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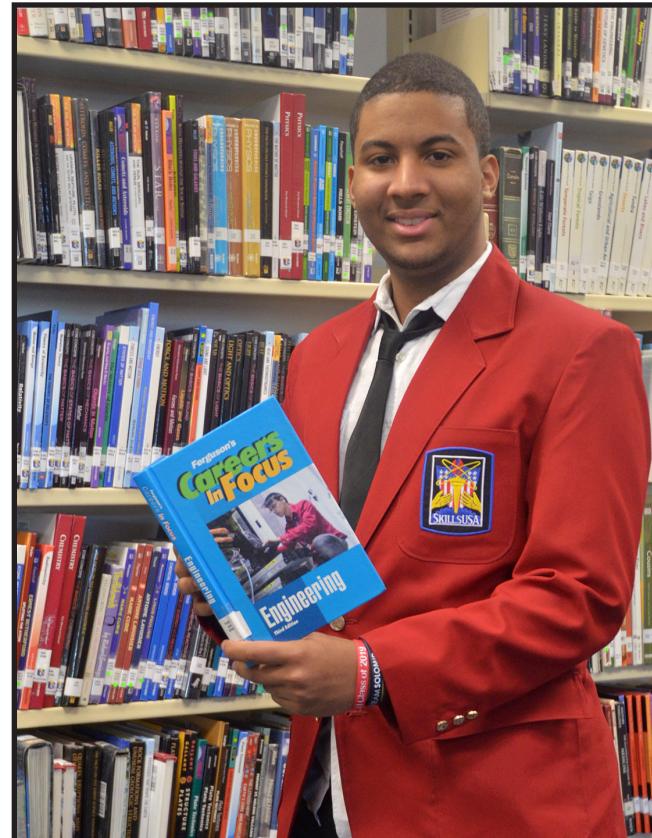
Engineering Ambition for a Great Future

Hamlet Jaquez

Hamlet Jaquez is a young man known for being educationally ambitious, pursuing knowledge in areas of interest on his own time. This disciplined Bulldog from Haledon and member of the School of Engineering Technology takes great pride in advancing his studies. When asked what skills he's acquired outside of his routine schooling, Hamlet said, "I taught myself C++ and have a lot of knowledge in other programming languages."

To take advantage of all PCTI has to offer, Hamlet has enrolled in a rigorous course load of AP and honors classes that account for a potential thirty-nine credits toward his college career. He ranks in the top eight percent of the Class of 2016 with a GPA of 4.03! Meanwhile, he is an active member and Lead Programmer of the Engineering Club, the SkillsUSA Officer Team (Historian), the Student Leadership Council, the Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute, and the Boys Bowling team. He has earned various PCCC and FTC Robotics Competition Awards and has received the AP Scholar Award for high marks on the AP exam. In addition, Hamlet has trained in Taekwondo for twelve years and will receive his first degree black belt.

Reflecting on why he chose Passaic County Technical Institute for his high school experience, Hamlet offered that his acceptance provided a means for pursuing his passion. "My interests



were programming and robotics, tailored towards manufacturing and other machining. I was also able to enroll in independent studies which allowed me to study higher level math courses at a younger age."

The curriculum has prepared him well for his college career. Hamlet seeks to pursue an education in Computer Engineering with hopes of being accepted into his dream school, MIT. Taking the ambitious route, he has applied to more than

ten schools and is eager to discover which one will meet his academic needs.

When asked what he's learned since attending PCTI as a freshman, Hamlet offered, "No matter how unique you think you are, you're never alone. There will always be people who are sympathetic towards your experiences." He went on to praise the diversity and talent of his peers, and how PCTI provides unique opportunities for all.

Hamlet has surely made the most of his education at PCTI. His direction and focus in the Engineering field will no doubt contribute to his future success. Congratulations to this brilliant young man and best of luck!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 8% of his class
- Accumulated a potential thirty-nine credits toward his college career
- Member of the Engineering Club, SkillsUSA Officer Team, Student Leadership Council, Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute, & the Boys Bowling team
- Recipient of AP Scholar Award, PCCC & FTC Robotics Competition Awards
- Trained in Taekwondo for 12 years
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a Bachelor/Master's degree in Computer Engineering, earn a MBA