



# The Learning Web

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## focus on Mentoring

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### Mentoring Paying it Forward

#### Dale Lane

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Dale Lane, Learning Web mentor and owner of Lane's Alternator and Starter. Stop by his shop at 211 Main Street in Groton.

*"What I would like to see [apprentice] do is focus on having full working knowledge of the unit he is working on and electrical theory."*

*Dale, on his expectations for his apprentices*

#### WORDS OF ADVICE FROM DALE:

##### To Mentors:

Explain the little things. Make your apprentice part of what goes on--give them responsibility. If you spend the time, you might learn something about yourself, like how you view yourself and how another generation views you.

##### To Youth:

Respect the people who have allowed you into their world--to them it's more than a job, it's a livelihood. It's an honor to be there... Listen with your eyes; just observe.

##### To Parents:

Youth just want to be paid attention to. Support your child by taking the time at the dinner table to ask them questions about their job--"What did you do today? Who did you see?" etc.

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## Building Community

### From the Executive Director's Desk

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# Mentoring

## Opening Doors

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*Joe, on his expectations for his apprentices*

### Joe McKnight

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Joe McKnight, Learning Web mentor and owner of JC Knight Barbershop. Stop by his shop at 208 East State St. (on The Commons next to The Outdoor Store.)

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#### WORDS OF ADVICE FROM JOE:

- To Mentors:  
You have to be patient. Don't think you know it all.
- To Youth:  
Same thing [as for mentors]. Follow directions, take time and learn, pay attention. A Barbershop is family oriented -- you can learn from that.
- To Parents:  
It helps if parents are more strict, so when they come here, they know how to be respectful.

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