

# PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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## Dreaming Big and Being Bold RACHEL POLZER

Rachel Polzer of the School of Performing Arts is emboldened by the prospect of a challenge, especially when it comes to achieving her dream. This North Haledon native has strong convictions that match her determination and drive to succeed, qualities which are further bolstered by her Theatre concentration.

Performing has cultivated a strong voice for this talented young woman. Wisdom too, which is apparent in how she views the direction of her education and future career. "I've learned that you can't be a coward with what you're passionate about. The easiest route isn't better. You have to live your life how you want, despite what other people say."

In fact, the vocal theme is strong with Rachel. She fell in love with singing when she discovered she could hold a note in the third grade. "Then I tried out for Peter Pan in middle school and got the part of Wendy. That's when I knew I wanted to concentrate on theatre at PCTI."

Rachel's accolades reach far and wide. Notably, she received a "Superior" rating in the Monologue Event of the NJ Theatre Competition and an exclusive invitation to travel to Nebraska for the national event. She was selected for both the National Honor Society and the Nation-



al Thespian Honor Society, of which she is PCTI's Chapter President. Rachel is also a member of the Performing Arts Club and LEAP.

It's no surprise that she ranks in the top three percent of her class with a GPA of 4.26! Rachel has achieved Principal's Honor Roll for almost her entire high school career and has the potential to graduate with four-

teen college credits. Outside of school, she has volunteered at local churches and works sixteen hours a week at Cyndia's in Totowa.

When it comes to planning for her future, Rachel has it all figured out. "I'm shifting back towards music so I want to pursue majors in Music Production & Recording."

Rachel has been accepted

into William Paterson University, which she plans on attending for two years. She then aims to finish out her undergraduate education at Elon University in North Carolina.

When asked about advice that she has for future Bulldogs, Rachel was all smiles, "Fake it until you make it. Focus on improving yourself and the confidence will come. The world is yours; it's now or never."

Congratulations Rachel! Your bold and spirited attitude will ensure your dreams become reality.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 3% of her class
- Has the potential to graduate with 14 college credits
- Selected for National Honor Society & National Thespian Honor Society, serves as PCTI Chapter President
- "Superior" rating in NJ Theatre Competition
- Member of Performing Arts Club & LEAP
- Goal: Attend WPUNJ for two years, transfer to Elon University, graduate with majors in Music Production & Recording