



## Ocean County Vocational Technical School

### Sharing Success Stories

### Greetings from Universal Technical Institute (UTI)

**Student:** Garrett Heimbold  
**OCVTS Program:** Automotive Diesel  
**Instructor:** Gregory Cullen  
**Post-Secondary School:** Universal Technical Institute, Exton, PA

**Class of:** 2015  
**Center:** Jackson

**In Garrett's own words...**Ocean County Vocational Technical School has helped me choose what I want to do as a career. Without OCVTS and the help from my teacher, Mr. Cullen, I would not have known what I wanted to do in life.

After high school, I was undecided about continuing my education, but with the help from my family and the push that I needed from Mr. Cullen, I decided to continue my education. I enrolled in the Automotive Diesel Program at the Universal Technical Institute in Pennsylvania. My future goals are to work for Caterpillar and continue to learn more and more each day. Mr. Cullen ignited the love of learning in me.

If I could make one suggestion that would be keep on learning to make yourself better. Put in the effort and determination to be the best that you can be.

Lastly, I would like to say a huge thank you to my OCVTS teacher, for believing in me. No one has pushed me to be the best I can be more than him. Without Mr. Cullen, I would not be where I am today.



Greg Cullen nominated Garrett as one of his success stories for many reasons. "Garrett was a serious student who sat in the front of my class. He completed assignments and asked good questions. He was an active participant in the shop and developed a proficiency in using hand and power tools. Garrett kept his focus. He was there to learn: shop safety, brake repair, automotive electrical, and diesel fuel systems. He learned skills for the world of work.

Garrett came to me with a good work ethic. He learned how to be a professional technician and not a backyard hack. Accurate diagnosis, following service manual procedures, little things like setting tire pressure, lubricating door hinges, topping off fluids...all things a customer would recognize to keep them coming back.

He would bring me deer meat after hunting trips with his father. He still texts me once in a while and has returned to visit as well. Nice kid!"