

PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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Unparalleled Ambition & Drive to Excel GRACE KHEZAM

Grace Khezam is a resident of Totowa who transferred to Passaic County Technical Institute as a sophomore. Her reason? “I wasn’t being as challenged as much I wanted to be in high school. PCTI offered more opportunities for me to excel and grow.”

As a member of the Academy of Information Technology, Grace believes that becoming proficient in tasks such as web design and coding will help her secure a successful future. “Right now, I can get a job making websites,” she says.

Grace is involved in numerous school activities, including Concert Band, Marching Band, LEAP, and the Environmental Club. She was also selected for the Tri-M Music Honor Society and serves as the Co-Vice President of the Class of 2017. With a GPA of 3.94, Grace ranks in the top ten percent of her class and has earned Principal’s Honor Roll status. She has the potential to graduate with seventeen college credits.

Outside of PCTI, she is a gymnast, has worked as a life guard (and is CPR certified), and has volunteered with organizations that include St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, the Special Olympics, at her local public library, and in Marching Band parades. Within the past year, she’s accumulated more than sixty service



hours in an area she’s truly passionate about: Dentistry.

As a volunteer at Dental2000, Grace shadows dentists and hygienists, sterilizes instruments, and communicates effectively with patients. “I’ve always been interested in biology and the medical arts, so getting this opportunity allowed me to gain experience in a career I want to pursue.”

It was Grace’s proactive approach - of going after what she wants in life - that allowed her to discover her passion.

As far as life after graduation is concerned, Grace has already been accepted into Pennsylvania State University, Pace University, Temple University, Arcadia University, and Fairleigh Dickinson University. She will pursue her Bachelor of Science

degree in Biology and will later attend dental school.

When asked how she’s grown from her time as a sophomore to a senior, Grace had this to say, “I’ve been working on building my character and really going after what I want.” This ambitious quality ensures that Grace actively seeks out opportunities in every area of her life.

One thing’s for certain, Grace has grown exponentially in her three years at PCTI. Congratulations and best of luck in the future!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 10% of her class
- Will graduate with a potential 17 college credits
- Selected for Tri-M Honor Society
- Member of Concert Band, Marching Band, LEAP, & Environmental Club
- Co-Vice President of the Class of 2017
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, enroll in dental school, become a Dentist