

TVHS senior credits J-Terms with opening eyes to architecture

EAST GREENBUSH— Tech Valley High School senior Seth Miller, of New Lebanon, graduated on June 15. He will study architectural design in the fall at Philadelphia University enroute to a career as an architect and potentially owner of his own firm.

"Tech Valley has given me the opportunity each year to pursue an internship in a field of interest to me through J-Term and senior project. It has been a very valuable experience and one I am highly grateful for it," Seth said in a press release.

During his time at TVHS, Miller studied architecture at EYP Architecture and Engineering, as well as Architecture Plus, as part of separate J-Term projects. For his senior project, he studied historical architecture at Hartgen Archeological Associates in Defreestville.

"I still intern there on Tuesdays and Thursdays because it's fun. I think it's important to learn about the anthropology and historical nature of architecture," Seth said.

As a junior studying at EYP, Miller worked on Chase Hall, a project with the Coast Guard Academy, and visited a construction site on the College of Saint Rose. While conducting research, he took project area measurements and performed daylight calculations at the construction site.

"Everyone was impressed with his enthusiasm and desire



Photo contributed
Seth Miller

to learn," said EYP's Michelle Murray.

She added that Tech Valley is "a great program and I'm sure the graduates it turns out will be top notch and well prepared to move on to college."

During J-terms, all TVHS students research topics of interest to them by meeting professionals, visiting or job shadowing in a business or institution and conducting research into what it takes to be successful in that career. The project can involve as little as a day of learning outside the school for freshmen and as long as a month for seniors.

While Miller said he has been interested in a career in architecture for awhile, Tech Valley gave him an in-depth knowledge and experience in the field that he would have not had elsewhere.

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