



Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Sharing Success Stories

Owning Your Own Business

Student: Tim Palombi

Name of Business: Palombi Electric, LLC

of years in business: 2

Website: palombielectric.com

Class of: 2007

Teacher: Tom Pernal

OCVTS Program: Electrical Trades/Cabling

Center: Toms River

In Tim's own words: In high school, I signed up for the Electrical Trades Program at the Toms River Center. It was during this time that I decided, this was what I wanted to do for my career. I found a job working for an electrical contractor and I went on to the OCVTS Electrical Apprenticeship Program. I applied my knowledge from Tom Pernal and the on-the-job- training to take my electrical test. Upon passing the test, I completed all necessary paperwork with the state and began advertising to get my company's name out there.

Owning your own business is awesome! As a business owner, I would like to offer some words of wisdom to students thinking of entering the electrical trades as a career path...customers always come first! Referrals are the best form of advertising. Take pride in your work. There is a lot of competition out there. If you offer nice, neat, and clean work you will make a name for yourself and gain the respect of customers, general contractors and inspectors. To be a successful electrician, you should have a willingness to learn. That being said, take every opportunity you get to observe and help out until you make your way "up the ladder" during your apprenticeship. Do not get frustrated, stick with it. You will be glad you did. Electrical is a great trade! When I hire, I look for someone who is motivated, listens to directions and instructions well, and wants to learn.

Lastly, I must say thank you! OCVTS prepared me to take the electrical exam. From the beginning, it taught me the basics from learning how to navigate the code book to hands-on roughing a makeshift house inside the classroom. These skills are taken with you into the field. OCVTS gives you the experience many

companies are looking for on your resume.

Electrical Trades is an excellent program that I would recommend to everyone.

Tom Pernal, nominated Tim Palombi as one of his success stories. After reading Tim's heartfelt comments, it is easy to see why. Tom wanted to share, "There is a wonderful addition to Tim's success story. He has been hired by the Point Pleasant Borough School District as an electrician. A NJ electrical contractor license was a contingency on getting this position. He now has a solid benefit package. When the school day ends, Tim gets into his Palombi van and continues performing electrical work for his own business. He literally has two concurrent careers."

