

Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Working in the Field

Sharing Success Stories



Student's Name: Brian Gargano

OCVTS Program: Design and Visual Communications

Instructors: Chris Ehrhardt, Howard Polenberg and Tom Vassallo

Employer: Diane Turton, Realtors, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, NJ

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Class of: 2011

Center: Brick

High School: Brick Township

College: Ocean County College
and Kean University

In Brian's own words: I chose OCVTS because it was close to my high school and I heard a lot of good things about their programs. I chose my trade area, Design and Visual Communications, because I knew that anything involving computer technology was going to be helpful for finding jobs in the future. Simply put, I enjoyed designing things and working on the computer. I learned multiple skills, such as how to use the Adobe Creative Suite to design for a multitude of printing methods, operate print machinery, print shirts, manipulate photographs, edit videos, use HTML for coding, create websites, animate, and so much more. I enjoyed the variety the program provided me. I was never learning just one thing for a long period of time.

I work at Diane Turton, Realtors, a local real estate company that has been serving the Jersey Shore since 1985. I design advertisements for the agents in the company, manage the company website, and share videos, photos, and events to the company social media websites.

In order to be successful in this field you need to be attentive, listen to any instructions given by your boss, complete tasks in a timely manner, all while maintaining quality and accuracy. Students should also have an open mind for new ideas, and always be willing to learn more, even if it is not something they like.



In addition to the expected computer projects and hands on printing and photography work in this program, OCVTS helped prepare me for the work force by teaching me how important attendance and discipline are. In order to get work done you have to show up at your job, it's as simple as that. Otherwise, respect your boss and employees, stay on task, and show that you care about your job because your boss/employer will admire that, which goes a long way.

Chris Ehrhardt, DVC Instructor was so excited to share Brian's success. "Brian Gargano has a great story. He not only was an awesome student, he ended up working with me in the shop as a print aide while he went to college. Brian was at Ocean County College, then Kean University. I know he is enjoying his job as a graphic designer and marketing coordinator for Diane Turton, Realtors."

Brian (in the plaid shirt) is all smiles being a member of Diane Turton, Realtors!