

## ***Ocean County Vocational Technical School***

### ***Greetings from Norwich University***

#### ***Sharing Success Stories***



**Student:** Quinton Santa Cruz  
**OCVTS Program:** Architectural Engineering and Design  
**Instructor:** Kirk Goebel

**Class of:** 2013  
**Center:** Brick  
**High School:** Brick Memorial  
**University:** Norwich

**In Quinton's own words...** Through the Ocean County Vocational Technical School, I was able to obtain my first job at an architectural firm. I want to extend my thanks to Mr. Goebel and the Architectural and Engineering Design Program for teaching me the skills needed to secure this job. My first job working in the architectural field gave me the opportunity to learn a lot more about the field before jumping into a four-year degree.

Recently, I graduated with my bachelor degree from Norwich University. I will be attending there this fall continuing my education in pursuing my master's degree in architecture. My goal after graduating is to obtain my architectural license and eventually start my own architectural firm.

I do have one suggestion that I would like to share with high school students. Do not be afraid to try something new, even though it might scare you. Go for it!



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“Quinton’s interest in architecture was evident from the first day I met him. He was always diligent about the work he prepared, and with each project expanded his knowledge. When the opportunity arose for employment, he was my first choice. In 2013, Quinton proved his abilities by winning the Ocean County Regional SkillsUSA Architectural Drafting Contest. He was ranked in the top five contestants during the NJ State SkillsUSA competition. He was a pleasure to have in the class. We have stayed in touch, and I am so pleased his success has continued after OCVTS! Having your students succeed is one of the joys of teaching.” Kirk Goebel, Instructor of the Architectural and Engineering Design Program selected Quinton as one of the success stories. Due to extreme demand for STEM education and technologies, Mr. Goebel now teaches the new Pre-Engineering Technology Program at the Toms River Center.

*Quinton Santa Cruz, architect!*