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OCVTS Program: Design & Visual Communication, Brick Center – Howard Polenberg, Instructor

Student: Daimon Santa Maria

Employer: Ocean County Sheriff's Office, Toms River, NJ

"Being a former student of the Ocean County Vocational Technical School's Design & Visual Communication Program in Brick, NJ, I can confidently say that this was more than a class. In fact, it was a full working experience. The photography program has successfully found a way to incorporate vintage, darkroom, modern, commercial, experimental, and studio photography all into one curriculum. By remaining one step ahead of industry standards at all times, the program and the instructors are able to provide an up-to-date work environment for everyone so no one gets left behind in the dust of the ever changing digital world. It's these qualities of the photography and design classes that made it possible for me to graduate in 2006. Within one year I received a full time position as a Forensic Photo Tech and Forensic Sketch Artist for the Ocean County Sheriff's Office, Crime Scene Investigation Unit in Toms River, NJ. Now I get to do what I love in a law enforcement and forensic capacity making it all the more fulfilling. Graduating from the Design & Visual Communication Program made me qualified enough to fulfill a professional position in the field of photography and graphic design and for that I will be forever thankful." - Daimon A. Santa Maria

When asked to comment about his former student, Howard Polenberg, the Photography Instructor, was please to say..."Daimon was one of those students who had that twinkle in his eye when it came to photography. He always strove above and beyond the class workflow and was my 'go to guy' when things needed to be photographed in the school district and for outside work. Daimon pushed himself to be the best, and is to this day an excellent role model for the students. Daimon has been one of my judges for NJ SkillsUSA photography competition for the past 6 years. Since graduating, I have come to know Daimon SantaMaria as more than a student and a colleague, he is also a friend."