

### Determined to Impact Others

# Ariana Soriano

Ariana Soriano is a talented young woman from the the Academy of Information Technology who studies Computer Repair. When asked what drew her to the program, she heralded the whim of practicality and her interests at the time. “I was always having issues with my computer and I wanted to learn to correct it myself. There’s always been a demand to fix booming technology.”

Many people will recognize Ariana by her role in the AP History videos at patriotic assemblies and as Co-Captain of PCTI’s drumline in which she plays snare, but not everyone knows that this Bulldog is ranked 7th in her class with a GPA of 4.29. An array of AP coursework has earned Ariana the right to claim twenty-seven college credits when she graduates. In addition to her stellar academics, she is also a member of the Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and was selected for the Tri-M Music Honor Society and Girls State.

Experiencing so many unique opportunities has given Ariana the privilege of getting to know herself. “I’ve grown a lot since I came here as a freshman and I’ve met people who humbled me. I also discovered what I want to do with my life after I graduate.”

She is, of course, referring to her flair



for the creative. In her spare time, Ariana can be found writing poetry, taking photographs, and drawing. It’s no wonder she wants to use her voice and unique outlook of the world to become a high school English teacher.

“I believe English teachers have a profound influence over the lives of their students. It’s their responsibility to make sure we grow socially and embrace self-expression.”

Ariana will pursue a Bachelor’s degree in English and plans on one day receiving her Master’s degree in Secondary Education.

When questioned about her life philosophy, she was quite candid, “Work smarter, not harder. Be open to whatever experiences come your way and take the world as it comes. Be adventurous and hope for the best.”

Those are wise words from a well-spoken young woman. She has truly found her voice as a member of the PCTI family. Congratulations Ariana on being recognized for all your hard work. We know you’ll continue to succeed in the world after high school and will go on to impact many young minds along the way.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 1% of her class
- Consistently earned a GPA topping 4.0
- Accrued 27 college credits from AP classes
- Co-Captain of PCTI’s drumline
- Member of Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Selected for NJ Girls State
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a BA in English, pursue a Master’s degree in Secondary Education, become a high school English teacher