

# Ocean County Vocational Technical School

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**Student:** Matt Brooks

**OCVTS Program:** Plumbing

**Instructor:** Todd Harrington

**Employer:** Neil Brooks Heating Cooling, Inc., Jackson, NJ

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**Class of:** 2015

**Center:** Waretown

**In Matt's own words.** Enrolling in the Plumbing I program at OCVTS was a good decision for me. Mr. Harrington really made the class interesting and there was plenty of hands on training for visual learners like myself. Most importantly, I learned proper jobsite safety. I also received training in the usage of the different materials for gas, water and drain piping systems. I am currently employed full time at Neil Brooks Plumbing Heating Cooling, my father's business. We serve Monmouth and Ocean Counties with reliable, affordable plumbing, heating and air conditioning solutions. I am continuing my education in the night apprenticeship program at OCVTS, and I look forward to what the future holds for me in the plumbing trade.

Like father, like son: Neil Brooks also attended OCVTS during the day for heating and air conditioning while still in high school. He stated, "I started the apprenticeship program for plumbing at night from 1984 to 1988. My success is highly attributed to attending vocational school. I found the education I received gave me the skills and knowledge to enter the work force and excel in my field. If a vocational student is willing to take school serious and do the work at hand, it will pay off. The true show of success is being able to provide for my family and many other employee families over the years. One of my greatest achievements is seeing my son, Matthew, come into the family business with the same passion and drive I had from the beginning. I am truly honored to say with ambition, honesty, and vocational training, success is highly obtainable."



Mr. Harrington stated, "Matt knew that in order to follow in his father's footsteps, he would have to start at Ocean County Vocational Technical School just like his dad. Matt excelled in our program academically. He also participated in our CE (Cooperative Education) program by attending OCVTS and working part time at Brooks Plumbing. Matt was able to receive more of the professional skills required in our industry which led to his success. It gives me great pleasure to see Matt do so well."