



Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Sharing Success Stories

Greetings from Brookdale Community College

Student: Michael Bucci

OCVTS Program: Electrical Trades

Instructor: Mike Caccituollo

Post-Secondary School: Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ

Class of: 2015

Center: Jackson Center

In Michael's own words... OCVTS taught me the basics of all electrical work. Being in Mr. C's class taught me the value of being a hard-working professional and having a work ethic. It also helped build my resume. Through OCVTS, I have also met a lot of people including my vocational classmate and friend, Pietro (Pete) with whom I am still doing housing electrical today.

Brookdale Community College is where I chose to continue my education because of employment with Jersey Central Power and Light. This past semester, I decided to switch majors from electrical utility to electronics engineering technology. I realized that the more you know, the more valuable you are to your employer. I plan on becoming a lineman and then later opening my own business with Pietro. We have planned this since we were both in vocational school and the plan is still going strong.

Being a recent high school graduate and now college student, I highly recommend to any student to join a trade. All blue-collar workers are always needed and will continue to be needed. Plus, most trades have unions. All unions will protect your job, so you will almost never have to worry about unemployment.

Instructor, Mike Caccituollo states, "Mike Bucci checked all the boxes for doing well in my program. Academically check, positive attitude check, followed directions check, desire to learn check, but most importantly Michael was a role model for the other students. He was also an altruistic young man that volunteered in the community helping others. The electrical trades program is three-quarters hands-on training which prepares graduates to enter the electrical field and/or continue their education. Michael chose the latter having been accepted into the JCP&L Program at Brookdale, and he is doing very well. I enjoy having graduates visit to share good news with me. (Below right: Pietro Buonocore and Michael Bucci with Mr. C)

