

Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Own Your Own Business

Sharing Success Stories



Student's Name: Tina Brea

OCVTS Program: New Home Construction

Instructor: Chris Sullivan

Business Name: Shore Legacy, LLC, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

Class of: 2016

Center: Waretown

In Tina's own words: I have been involved in several of my dad's construction projects but the New Home Construction Program at OCVTS gave me the confidence I needed to take the next step. The class prepared me to take on what I feared just a year prior...leading a new build. This course filled in the gaps that were missing, and gave me confidence from the "lingo," using tools properly, knowing and experiencing every phase of a new build, reading architectural plans, and so much more.

When owning your own business, every day is different. Some days all goes according to plan, other days you need to meet adversity head on and suit the conditions out on the field. Mr. Sullivan told us to "expect challenges, believe in yourself and surround yourself with a good support system." He is not only a teacher. He is a life coach, a friend and an inspiration to all of his students. Mr. Sullivan gives 100% of himself, and he has made such a positive impact in my life beyond words!

To all of the current students and any future students enrolled in the New Home Construction Program, I would encourage you to take advantage of every minute of the class. I have truly used what I have learned in the class on a daily basis. If you stay focused and are passionate about what you are doing, you will set yourself up for success.

Speaking of success, Chris Sullivan submitted Tina Brea as one of the success stories from his accelerated construction program. "Tina Brea came into our program with a general knowledge of construction but with limited skills. Her purpose was to gain construction knowledge, with the intent of general contracting an upcoming build. She started her build after graduation and did an incredible job! I could not be more proud of her. Tina really wanted this knowledge and as a result, she was an outstanding student because she had the desire to learn. Tina, by far, is one of the best students to come through the program. I am certain that she will be successful throughout life."



Tina's success is pictured above, a beautiful new home!