

## **WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

Quinnell Martin- Amityville High School Class of 2007  
(Aircraft Maintenance Technician)

Quinnell Martin graduated from Amityville High School and completed the Western Suffolk BOCES two-year Aircraft Maintenance Technician program at the Republic Airport campus in 2007. Quinnell had always liked both airplanes and fixing things so the AMT program was an obvious choice.

He appreciated the knowledge and professionalism that his instructor, Diana Santiago, possessed. Quinnell was doing what he loved and excelled academically. He was a member of Wilson Tech's Renaissance Society as well as Skills USA and looked forward to going to class everyday. Quinnell admits it was hard work and credits both his passion and Tech's fully equipped facility for his success.

Tech's resources enabled him to learn quickly and retain the knowledge necessary to gain admission to Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology where he enrolled in their Aviation Technical Institute. He absolutely loves it! He was relieved when he realized how well he Wilson Tech had prepared him. According to Quinnell, he understands the material so much better than those classmates who had no aviation background and those with military backgrounds.

He is anxious to complete Vaughn's program and begin his apprenticeship with Jet Blue based out of JFK Airport. Quinnell has had his mind set on working for the airline since a class trip with Mrs. Santiago. He felt comfortable during his visit, liked the way the airline did things and liked the apprenticeship program they offered. Quinnell is hoping to begin the program in 2012 when he graduates from Vaughn. In addition to his studies, Quinnell works part time for the Town of Babylon's Parks & Recreation division. He jokes he has little time for himself as his days are spent attending classes, studying and working, but Quinnell and his family are grateful for the quality education he received at Western Suffolk BOCES.