

# Ocean County Vocational Technical School

## Own Your Own Business

### Sharing Success Stories



**Student's Name:** Bobby Menagos

**OCVTS Program:** Cosmetology

**Instructor:** Roseann Blanchard

**Business Name:** The Tailored Barber, Toms River, NJ

**Class of:** 2007

**Center:** Brick

**High School:** Toms River East

**In Bobby's own words:** As I boy, I loved getting my haircut. I actually looked forward to going to the barbershop and it sparked my interest in becoming a barber. About fourteen years ago when I was in intermediate school, I would beg my family and close friends to let me cut their hair. It was then that I realized cosmetology would be my career path. I enrolled in the Cosmetology Program at the Brick Center. Mrs. Blanchard was my instructor. She was an awesome teacher! She taught me all of the requirements needed to obtain my cosmetology license. I remembered how excited I was after getting my permit, and having the opportunity to practice everything that I learned class. That was the most rewarding experience! By completing the two-year program, I gained a knowledge in dealing with clients and the value of customer service and most importantly, I was prepared me to enter the cosmetology field with confidence.

Owning your own business is definitely a risk, but a good risk. Having that risk will give you the drive to work harder to succeed. There are no set working hours for business owners. There is only one boss, the customer; and he can fire everybody in the company from the chairperson on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else.

To future cosmetologist, I would say to be successful in our profession you need to have passion and the willingness to work hard. You should also be reliable, show loyalty, pay attention, be humble, have a good work ethic, be sociable, and last, but not least, be a good listener. Do not be afraid to chase your dream. Never give up! Love what you do. When you can say that you love what you do and do not see it as a job; you are going in the right direction.

Regina Rosetto, one of the Cosmetology Instructors at the Brick Center, nominated Bobby Menagos as a success story. "Bobby knew at a young age that he wanted to become a barber. He is a talented young man and I congratulate him on becoming a successful owner of his own men's salon. Cosmetology is a family affair. His wife, Christine owns her own salon and his sister is a hair stylist, too. All are graduates of OCVTS Cosmetology Program."



*Bobby Menagos, the happy owner of the Tailored Barber offering men's and boy's haircuts, hot towel shaves and more. Thank you, OCVTS!*