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OCVTS Program: Dental Assisting, Toms River Center – Roxanne Beers, Instructor (standing center)
Students: Jennifer Staples (standing left), Jessica Applegate (standing right)
Employer: Swain Dental, Toms River - Dr. John Swain (sitting left) Dr. Albert Swain (sitting right)

Dr. Albert Swain has just celebrated his 50th year practicing dentistry. In 1994, he was proud to be joined by his son, Dr. John Swain. He commented, “My office has been associated with the Ocean County Vocational Technical School for a few decades through the Dental Assisting Program and the General Advisory Committee. I am impressed with the quality of students who come very well trained and always ready to work. This educational facility prepares our youth for entry into the very competitive workforce or to go on to advanced studies.” stated Albert Swain, DDS.

“As a senior in high school, I took the Dental Assisting Program and it was the best thing that could have happened to me. The experience was amazing. I learned so much in such a short period of time. Mrs. Beers was definitely the best teacher I ever had throughout high school. I would recommend this field and class to anyone and everyone.” These are heartfelt comments expressed by Jessica Applegate, Class of 2014.

Jennifer Staples also completed the Dental Assisting Program and is employed at Dr. Swain’s Dental. She shares similar sentiments. “I graduated in 2011 from Mrs. Beer’s Dental Assisting Program. I learned so much from vocational school. I loved all the hands-on skills that were taught. Mrs. Beers always made the class work exciting. If vocational school wasn’t a part of my high school journey, I would never have known how much I liked the dental field. Because of Mrs. Beers pushing me to go further, I am now in the Dental Hygiene Program at Brookdale Community College.

Their Instructor, Roxanne Beers commented, “Jessica and Jennifer put forth a great attitude and displayed a passion for dentistry.” She knew they would be successful. Roxanne Beers herself was a student at OCVTS in her senior year of high school. Enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program, she was hired during the externship (that all students participate in) and worked as a dental assistant for thirty years. Coming full circle, Roxanne now teaches the class.