

Harper Brothers Use Their Gift to Succeed

Tevin and Taydon Harper were given a gift from their late father, Terrel Harper that will benefit them for a lifetime. The two brothers feel they inherited the gift of being mechanically inclined from their father, who was a great Diesel Mechanic.

Tevin, a former student of HPTC's Diesel Mechanic program, is now turning his gift of being mechanically inclined into a career. Tevin attended HPTC during his Junior and Senior year at Mooreland High School. With the help of Instructor, David Stone, Tevin excelled in the Diesel program and passed his 3-hour Air Brake certification early in his junior year of the program. Tevin went on to pass the CDL written and driving test to obtain his CDL during his senior year of High School. Tevin recently purchased a 1999 Peterbilt 379 and is now leasing to Clean Harbors as an owner-operator. Along with driving his big rig, Tevin has another dream to be a pilot and is currently working on completing his 300 flight hours to obtain his pilot license.

Taydon, Tevin's younger brother is a senior this year at Mooreland High School and is in his second year of the HPTC Diesel Program. Taydon is following in his brother's footsteps and has a lot he wants to accomplish this year. Taydon is very focused and hoping to obtain as many certifications as he can. Taydon has seen from his brother how getting his CDL has helped him be able to have good jobs through school and during the summers, so Taydon is planning on getting his CDL this year to help him save for seminary school.

Taydon and Tevin both give a lot of credit to HPTC Diesel instructor David Stone. The brothers say, "Mr. Stone is the Best Diesel Instructor! In class, we gain a lot of knowledge about the specs and the electrical workings of engines. By learning about Diesel engines, it also helps us to know a lot about gas engines, since they have so many similarities. This gives us a broad knowledge of all engines." The boys say the teaching method Mr. Stone uses is just what the students need to succeed, "Mr. Stone is adamant about safety and is serious when it is important to be, but then he is also laid back and makes the class fun to learn."

The brothers have already learned by increasing their knowledge of engines they are able to save a lot of money. They are able to repair things themselves instead of having to send them to a shop to be repaired, which can cost thousands of dollars. In Mr. Stone's diesel program the students are able to do a lot of "live" work and during Tevin's senior year they were able to work on one of their families old farm trucks and get it in great running condition.

"Both boys are/were outstanding students, and leaders among their peers. Both are trustworthy and a pleasure to know and teach" says Mr. Stone, HPTC Diesel Instructor.

Students like Tevin and Taydon Harper make HPTC's Mission Statement come to life "Turning Education and Training into Workplace Success"!