



## Ocean County Vocational Technical School

### Sharing Success Stories

### Owning Your Own Business

**Student:** Timothy Smith, Jr.

**Name of Business:** Tim's Trim and Custom Carpentry  
Manchester, NJ

**# of years in business:** 2

**Class of:** 2007

**Instructor:** Mark Muraczewski

**OCVTS Program:** Building Construction Tech

**Center:** Brick

**In Tim's own words:** My working career in the construction industry began in the CIE Program at OCVTS. A special thanks to Mr. Muraczewski and his Building Construction Technology program for teaching me the fundamentals of carpentry and the ability to develop skills on my own. I worked for a builder on Long Beach Island for five years. I learned a lot from them and incorporated their methods into my own when I started my business.

Being your own boss, is not easy. You must have a great deal of patience, and be responsible. There are many expenses to get started, and you must be truly ready to enter the world of business. You have to love what you do. People with a passion for their occupations are the ones that are mostly remembered. Personally, I love the construction trades! When hiring, I look for individuals that are motivated to work and show an interest in the job. Being a natural at problem solving is a big plus.

**Tim's Trim and Custom Carpentry**  
★★★★★ 5.0  
3 Verified Ratings

**Ratings by Criteria**

**Quality**  
★★★★★

**Customer Service**  
★★★★★

**Value For Money**  
★★★★★

“Having worked as the Building Construction Technology Instructor at OCVTS for fourteen years, I have had pleasure of teaching some wonderful students. Tim Smith was one of them. While being in my program, Tim learned many different aspects of the building trades such as framing, roofing, siding, installation of window and doors, masonry and blue print reading. Tim was focused on expanding his knowledge of the construction trades. Other students usually looked to him for guidance and leadership when working on a project. Tim graduated in 2007 with the drive to succeed in the construction industry. After graduation, Tim was hired by a company that designed and installed kitchens and bathrooms. Tim continued to increase his experience in the construction industry. At one point, Tim worked his way up the ranks with a custom builder, and ran a crew building beautiful custom homes.

Today, Tim is self-employed and his company is called Tim's Trim and Custom Carpentry. He now has a successful construction company running all sorts of jobs, and earning five star ratings. In fact, I have personally heard many compliments from Tim's customers after he had finished working in their homes. Tim also volunteers his time by coming into my class and proctoring my students while they perform their practical test at the end of the school year. I usually notice him giving advice to our future carpenters. I am proud to share my insight about him and wish him continued success,” Mark Muraczewski.