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OWTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Spring 2022 — OWTS Alumni News

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Alumni Success Story – Jacob Denmark

The next time you receive an Amazon delivery, think about OWTS and Jacob Denmark. Jacob was a 2019 Electronics graduate. Directly out of technical school, Jacob got a job as a service technician for JLL Services. JLL is a contractor supporting Amazon Automation. Keeping automated conveyors, picking, and packaging equipment running is his top priority. If a system goes down, packages back up fast. Jacob is responsible for keeping the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Windsor running.

In his years at Oliver Wolcott, Jacob was involved with Work Based Learning, gaining valuable electronic experience at Wittmann Battenfeld. Wittmann is a key supporter of our Work Based Learning program. At OWTS Jacob was involved with student government and a SkillsUSA officer. Per Instructor Mr. Royal Allard, he was a stellar student.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce for the future. Their nationally recognized program promotes competition preparing students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. Jacob was a top contestant in state competition. He went on to the national convention in Louisville. Jacob remembers SkillsUSA as a rewarding experience “building technical, team building and leadership skills that directly apply to his career at Amazon”. In Jacob’s senior year he was selected as Chapter President, a valuable introduction to his leadership responsibilities at Amazon.

He credits OWTS, and Mr. Allard’s class, as a hands-on learning environment. Similar to industry, you design and build something. The first time, systems never work. You troubleshoot, revise, rebuild and test until you get it right. Jacob is a shining example of a motivated student, applying himself and succeeding in a promising career directly after graduation. He is presently working on a college degree with financial assistance from his employer.

The State of Connecticut has done an excellent job with promoting the advantages of a vocational education with Jacob’s story and other Work Based Learning testimonials. Please go on YouTube and search the “Connecticut Technical High School System” success videos listed below or click on the BLUE links for direct access to their stories.

YouTube - Connecticut Technical High School System Jacob Denmark
[Alumni Success Stories, Ep. 6: Jacob Denmark, Electronics Technology - YouTube](#)

YouTube - Connecticut Technical High School System Pelletier Mechanical
[Work-Based Learning: On the Job with Pelletier Mechanical Services - YouTube](#)

YouTube - Connecticut Technical High School System Tour Oliver Wolcott
[Tour Oliver Wolcott Technical High School's Trade Shops - YouTube](#)

YouTube - Connecticut Technical High School System Gil Simmons
[Alumni Success Stories, Ep. 3: Gil Simmons, Precision Machining - YouTube](#)

YouTube - Connecticut Technical High School System Larry Janesky
[Alumni Success Stories, Ep. 4: Larry Janesky, Carpentry - YouTube](#)



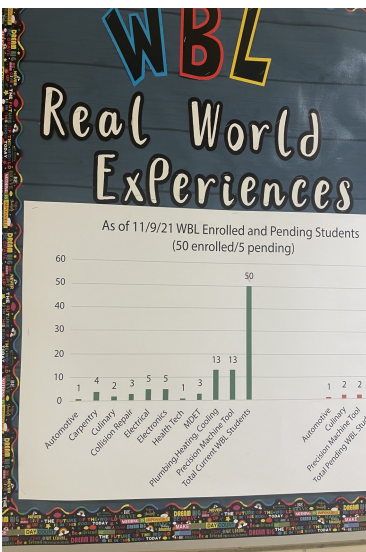
Jacob Denmark – Electronics 2019
Successful Career at Amazon

Lasting Memories — Consider Funding a Scholarship



**Oliver Wolcott Technical School
Erected 1957**

*“Put good deeds and energy
into the world and it will
come back to you.
That’s how it works.”
— Larry Janesky*



**Interns — 50 Students Involved with
Work Based Learning**

Scholarships and Awards — June 2021

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Attending</u>
Alumni Association Scholarship	Zoe Orie
Alumni Association Scholarship	Casey Gelormino
Alumni Association Scholarship	Sarah Scully
Anthony Arnista Memorial Scholarship	Daisy Shook
Ashlee Jacquier Memorial Scholarship	Alana Ellin
Ashlee Jacquier Memorial Scholarship	Rachel Heaney
Alumni Athletic Trophy — Female Sports	Gianna Spagnola
Alumni Athletic Trophy — Male Sports	Luis Sanchez-Chiriboga
Dominic Gallo Memorial Scholarship	Giovanni Prisco
Edward C. Amejko Memorial Scholarship	Jennifer Rodriguez
Edward Hughes Memorial Scholarship	Luis Sanchez-Chiriboga
Eric Robbins Memorial Scholarship	Austin McQuilkin
Fossati Family Memorial	Shania DeJesus
Gemma DiMauro Tradesman Award	Ty Jurgilewicz
Howard Hughes Memorial Scholarship	Amberly Palmer
James Petit	Linda Chimbo
Jeff Arigoni Memorial Scholarship	Sean Arigoni
Joseph L. Morro & James I. Morro Memorial	Crystal Salazar
Jules Mazini Memorial Scholarship	Kyle Barnes
Martigneni Family Memorial	Maxwell Tagan
Mary C. Richardone Memorial Award	Alana Ellin
Mary C. Richardone Memorial Award	Gianna Spagnola
Michael Bakunis Memorial Scholarship	Linda Chimbo
Michael Butler Memorial Award	Jordan Schaar
Nicholas Marracino, Sr. Memorial Award	Luis Sanchez-Chiriboga
Nicholas/Nejaime Memorial Scholarship	Casey Gelormino
Paul S. Durstin Memorial Scholarship	Chase Shackford
Piemontese Society Scholarship	Zoe Orie
Tom Olson Tradesman Award	Hunter Jacquemin
Torrington Small Contractors Award	Nicholas Carr
Torrington Little League Baseball	Tyler Brzezicki
Torrington Little League Softball	Gianna Spagnola
Valley Park Athletic Club Award	Sebastian Arce-Martinez
Victor Corsi Memorial Scholarship	Gianna Spagnola
William E. Kelvie Valedictorian Trophy	Zoe Orie
William F. Schultz Memorial Award	Evan Thrall

Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Alumni Association is continually seeking new members to keep our organization vibrant and growing. Fresh ideas and new faces are always welcome. Get involved with scholarship funding, reunions, and school activities. Your support and assistance would be sincerely appreciated.

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A New Location for OWTS – Let's Make Some Noise

We first wrote about a new facility for Oliver Wolcott in our 2014 newsletter. It's been 8 years. Plans seemed to have stalled. Our latest update is "we're looking for a location". This is a call to Alumni for action. If suitable land is not available in Torrington, do we need to expand our search to a neighboring community? There is property by Torrington Middle School, property across from Home Depot, and hundreds of acres outside of Torrington. We are asking for your help to find a solution!

In the last 10 years the State constructed 17 New CREC Schools of Excellence. We've seen expansions of Community Colleges and other Technical High Schools. Oliver Wolcott, in the Northwest Corner, has been forgotten.

We hear from business owners, "we need employees." Hospitals and assisted living facilities need employees. Restaurants need employees. Homeowners need renovations and repairs. The manufacturing and electronics industries are booming. Yet how are we expected to attract shining stars like Jacob Denmark (see story on page 1) with a

facility built in 1957.

How are we going to compete with a shiny new Torrington High/Middle School campus? How do we compare to the new Capital Region Education Council (CREC) facilities?

We ask that you call your representative to get this ball rolling. Alumni and business owners can make a difference. This is an appeal to business owners. Representatives listen to Employers!

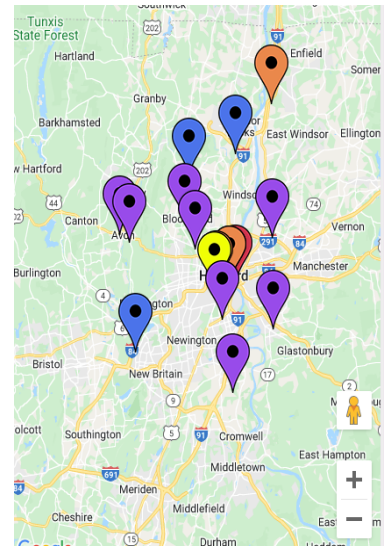
See Connecticut General Assembly Website www.cga.ct.gov to contact the following representatives.

State Senate Districts

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17 New CREC Schools of Excellence
Did Politicians forget about OWTS?

2022 Alumni of the Year – Mr. Larry Boyle

This year the Alumni Association is proud to announce Larry Boyle as our 2022 Alumni of the Year. Larry graduated Automotive Technology in 1961. He returned to OWTS to teach from 1971 to 1999. His 28-year career encompassed Teaching, Cross Country Coach and Guidance Counselor.

Mr. Boyle served in the Navy from 1961 to 1966. He then completed a degree in Biological Science at Central CT State University. Per Larry, "The best years of my life were the years I spent at Tech. I could not have asked to work with a better group of instructors, and outstanding students." He fondly remembers the class of '79 trip to Bermuda.

Larry and his wife of 56 years, Marguerite, retired in Oceanside, California to be closer to children and grandchildren. He regularly returns to Torrington in September and makes it a point to meet up with OWTS colleagues and friends.

We Alumni remember Mr. Boyle as a loyal and dedicated instructor. We are delighted to recognize him with this honor.

OWTS Alumni of the Year

1998	Anthony Arnista	Machine	42
1999	Erman Cavagnero	Drafting	41
2000	Raymond Turri	Electrical	60
2001	Dave Reynolds	Drafting	57
2002	Jim Morro	Electrical	62
2003	David Bodley	Auto	57
2005	John Christensen	Machine	62
2006	Raymond Royals	Auto	76
2008	Lynn Seiser	Hairdressing	74
2009	Mike Durstin	Machine	62
2010	Greg Mele	Electrical	76
2012	Barry Cone	HVAC	71
2013	Pleshette Markel	Health Tech	82
2014	Brian Ohler	Machine	02
2015	David Canty	Tool & Die	73
2016	Glenn Royals	Auto	73
2017	Gary Kittredge	Drafting	74
2018	John Dell'Agnese	Electronics	84
2019	Elaine Murphy	Hairdressing	78
2020	Dawn Dell'Agnese	Hairdressing	84
2021	Jim Morro	Honorary	62
2022	Larry Boyle	Auto	61

*"Are you the most successful
person you know?
Hopefully not; you can't
learn much from yourself."*
— Larry Janesky



Mr. Larry Boyle Retired Teacher
Oceanside, California

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OWTS Alumni Fund Raiser

Due to State restrictions on large gatherings, we have decided on an off-site Alumni Fund raiser at Bad Dog Brewing on Water Street in Torrington. OWTS Culinary Department will be providing a Spaghetti Dinner for a \$20.00 Donation. In addition we will be offering a cash bar.

**Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Doors open at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00
Bad Dog Brewing at the Old Firehouse
117 Water Street, Torrington, CT**

**Tickets \$20.00
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