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OCVTS Program: Fashion Merchandising, Brick Center – Carey Brown, Instructor (standing)
Students: Miczjhane Clay, Celine Rogers, and Desiree Marino (left to right)
Employer: Nordstroms, Marshalls, and TJ Maxx

Carey Brown, Instructor in the Fashion Merchandising Program at the Brick Center commented, “In this program we explore a variety of career paths that students can take within the fashion industry. Many students get their first taste of fashion through a retail job and it’s wonderful to see how much more they grow when they can relate what they are learning in the classroom to real-life situations in the workplace.”

Vo-tech has been a positive experience in my life and it has inspired me to do better in everything I do. During the past two years that I have attended voc, I have competed in two FCCLA competitions. This has helped me in the workforce. Being in this Fashion Merchandising Program has taught me to be more responsible, the value of time management and the importance of being disciplined,” stated Miczjhane Clay.

A second year student in the Fashion Merchandising class, Celine Rogers is employed at Marshalls. She said, “Working at Marshalls is helping me obtain excellent experience in the field of fashion merchandising. As a fashion designer, this experience will be helpful. I do plan on furthering my education by attending college. I feel taking the Fashion Merchandising Program and having this job is a great start for me.”

Desiree Marino, also a second year student in Fashion Merchandising is working in the field. She is employed at TJ Maxx in Manahawkin. She stated, “This Fashion Merchandising Program has helped me in the retail industry. It has helped me with recognizing the different sizing in my store such as petites, juniors, women and plus sizes. I also learned the different categories of clothing. It’s all connected, it’s interesting and I love it. Most importantly, it has ignited my passion for fashion!”