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Beginning a Year of ONE! More than 930 Freshmen Enter Bulldog Country

Passaic County Technical Institute is rolling out the school year with a brand new theme that's sure to make a huge impact! "It Starts with One: One Person, One School, One Community, One World," champions the great accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff by encouraging a proactive approach to new levels of learning, made possible through collaboration, innovativeness, and connectivity.

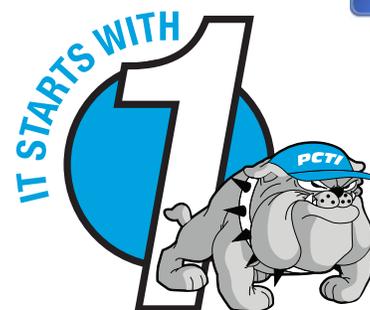
It's all about embracing expanded education and realizing that when working in tandem, anything is possible. PCTI's particular brand of teamwork is already causing positive rippling affects across our entire community.

We are determined to be a catalyst for amazing educational results. Learning, for instance, is no longer limited to inside the classroom. With this year's new theme comes PCTI's participation in the ever-expanding one-to-one initiative. All incoming freshmen will receive Dell chromebooks. Sophomores are slated to receive them later in the year and will also participate in an

online course that promotes Financial Literacy. Among these and other curricula enriching changes, PCTI has also installed high-speed Wi-Fi across campus to ensure that faculty, staff, and students are always connected. Higher learning and expectations have become the norm at our career and technical high school.

Members of the Bulldog family are also fully embracing the positive new outlook that comes with this year's theme. Before the high school officially opened its doors, more than nine hundred and thirty incoming freshmen were treated to a period of orientation where they excitedly participated in ice breaker exercises, campus tours, and Q&A sessions. Teen Pep members truly encompassed the spirit of ONE by making sure all involved felt the radiance of a warm welcome.

This school year is sure to be filled with many firsts. Passaic County Technical Institute



takes great pride in continually expanding both our awareness and educational opportunities, thereby giving our students a competitive edge in the global marketplace. Join us as we band together and experience a year that starts with one: one person, one school, one community, one world!



Our Bulldog Family is Expanding!



PCTI extends a warm welcome to our newest faculty and staff who joined us for school year 2014-2015.

New faculty pictured above: Nora Abdel Bary, Julissa Borbon, Lisa Antero, Anthony Capo, Marco Catania, Nicholas Donato, Omar Fahmy, Ana Henriquez, Cedric Jefferson, Andrew Jones, Christina Karakos, Robert Kiener, Rosemary Marte, Jose Martinez, Bernadette Mavrikos, William McMeekan Jr., Nelson Mendez, Stephanie Messina, Jenna Semeraro, Andrew Rusin, Robert Tabeek, Elizabeth Wang, and Tanzima Chowdury (not pictured).

Support staff pictured at right: Madelyn Pacheco, Tamarra Christmas, Jasmine Bellamy, and Michael Massenzio. Not pictured: Daniel Molczyk, Keurin Fernandez, Essence Lee, Christine Potenza, and Poonam Sharma.

Welcome to the Bulldog family!



Parents Get “Schooled”

PCTI’s Back to School Night was held on Wednesday October 2nd and welcomed parents and guardians to receive an intimate look at the classes and curriculum of students.

Guests were greeted by student volunteers, faculty, and staff who showcased an abundance of Bulldog pride. Attendees were invited to journey through a typical day of classes, where they encountered PCTI’s educational styling in advanced academics and career and technical education.

Judging by the enormous turnout, the event was an immense success!



Fall One Acts, a Hit!

Members of the Performing Arts Club recently conducted the Fall Theater Festival which included the incredible laughter-inducing short play, *The Original Last Wish Baby*. This epic one-act unveils the chaos that occurs when reality television and tabloids collide.

Directed by Seniors Catherine Dvorak and Emerald Bosque, the performance starred 10 PCTI students acting in a total of forty different roles.



Surmountable Sums “For the Kids”

Golf Classic an Enormous Success

On Monday October 6th, PCTI's Education Foundation held the fantastic 17th annual fundraising event, the Golf Scholarship Classic, which rallies funds for student scholarships and teacher grants. Due to the hard work of volunteers and numerous supporters, this year's proceeds totaled more than \$80,000!

Held at the exclusive Knoll Country Club West in Parsippany, the event welcomed 128 golfers and additional dinner guests. All in attendance were treated to a delightful day of play under sunny skies with friends and colleagues. A delectable dinner and other exciting activities rounded out the evening.

The fundraising efforts furthered the educational endeavors of PCTI students and teachers. Since the Education Foundation's inception in 1998, the Foundation has raised \$983,000!



Education Foundation President, Al Alexander, had this to say about the extremely successful event, “It was a phenomenal year for the Golf Scholarship Classic. All the proceeds raised will surely aid in the educational opportunities of students of Passaic County Technical Institute. Thank you to those who volunteered their time and effort, and to those who generously supported this outstanding event.”

Graduating the LPN Class of 2014



PCTI celebrated the commencement of twenty-seven Licensed Practical Nurses who are now ready to enter the wonderful world of healthcare professionals. Graduates include members from the school's Day and Evening Programs Congratulations to PCTI's LPN graduates of the Class of 2014!

Career Fair Largest Yet!



PCTI's Guidance Department coordinated the annual Career Fair, much to the delight of senior students. The event hosted a spectacular sixty-eight universities/trade schools and was held in the Athletic Center. The event gave students the opportunity to gather informational literature on furthering their education after graduating high school.

Bulldog Pride Alive and Thriving at



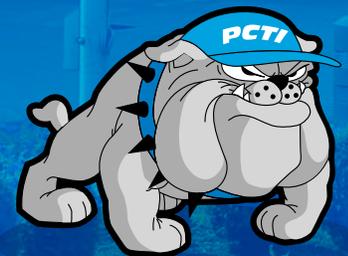
It was a night unlike any other when Passaic County Technical Institute opened its doors for the annual Open House event. The spectacular evening welcomed seventh and eighth grade students from across Passaic County to experience a one of a kind education that combines rigorous academics, career and technical education, and PCTI's famous school-wide spirit! More than 3,500

guest toured PCTI—visiting the auditorium where they watched the school's district video, and numerous classrooms across campus where they experienced the wonders of Bulldog Country!

Each of PCTI's thirteen schools and academies, as well as clubs and activities, were represented by eye-catching booths in the gymnasium



and athletic center. Students acted as liaisons and recruiters, beckoning that crowds of visitors draw near for first-hand accounts of all PCTI has to offer. Their positive attitudes were contagious! Additionally, their personal testimonies presented the unique opportunity for intimate encounters between current and prospective students. Numerous demonstration booths added an element of visual representation to creative programs. The experience was eye-opening, full of energy, excitement, and of course education!



OPEN HOUSE Event!



Guests of PCTI's Open House embarked upon an informative journey across the school's expansive campus to help them decide if the famous high school was a fit for them!



Student volunteers were truly the stars of the night. They were poised and ready with informational booklets and maps as visitors streamed across campus. With their knowledge and the presence of dedicated educational professionals, the much anticipated event of Open House was an outstanding success!



To Remember is the Greatest Honor

Thirteen years ago, 9/11 unleashed anguish and tragedy upon the American people. We are still reeling from the after effects even today.

At PCTI, we recognize the importance of remembrance. Every year, we conduct an assembly where students pay tribute to the memory of those who lost their lives through the ringing of the bells, a special video featuring our own AP History students, the presenting of the colors, the singing of the national anthem by NJROTC students, and a special visitation by speaker Sandra Grazioso.

It's not just current students who are paying their respects to this day in history. PCTI Commercial Arts alumnus, Louie Ponstingel, returned to Bulldog Country to deliver a specially crafted 911 Heart Symbol flag which bore the design he created in the wake of 9/11. The emblem has reached exemplary heights of exposure. It has been used to raise funds for charities and was displayed in the news, television broadcasts, presidential campaigns, and much more.

Thank you to those who contributed to this touching event.

A Tribute to Veterans

Veterans joined students of PCTI for the annual Veterans Day assembly which honors servicemen and women of the United States of America. Together, they paid their respects and reflected on the true meaning and price of freedom.



Guest speaker Sandra Grazioso shares her touching story with students.



Louie Ponstingel delivers his specially designed 911 Heart Symbol Flag to PCTI students.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

This year's Hispanic Heritage assembly celebrated *Somos Uno* (We are One), with the game show "Where Any Theme Goes." Through an interplay of guests competing for a cruise, the program imparted information about prominent figures in Hispanic culture, including Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Commercial breaks allowed the audience to experience traditional music and dances. Members of PCTI's band and the vocal program also performed in the high spirited and vastly educational event.



Football Stars Inspire Students



Football Stars D. West (Florida Bobcats, AFL), Bobby Jackson (New York Jets, NFL) and Rashad Jennings (New York Giants, NFL) visited PCTI to impart life lessons to all in attendance. The events tied in with the school's recognition and participation in October's National Bullying Prevention Month.

Topics covered included the importance of respecting others and oneself, as well as preparedness and taking advantage of every presented opportunity. Students were ecstatic to see and interact with some of their favorite football heroes.

UFC Champion Inspires PCTI Students

Matt "the Hammer" Hamill, UFC Champion visited our beloved high school in early October with hopes of inspiring 250 American Sign Language students. Known as a role model in the deaf and wrestling community, Matt Hamill chronicled the highs and lows of his life, all leading up to the outstanding achievement of becoming a national champion.

Students watched a movie based on his life ("The Hammer") and participated in an informative Q&A session. All in attendance were entranced by Matt Hamill's enigmatic personality and fully enjoyed the awe-inspiring tale of his life.

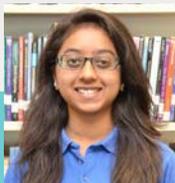


Agency Networking Initiative Proves Fruitful for Seniors

Seniors of Criminal Justice/Public Safety received a healthy dose of educational exploration when they participated in the Agency Networking Initiative. The event allowed students to experience interactive Q&A sessions with members of the Wayne Fire Company #4, the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, Wayne EMS, and NJ State Police Helicopter Pilots.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



SEPTEMBER
Charmi Rana

Academy of Medical Arts

- Ranked in the top 2% percent of her class
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Class Representative, Member of HOSA, ERASE, NJROTC, NHS, SLICE
- Has taken numerous AP, College, and Honors courses
- Volunteered at St. Mary's Hospital & Passaic Public Library

Goal: Graduate with a Bachelors in Biology/Pre-Med, attend Medical School, become a General Physician



OCTOBER
Kelly Franco

School of Education and Human Services

- Ranked in the top 9% percent of her class
- Member of ERASE, the Environmental Club, GSA, and SkillsUSA
- Vice President of SkillsUSA at PCTI
- Volunteers at the Center for Family Resources (Head Start Program) and at the JDRF Walk-a-thons

Goal: Graduate from a university with a Bachelor's degree in Biology, pursue a Masters and Doctorate in Neuroscience

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER



Anthony Moyano
Soccer



Leoneiry Diaz
Tennis

OCTOBER



Tarin Nelson
Boys Cross Country



Sarah Shannon
Girls Cross Country

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Celebrating an Electric Homecoming



The Bulldogs were on fire at this year's homecoming game. PCTI squared off against the Fair Lawn Cutters and at the end of the fourth quarter, crushed the competition with a score of 48 to 0!

Members of the 2014 Homecoming Court were also named. Congratulations to Countess Jessica Mansour, Count Robby Rosa, Duchess Kimberly De La Cruz, Duke Shakur McGuire, Princess Ardiana, Shej, Prince Isaiah Porter, Queen Natalie Rosa, and King Jared DeVore.

