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OCVTS Program: Welding, Toms River Center – James Mansfield, Instructor/John Evaldi, Aide (left)
Student: Eric Oyamburu (right)
Employer: Local #9 – Plumbers & Pipefitters Union, Englishtown

One of the joys of teaching is having your past students coming back to say thanks! James Mansfield, the Instructor of the OCVTS' Welding Program often has graduates stop in to share good news such as landing a good job. Eric Oyamburu (Class of 2014) has reason to smile having secured employment in Local #9 Plumbers & Pipefitters Union.

“As a student Eric showed great potential and was always willing to learn more. He has a great work ethic and takes pride in his work. During his 900 hours in the Welding Program, Eric carried a high grade point average and had great attendance. I am confident that Eric will have a successful career as a welder,” said James Mansfield, Instructor of the Welding Program.

John Evaldi, Aide in the OCVTS Welding Program commented, “Shortly after beginning the welding program, Eric strongly expressed an interest in pursuing a career as a pipe welder. As time went on he never changed his mind, or strayed from his goal. His good character, maturity, and determination to learn enabled him to gain the tools necessary to make it. Tom Rolston, our Related Academic English Teacher, assisted Eric in creating a super resume and helped improve Eric's interview skills. Nicole Evaldi, our Related Math Teacher, was always pushing Eric's math skills to a higher level which is a requirement for working in the trades. Mr. Mansfield helped Eric refine his welding skills by always pushing him to the next level. Mr. Mansfield had Eric keep a good notebook, which he can always refer to in his future workplace. As a member of UA Local 9, I am proud to see Eric meet his goals. He is currently employed as a first year apprentice with the United Association Local 9 Plumbers and Pipefitters of Central Jersey.” This is an example of teamwork at its best!

