



Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Sharing Success Stories

Greetings from Delaware Valley University

Student: Daniel Spall

OCVTS Program: Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Instructor: Kim Szulecki

Post-Secondary School: Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, PA

Class of: 2010

Center: Jackson

In Dan's own words... How has OCVTS helped me in my career path? In a word...opportunity. I was given the opportunity to work at the Lakewood Blue Claws. During my class time, I interned with the grounds staff. I spent three days a week working on the field and the other two days in Mrs. Szulecki's classroom.

Delaware Valley University is where I decided to continue my education. It is very hard to get through, but in the end having that piece of paper is worth it. Having a college degree in the Turf Management Industry is the difference between a \$10 an hour job and an \$80,000 a year job. Currently, I am employed as a 2nd assistant superintendent at the Rumson Country Club, but my ultimate goal is to be a head superintendent on a golf course or sports field.

To high school and college students, I would like to say, "Work hard, do not give up on yourself. Explore all of your options. Take advantage of all the learning experiences offered."

Thanks to Mrs. Szulecki and the Agricultural and Environmental Science Program at OCVTS for helping me start my career in the Turf Management Industry. I have worked for two of the top golf courses in the United States in the past three years. I have many reasons to smile.

Mrs. Szulecki, Instructor of our Agricultural & Environmental Science Program, had many reasons as to why she nominated Dan as one of her success stories. He was a participant in Future Farmers of America events at Rutgers University and a member of their nursery landscape team, President of the Ocean County Chapter of FFA, recipient of the Chapter Leadership Award, supervised the Experience Project and was a straight "A" student for two years!



Graduation day from Delaware Valley University, Dan and his mom and dad are all smiles! Dan interned at Baltusrol Golf Club and was invited back to volunteer for the PGA Championship! How exciting is that!