August marked a historic time at Passaic County Technical Institute, a tribute to a milestone achievement in education. A new facility has evolved on-campus. Designs were rendered, curriculums developed, beams placed, walls painted, and furniture installed. Finally, it was time to unveil the remarkable addition to our 55-acre campus: the Diana C. Lobosco STEM Academy.

The state of the art facility was dedicated in honor of Diana C. Lobosco for her dream of fostering educational excellence. Her unique style of leadership has allowed students the opportunity to advance their knowledge in academics, AP courses, as well as specialized Career and Technical Education programs. Determination and service throughout her thirty-four year career, responding to industry trends as well as her involvement in community outreach initiatives, ensures that graduates leave PCTI with the best opportunities at achieving success.

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Education never ends. At Passaic County Technical Institute, we’re proud to celebrate our Bulldog alumni who are succeeding greatly in the world after high school.

Joey Mondesir  
CLASS OF 2013  
As a graduate from the Academy of Medical Arts, Joey Mondesir followed his dream of healing others. He became a Registered Nurse and works at St. Joseph’s Hospital.

Monique Colondres  
CLASS OF 2014  
Acrobatics and Aerial work awaited this young woman from The School of Performing Arts, Dance. She has appeared in commercials and was featured as Cruise Line Show Girl. Her next journey will be with Royal Caribbean as a Featured Aerialist.

Alyssa Bobadilla  
CLASS OF 2010  
After graduating from the Academy of Criminal Justice & Public Service, Alyssa worked for Dumont and Washington Township police departments as a dispatcher, matron, and Spanish translator. She was one of six candidates sworn in as a Clifton Police Officer.

SAY HELLO TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE BULLDOG FAMILY

PCTI Alumni: Where are they Now?

PCTI extends a warm welcome to the faculty and staff that joined us for the 2018 school year. We’re glad to have you!

Opening Day for school year 2018-2019 saw that faculty and students were welcomed back to campus with a new theme. “PCT&I” puts an emphasis on the Bulldog family, our penchant for sticking together, helping our communities, and supporting one another to achieve the highest heights of which we’re capable.

“PCT&I” asks how we can reach out to the greater community and help others feel valued and respected. The all-inclusive theme puts the profound power of personal choice and positive change in the hands of faculty and students by championing the tenants of innovation, outreach, integrity, and individuality. It also encourages students to have an active role in their own education and drives home the message that PCTI is here, ready and waiting to act as a full-support network whenever needed.

We’re establishing the foundation for success. After all, everything is possible with PCT&I!
Celebrating the Spirit of Spirit Week

Members of Passaic County Technical Institute showcased their Bulldog pride during the much anticipated Spirit Week, a fun-filled five-day event that led up to the homecoming game. Hallways were decorated, days were dedicated to wearing apparel celebrating careers and colleges, and Penny Wars ensued! Seniors were ultimately declared the Penny War winners, which earned them an afternoon pep rally.

The pep rally celebrated fall athletes and cultivated high spirits for all who attended. There was music, a DJ, as well as performances by PCTI’s marching band and cheerleaders!

In the evening, our Bulldogs went up against the Clifton Mustangs. The Homecoming court was announced to wild applause. Congratulations to Count Damon Lopez, Countess Alexa Urteaga, Duke Julian Delgado, Dutchess Lillianna Spallarossa, Prince Devon Virgil, Princess Mariela Nunez, King Erick Vargas, and Queen Gianna Miraglia!

Making Music & Visual History

This year, PCTI’s marching band made history with numerous awards that showcased their prowess while competing on the field. From Best Music to Visual Effect, all the way to a Gold Rating at the 17th Annual NJMEA Marching Band Festival- congratulations to all on an incredibly successful season!

**Wayne Valley High School:**
2nd Place, Best Music, Best Overall Effect

**Rutherford High School:**

**Hanover Park High School:**
2nd Place, Best Ensemble Visual, Best General Effect Music NJMEA Marching Band Festival,

**Wayne Valley High School:**
Gold Rating
A Fun-Tastic Fundraising Event

Golf Scholarship Classic

PCTI’s Education Foundation celebrated twenty-one years of raising scholarship funds for students and teachers alike with the annual Golf Scholarship Classic! The event was held at the North Jersey Country Club on October 1st and more than one hundred and forty golfers and dinner guests came out for a fun-filled day supporting the value of education.

This year’s Golf Scholarship Classic raised an incredible $95,000! Numerous members of the Bulldog family donated their time and talents to ensure that the event was a success.

Foundation President Al Alexander praised the efforts of all involved. “The turnout at this year’s event, as well as the contributions of our sponsors, will ensure that we can contribute greatly to furthering the education of students and teachers alike. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of those who support our continued endeavors!”

Mike Adams, Class of 1999
The oldest defensive back in the NFL is celebrating his fifteen-year career as a Safety for the Carolina Panthers. Mike Adams built the foundation for his athletic career as a Bulldog at PCTI and played a key role in the school’s 1998 State Championship win.

Ryan Meehan, Class of 2008 & Jack Hester, Class of 2013
These brothers both graduated from the School of Construction Technology. After a few short years, Ryan rose to the position of Foreman. He and Jack work for an engineering company.

Mauriceo Clase, Class of 2017
Mauriceo recently graduated from Ohio Technical College where he received an Associate Degree in Master Welding Technology. He joined the union and plans on landing a great welding opportunity and pursuing his passion in the arts.
Not only will we see tomorrow’s workforce go through the doors of the Diana C. Lobosco STEM Academy, but every one of the 1,200 students who leaves this academy will contribute to the diversification of an innovation economy, the broadening-out of economic opportunity, and the growth of community-transforming jobs.”

All in attendance received tours of the 110,000 square foot technologic marvel, which houses fifteen science, engineering, and computer science labs, a lecture hall that seats 160 students, five open learning areas, small group instruction areas, a gymnasium, cafeteria, and more. Each year, PCTI’s STEM Academy will accept 300 students. By 2021, the building will be at full capacity with a total of 1,200 students. The first class will graduate in 2022.

The Academy will aid in preparing students for promising futures in high tech careers. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held when the doors officially opened on Tuesday, August 28th. The extraordinary celebration included the dedication of the STEM Academy in honor of Diana C. Lobosco and featured performances by PCTI’s Jazz Band and Vocal Ensemble, as well as outstanding gourmet delights prepared by our Culinary students.

Numerous county and state dignitaries were present to support the Academy’s debut, including the Passaic County Freeholder Board, PCTI’s Board of Education, county executives, area mayors and educators, as well as business advisory members. PCTI was incredibly honored to welcome New Jersey’s Governor, Phil Murphy, and the NJ State Commissioner of Education, Lamont Repollet, as well as State Democratic Chairman, John Currie. Governor Murphy praised the Academy as an investment in STEM education, “New Jersey’s economic future is going to be built on the back of innovation and technology.”

“Our students will graduate with a strong integrative STEM foundation that will prepare them for successful careers.”

Diana C. Lobosco
PCTI Superintendent

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Passaic County Technical Institute has been at the helm of an educational revolution since we opened our doors in 1917 when we were known as Paterson Vocational School. Our goal is the same today as it was back then: to train young men and women to meet industry standards in careers, education, and in life.

As technology advances and new trends emerge, the STEM Academy will focus on present and future needs of the global marketplace. Led by STEM Academy Director, Javier Rabelo, the facility will add to PCTI’s award-winning career and technical education programs with learning that builds a solid foundation in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

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NJ Governor, Phil Murphy

About the Academy’s curriculum, Diana C. Lobosco said, “PCTI’s STEM Academy will focus on priming young adults for an educational and technological experience via an integrative learning model, which connects all courses and projects in the Biomedical and Life Science, Computer Science, and Engineering programs. Our students will graduate with a strong integrative STEM foundation that will prepare them for successful careers.”

One thing’s for certain, the grand opening of the STEM Academy will go down in PCTI history as a time marking great change, one that celebrates career readiness and the profound power of education.
Four PCTI seniors have been named QuestBridge National Scholar Finalists! Thanya Begum, Tasnova Choudhury, Dibya Dey, and Omar Ibrahim are among the 6,507 students selected to be considered for QuestBridge Scholarships! More than 16,000 students applied for the opportunity to become National College Match Finalists. Those participating in the QuestBridge program meet the following criteria: have primarily A’s in the most challenging courses available, rank in the top 5-10% of their graduating class, and more.

QuestBridge has forty college partners from which to choose, including Ivy League schools. Students ultimately matched with colleges will receive a full four-year scholarship.
Members of the Bulldog family celebrated the 1998 State Championship team during the Bulldogs-Eastside football game. The event served as a special reunion and welcomed back alumni from the Class of 1999 to celebrate PCTI’s legendary 1998 state championship team.