

PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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Trumpeting Power of Logic & Curiosity NIRAV KINKHABWALA

Nirav Kinkhabwala is young man hailing from Passaic who has always been interested in mathematics and technology. It's no surprise that this Bulldog found his home in the Academy of Information Technology with pursuits in Computer Science.

"I'm lucky that the scientific field continues to hold my educational interests and that it's still my career goal," he adds.

In particular, Nirav envisions a career in the STEM field and has pursued rigorous technical and honors courses to supplement his high school education. High achievements in AP and honors courses has ensured his recognition as one of the Valedictorians for the Class of 2017!

Academic savvy and hard work has earned Nirav a 4.63 GPA and ranking in the top 1% of his class. He has the potential to graduate with eighteen college credits and has earned the Principal's Honor Roll distinction throughout his entire high school career.

Nirav is involved in FBLA, SkillsUSA, and ERASE. In the former two, he has competed and earned awards in Computer Applications (2nd place, FBLA - regional level) and Computer Programming (1st place, SkillsUSA - state level). He is also an alumnus of the New Jersey SEEDS Scholarship program, a challenging nonprof-



it organization that provides opportunities for students.

Outside of school, Nirav is preparing for the Comp-TIA Security+ exam by taking online courses. "My goal is to become certified before I enter college. That way, I have an edge when it comes to internships," he explains.

When asked why he chose to study Computer Science, Nirav

mentions, "As a freshman, I realized coding was a big part of the field. I enjoy logical thinking and software development, so this seemed like the perfect environment for me."

After graduation, he will attend the Honors College at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and will pursue a double major in Mathematics and Computer Science, with an

emphasis on cyber security and analytics.

Nirav's curious nature urged him to embrace a philosophy of perpetual learning in formal education and in life. This philosophy grew, in part, due to the extensive resources provided by PCTI. "Attending PCTI gave me direct access to opportunities that shouldn't be taken granted," he says. "It made me realize that learning never truly stops; being curious about everything reminds me of that."

Congratulations to this young man who has a bright future ahead of him!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Recognized as a Valedictorian for the Class of 2017
- Involved in FBLA, SkillsUSA, & ERASE, alumnus of New Jersey SEEDS Scholarship program
- Seeking Comp-TIA Security+ certification
- Goal: Graduate from NJIT's Honors College with double degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science, pursue a profession in cyber security and analytics