



### Buy Local, Hire Local Promo

OCVTS Program: Collision Repair, Jackson Center - George Hurley, Instructor

Student: Joe Norris (right)

Employer: Paintmaster Auto Body, Toms River - Steven Jacobson, Owner (pictured left)

According to Frank Morelli, CIE Coordinator (center), Paintmaster Auto Body is a family owned and operated body shop. They are located on Route 37 in Toms River. They have been in business since 1977. The Jacobson family always turns to OCVTS for trained technicians, even three of the Jacobson's sons attended OCVTS over the years.

George Hurley is the Instructor of the Collision Repair Program at the Jackson Center. He stated, "Joe Norris is a second year student who recently started in our Cooperative Industrial Education Program and is working at Paintmaster Auto Body in Toms River. On CIE, students can work up to four days a week at a job and get paid while they are learning on the job. Paintmaster Auto Body has hired students in the past from OCVTS. Joe was a participant in Skills USA last year and received a Bronze Medal for his efforts. He is a dedicated student who is always on task. He is a wonderful student who is dedicated and always on task."

Joe Norris is learning and earning. He commented, "Before my junior year, I knew nothing about auto body. Now, after one year in this class, I have learned enough to get my foot in the door and that knowledge gave me a head start to my career. I am now on CIE at Paintmaster, a local auto body shop. I attend vocational two days a week and work at my job the other days." Life is good!