

PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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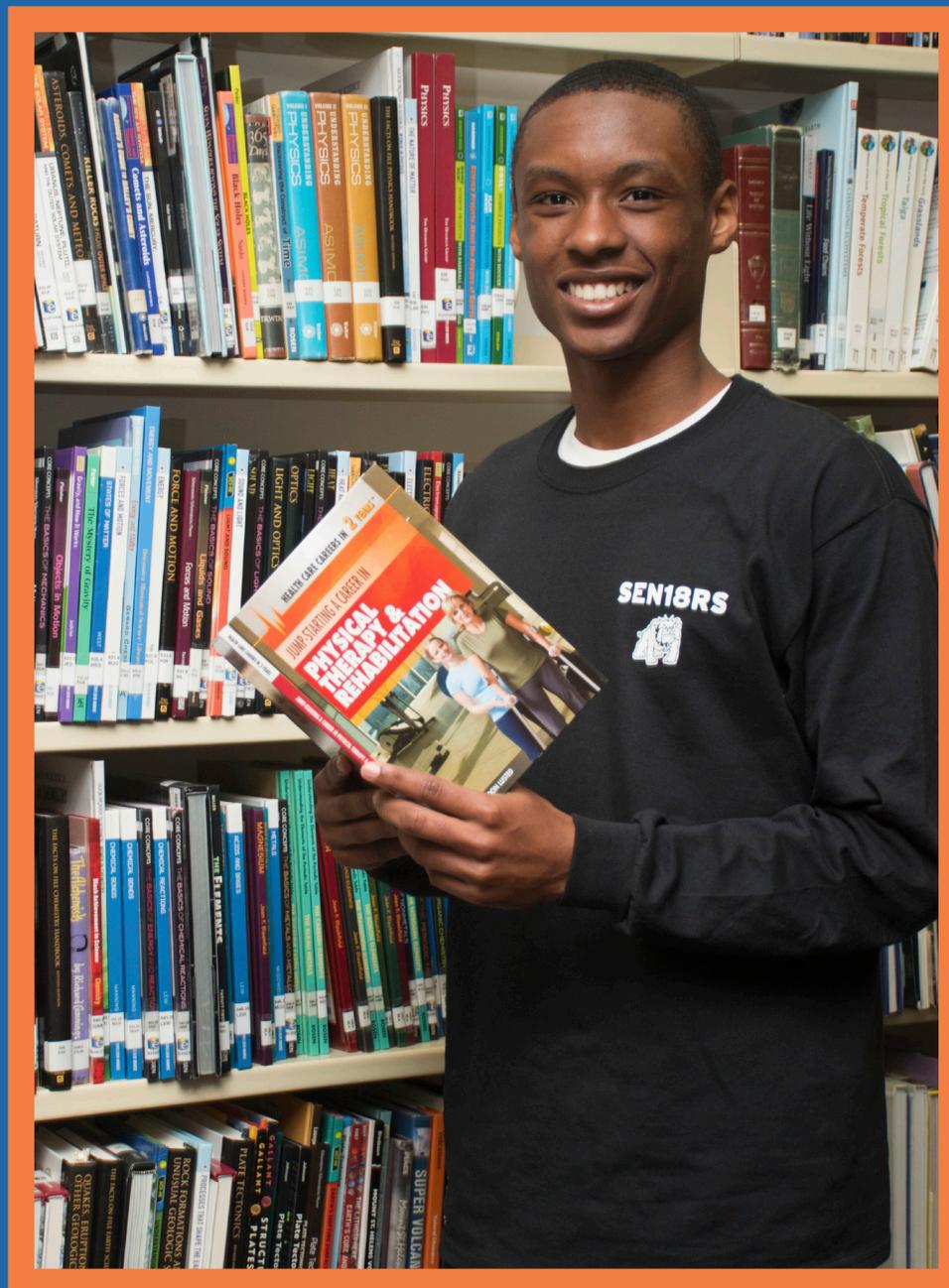
An Open-Minded Leader Who is Bound to Thrive **ANTHONY SMITH JR.**

Anthony Smith Jr. is a young man from Haledon whose desire to enter the healthcare field led him to join PCTI's Academy of Medical Arts. "It's the best way to prepare for my future, especially when you consider the certifications," he explains.

Anthony is referring to being certified in Basic Life Support, CPR, as a CNA, and eventually as an EMT.

This hardworking Bulldog has established himself as an academic contender with a GPA of 4.23 and by ranking in the top three percent of his class. Stellar grades and enrolling in numerous Honors and AP courses has ensured that Anthony received the Principal's Honor Roll distinction throughout his entire high school career. He even has the potential to graduate with thirty-three college credits!

But academic savvy isn't the only way to describe Anthony. In fact, he's just as committed to clubs, athletics, and volunteerism, as he is to achieving outstanding grades. At PCTI, Anthony is involved in HOSA, Student Council/Interact, and ERASE. Recently, he was selected as a representative for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. The intensive leadership experience encouraged Anthony to communicate better with others. "It was life-changing. I learned



to speak up and have my voice heard." He will also be running for Vice President of Student Council/Interact.

Anthony is a member of PCTI's Varsity Basketball team, and has been since he was a sophomore. He is currently seeking to become team Captain.

Outside of school, he spends much time volunteering at St.

Joseph's Hospital, as a member of Paterson's Pride Committee, and in Eva's Kitchen. "There's just something about giving back time to people and impacting their lives positively that I really enjoy," he explains.

When it comes to his future, Anthony will combine two of his passions, the healthcare field and athletics, to pursue a career in Sports Medicine. "I'm

still deciding if I want to be a doctor or a physical therapist," he says.

Anthony aims to study at Boston University, enter the Kinesthesiology program, and eventually obtain a Bachelor's, Master's, and even a Doctorate degree. Whatever he decides, one thing is for certain, Anthony is bound to have much success in the future. Perhaps it has something to do with his life philosophy.

"It's important to be open-minded and to evolve. You can learn so much from different people and their cultures - that's the value of diversity."

Congratulations to this bright young man, a true leader through and through!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 3% of his class
- Will graduate with a potential 33 college credits
- Licensed CNA, First Aid, & Basic Life Support certified
- Representative for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Involved in HOSA, Student Council/Interact, & ERASE
- Volunteers with St. Joseph's Hospital, as a member of Paterson's Pride Committee, & at Eva's Kitchen
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a degree in Sports Medicine, pursue Master's and Doctorate degrees, become a Doctor/Physical Therapist