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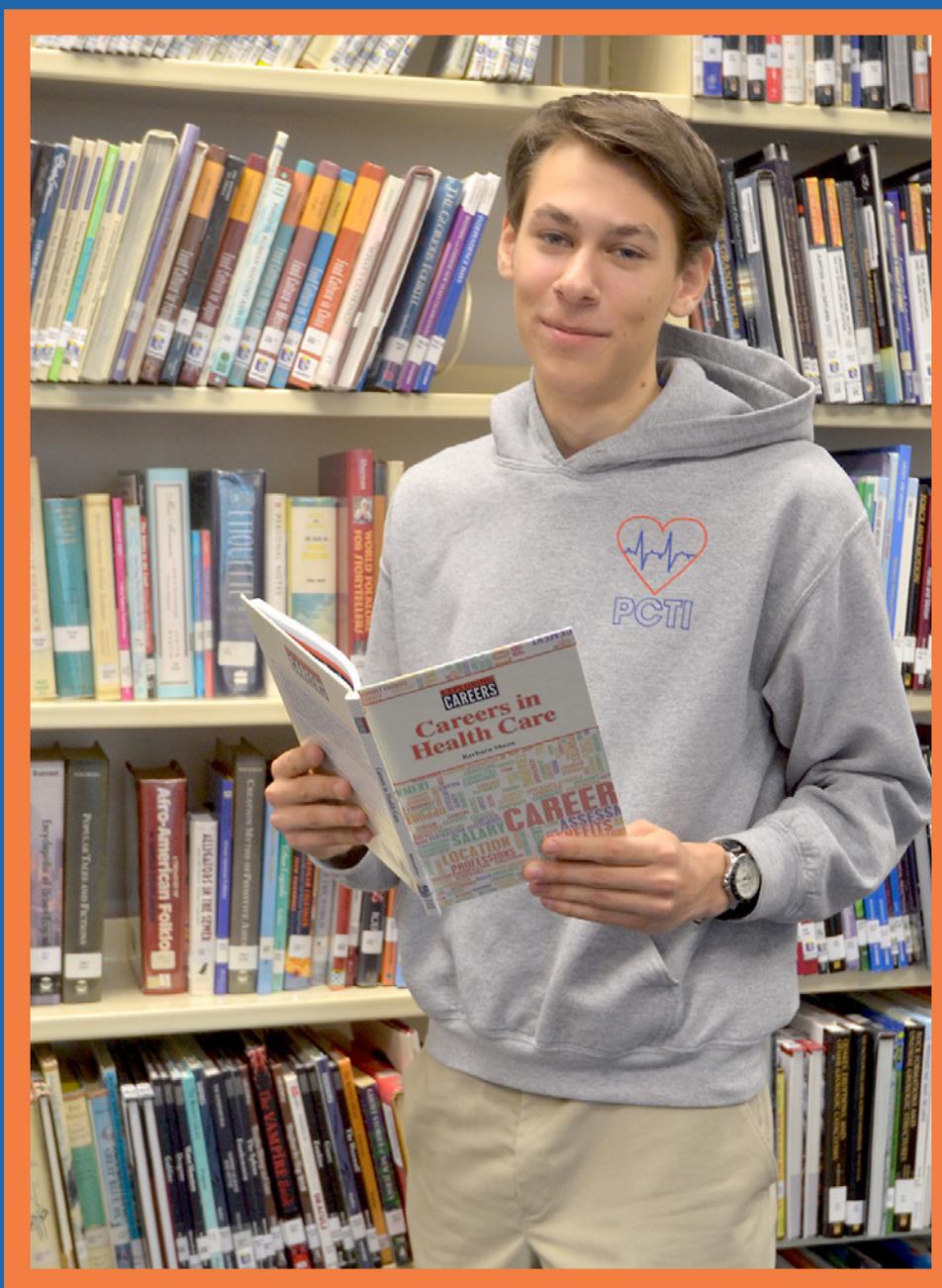
A Self-Starter Destined to Make an Impact **ALEKSEY STREKALOV**

Aleksey Strekalov is an ambitious young man from Wayne who seeks to endlessly expand his knowledge in his program of study. This member of the Academy of Medical Arts has gone above and beyond his station in order to discover what he enjoys about the field of healthcare.

“I like that Medical Arts is flexible and that I do something different every day.” He goes on to explain that his true interest is Emergency Medicine, of which he has much experience. Aleksey volunteers an average of eighteen hours a week as an EMT for both Wayne and Oakland. As part of PCTI’s STC program, he works out of Valley Hospital in Ridgewood.

This driven Bulldog has earned certifications as an EMT and a CNA, as well as in First Aid and Basic Life Support. He will graduate with twenty-five college credits as part of the Academy of Medical Arts. Additionally, Aleksey has taken it upon himself to study the information of five AP courses outside of school. What’s more, he passed each and every test he took and was awarded with the AP Scholar with Honor Award!

It comes as no surprise that Aleksey ranks in the top two percent of his class with a GPA of 4.34. Amidst his studies, he has been involved in NJROTC



and HOSA and has held notable leadership positions. Aleksey was also selected for Boys State, National Honor Society, the 11th Congressional District’s Youth Advisory Council, and was a member of last year’s Spirit Council (which spearheaded the institution of Spirit Week).

When asked about his future plans, Aleksey explains that he

will either pursue a career as an Emergency Room Physician or would work for the FBI. “In either case, I would be helping people by giving back - either by preserving life or maintaining order in society.” He already has fourteen college applications in progress, but is leaning towards Boston University or the University of California.

Aleksey plans on receiving

a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Afterwards, he will either pursue Medical School or enter the FBI Academy.

When asked if he has any advice for members of the Bulldog family, Aleksey said, “Don’t disregard the program area you choose - it’s what sets our school apart. Work in careers where you get to see things. Get exposure and pick up new skills.”

Those are wise words from an intelligent young man who has definitely embraced every possible opportunity. Congratulations, Aleksey! Your perseverance is to be admired. Best of luck in the future!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 2% of his class
- Licensed EMT, CNA, First Aid & Basic Life Support certified
- Will graduate with more than twenty-five college credits
- Reached 1000 EMT hours
- Selected for NJ Boys State, NHS, 11th Congressional District’s Youth Advisor Council
- AP Scholar with Honor recipient
- Past involvement includes Drill Team, HOSA, ERASE, GSA, History Club, Student Council, Boys Tennis
- Goal: Graduate from university with a BA in Psychology, enroll in Medical School/attend the FBI Academy