

# Passaic County Technical Institute

*“Passaic County’s Award-Winning Public High School for Academics, Careers & Technology”*

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## Celebrating the 51<sup>st</sup> Commencement of Passaic County Technical Institute

**Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – On Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 759 seniors of the largest Career and Technical High School, Passaic County Technical Institute’s, processed across the thirty acre campus’ football field for the last time. They were greeted by a giant inflatable version of the bulldog mascot, rows of flowers adorning the track, and their biggest fans – their friends and family – cheering wildly in honor of a proud and successful moment: the culmination of four years of hard work and dedication, their graduation. Over 4,000 guests came out in support of this year’s graduation ceremony!

Members of the Class of 2015 hailed from fourteen diversified areas of study were led by their respective banners and PCTI’s NJROTC students who presented the flag salute and the National Anthem. The school’s Alma Mater followed and was performed with the help of the Tech Tone Choir, American Sign Language club students, and graduating seniors. The energy was at an all-time high as students Class Co-President Avy Soto addressed her fellow seniors with the Invocation. She was followed by other class officers and Valedictorian Aaron Varghese and Salutatorian Kevin Behnke, who shared profound life advice with members of the Bulldog family.

Following both student speeches, Superintendent Diana C. Lobosco and Principal Dr. Michael Parent congratulated students and addressed the Class of 2015. Members of the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders were also present and Freeholder Director Hector C. Lora gave a stirring speech to graduating seniors and guests.

All too soon the time had come for students of the Class of 2015 to receive their diplomas from Board of Education President Al Alexander, Vice President Damaris M. Solomon, and Commissioners Glenn Brown, and Michael Coscia. Students were aglow as they climbed the stairs of the stage and shook the hands of dignitaries. The accomplishment of receiving their diplomas closed the door on one chapter of their lives, but opened another. A new journey begins, setting graduated seniors on a path that is sure to further build a foundation for success.

One thing's for certain, the students have embraced their class motto and will be "making history." Congratulations to all and best of luck!



**Students of the School of Education and Human Services pose for a pre-graduation photo.**



**Seniors process onto the field, roses in hand, at the beginning of PCTI's Graduation Ceremony.**





Salutatorian Kevin Behnke (top left, North Haledon) joins members of the School of Engineering for a post-graduation photo.



PCTI seniors toss their caps into the air at the conclusion of PCTI's 51<sup>st</sup> Graduation Ceremony.