

NICK PETIYA

Class of 2014 – Bay High School and West Shore Career-Tech

Currently attending: Ohio Technical College, BMW Step Training Program

West Shore Auto Tech 2014 graduate Nick Petiya's hard work and dedication are paying off at Ohio Technical College. In just 18 months, Nick has earned his Associate's Degree, two ASE certifications, his MAC certifications, and has been accepted into the BMW Step Training Program. Other accomplishments include maintaining perfect attendance and making the honor roll five of six quarters.

In January, Nick was accepted into the BMW Step Training Program. This invitation-only course is highly selective based on grades, attendance, good driving record, and overall technical ability. Applicants go through a series of personal interviews to make sure they are a good fit for the program and understand the demands of training and possible re-location. Since BMW covers the approximately \$10,000 cost of the training, they are highly selective of their students. Once Nick completes the program in June, he will begin working for a BMW dealership somewhere in the U.S. for two-four years depending on the contract.

"Nick is a very dedicated and focused individual who has nothing but opportunities ahead of him," remarked Mary Kazmir, Marketing Coordinator at Ohio Technical College. West Shore Instructor, Michael Szittai saw his potential in high school, "Nick was always thorough in his work and passionate about his interests while at West Shore Career-Tech. I am proud of his accomplishments."

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