

## 2021 PACTESP LIFE/WORK CHALLENGE AWARD RECIPIENT



Dominic Terranova chose the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Program at Indiana County Technology Center (ICTC) with a goal to repair his family's furnace that had been broken for two years. Shortly after entering the program, he was able to assist with the installation of a new furnace in his home. Once he completed that goal, he continued his education with determination while working to overcome his challenges.

Dominic said coming to ICTC was like a "rocket" that launched him into knowledge and opportunity that he would not have experienced otherwise. He received the NOCTI Pennsylvania Certificate of Competency. He also earned the OSHA Construction and PA Builders Association Skills industry certifications.

His instructor, Dennis Mumau, says, "Dom's work ethic is impeccable regardless of the day – he always comes in ready to work. He asks for extra projects and assignments to strengthen his skills. He has earned industry certifications and has scored proficient on the NOCTI assessment."

Dominic is the main reason for his own success. He is a very hard-working student who does not give up and is always willing to try again if he does not succeed the first time. His motivation and work ethic are wonderful examples of how successful someone can be despite obstacles that may exist.

*Dominic was nominated by Toni Shaffer, Learning Facilitator, Indiana County Technology Center.*



Pictured from left to right: ***Dominic Terranova, 2021 Life/Work Challenge Award Recipient; and Dennis Mumau, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Instructor; Indiana County Technology Center***