

## Ocean County Vocational Technical School

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**Student:** Zachary Waltz

**OCVTS Program:** Automotive Technology

**Instructor:** Frank Storholm

**Employer:** Downs Ford Inc., Toms River, NJ

**Website:** [downsford.com](http://downsford.com)

**Class of:** 2016

**Center:** Jackson

**In Zachary's own words...**In the two years that I attended the automotive program at the Jackson Center, I have learned a great deal. Mr. Storholm taught me the basics in automotive technology such as how to perform oil changes, brake repair, tire rotation, etc. I not only learned how to perform these tasks, but I learned how to perform them in a timely manner. Mr. Storholm taught me all that he knew which helped to prepare me to go from the classroom and into a shop. I gained confidence knowing that I can do my job as a young technician at Downs Ford. I enjoy working at Downs Ford because of all the wonderful people that I work with, and I get the opportunity to increase my skills via the Ford certification tests. I guess you can say that working at Downs Ford runs in the family. My step dad worked at Downs Ford, twenty years ago.



“We are proud to have Zach on our team. He is a great asset. He works hard and continues to learn every day. Zach applies the knowledge he has learned at vocational school every day. He is always on time, conscientious about his work and delivers a great product to our customers,” remarked Zach’s supervisor at Downs Ford.

Frank Storholm commented, “I am pleased to report that I have several success stories from last year’s class, Zachary Waltz is one of them. While attending my automotive technology class, Zach not only maintained an “A” average in auto but also in math, science and English. Upon graduation, he started working as a technician at Downs Ford in Toms River. Over the summer, I spoke with his service manager, Joe Patti. He is very happy with Zach’s performance and progress. Zach has a new tool box and his own bay to work in and enjoys what he is doing. Now that’s a success story!”