how to work professionally in many different environments. The OCVTS Brick Culinary Program is one of the best. Not only do we have valuable hands-on experiences for free, but we also get to work with some of the industries finest chefs such as Chef Bruce, Chef Jill, Chef Gary, Chef Kevin, Chef Roseann and Chef John to name a few. Mainly my new job at Mr. Doherty's place, Broadway Giant Bagel, is great... and my coworkers are awesome! With the help of Vocational School, I've been able to fit in, in the working world," commented Alex Kallai