



## CHRISTIAN ANTONIAZZI, MB-START, NORWOOD, MA



### Why did you choose the Advanced Training program?

I am a classically trained professional chef with a career span of about 13 years. I have worked in many different arenas from convention centers and large hotels to small private restaurants. I have run kitchens managing anywhere from ten to forty employees at a time. I had very close dealings with customers and staff. However for many years I had another passion and hobby which was passed down to me by my father, car customization, fabrication and racing. I was successful in my career as a Chef however after losing my wife of 5 years suddenly I found myself reevaluating my life and career choices. Working as a professional Chef meant working long hours and not much time for a home life. My wife used to say all your free time is spent under the hood of a car...you should just do it for a living! After much reflection on her words and thinking of all the wonderful memories of working on cars with my father I decided to change my career. So after researching possible schools, I found that UTI offered the best program for my needs and at a convenient local campus. I chose Mercedes-Benz STARt because I have always had a passion for German engineering and ingenuity.

### What UTI campus did / will you graduate from?

UTI in Norwood, MA

### What is your favorite part of Advanced Training?

My favorite part of Advanced Training is that the instructors are able to give us real world knowledge. I have found that all the courses at UTI are challenging in different ways...

### Can you explain some details such as a specific a repair diagnosis, a new technology something very challenging in the training?

I find that the advanced electrical programming of the newer vehicles the most challenging. At first I was very apprehensive about the networking subject but it was made very easy to understand by the experienced teaching staff.

### What is your favorite memory from UTI?

I have many fond memories of my time spent at UTI. One of my favorites was when I was in the power and performance section of the core automotive program. I learned how to blueprint and build a motor from scratch. I also learned how to increase its horse power and torque over its stock form and was able to test it in a live vehicle on a Dyno.

### 7. Who has had the most influence in your life?

My father, Malcolm Antoniazzi, was most certainly the biggest influence on who I am as a man and has definitely steered my career in the direction I find myself today. His background as an Automotive Engineer inspired the passion I have for all things automotive today. I am proud to say I am currently following in my father's footsteps.

### What are your career goals?

My main drive in the automotive industry is now through the Mercedes-Benz STARt program because I believe Mercedes-Benz is a truly advanced company in safety, quality and design. For example air bags, crumple zones and safety cages using high grade German steel were all first pioneered by Mercedes. My career goals are to work for a Mercedes dealership and work towards becoming a certified master Mercedes technician focusing on AMG performance vehicles.

### What advice do you have for UTI students?

Lastly, for all the other UTI students out there my advice is to pay attention, study hard and ask a million questions. If you follow these simple rules you will receive every bit of knowledge you will need in the automotive field from this school. Remember kids...garbage in, is garbage out!