

## Mt. SAC Alum Success Story & His Professor Featured on TV!

May 26, 2014 - WALNUT, Calif. -- Mt. Sac Alum Success Story & His Professor Featured on TV!

The LaunchPoint Season 1 "U-Turn" episode debuted on May 25' 2014 and showcased Mt. San Antonio College alumna Jacob Tucker and Industrial Design, Engineering and Manufacturing Professor Max Lizarraga! The episode, "U-Turn," focuses on how Jake overcame substance abuse, run-ins with the police, and even time in a mental hospital to turn his life around. Afterward, he enrolled at Mt. Sac in 2007 and began to pull the pieces of his life back together. A member of Mt. Sac's Class of 2010, Jake earned an Associate of Science degree in Engineering Design Technology (now known as Industrial Design Engineering). Jake is currently a Project Manager at Ceilings Plus in the city of Commerce. In 2013, Jake graduated from Cal State Los Angeles with a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Technology and is currently enrolled in graduate level classes.

WATCH the LaunchPoint series teaser! (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOJ40owRJK0&list=PLEf...)

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Produced by the Canadian company Edge Factor, "Launch Point" is a series of true life stories designed to encourage young people in career technology education and showcasing Manufacturing in America.

http://www.prlog.org/12328186-mt-sac-alum-success-story-his-professor-featured-on-tv.html

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## Mt. SAC Alum to Be Featured on Vocational Ed Series

**Jake Tucker**, Mt. SAC alum and now a project engineer with Ceiling Plus in Los Angeles, was the subject of a 30-minute "Launch Point" vocational series episode that

aired for the first time on Sunday, May 25, and again on Tuesday, May 27, both on Cox Cable.

The episode, "*U-Turn*," focuses on how Jake overcame substance abuse, run-ins with the police, and even time in a mental hospital to turn his life around.

"It was right then that I knew something was wrong, and I saw there was an opportunity to change," Jake said about an incident when he was shot by police with a Taser gun during a drug-fueled rampage and was later taken by police to a mental hospital.

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