

### A Motivated Young Man Working Hard to Achieve his Dreams

# *Nicholas A. Magna*

Nicholas Magna is a young man whose strong work ethic influences every area of his life. Hailing from Hawthorne, this member of the School of Automotive Technology has made the very best of his educational endeavors by combining passion and practicality.

For twelve years, Nicholas has cultivated a healthy motocross hobby. The thrill of racing, building, and fixing his bike urged him to study the automotive field. "I wanted to learn the difference between cars and bikes, and how the two overlap." In a similar vein, Nicholas has taken on the challenge of building and sustaining his very own monster car (which he drives to school)!

Within the halls of PCTI, he is a member of the Environmental Club, SkillsUSA, and the Auto Advisory Board. Additionally, his stellar grades and GPA of 3.56 ensured he was inducted into the National Honor Society. He is genuinely dedicated to working hard as a Co-Op student for Paul's Volvo in Hawthorne where he's continually sharpening his skills in the Automotive Industry. After school, Nicholas heads to his job at Broadhurst Sheet Metal Works, where he spends twenty hours of his time per week. Up until recently, he volunteered at the Jr. Fire Department in Hawthorne where he held the title of Captain.

Nicholas' strategic educational planning



has paved the way for a successful future. Upon graduating PCTI, he will attend the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Ohio where he will learn to become a Master Welder. Nicholas' ultimate dream is to build a career in Steamfitting, that is, to layout, assemble, maintain, and repair piping that carries water, steam, fuel and more in heating/cooling process piping systems. He aims to work closely with architects in New York City, constructing buildings and putting his amazing

skills to good use.

When asked how he's grown since first entering Bulldog Country, Nicholas said, "There's a time when you realize that you can't always have fun. You have to go out there and get the work done." He added, "My instructors here were always willing to go the extra mile to help me. PCTI is a great school with an amazing learning environment that allows students to work with up and coming technologies."

Nicholas sure has learned a lot during his high school career. He's become a self-motivated young man who prides himself on succeeding in whatever he sets his mind to. There's no doubt that Nicholas will achieve all his dreams and more. Congratulations and good luck in the future!

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Achieved stellar grades with a GPA of 3.56
- Selected for Circle of Success
- Member of for the Automotive Advisory Board, the Environmental Club, SkillsUSA, & the National Honor Society
- Co-Op student at Paul's Volvo, works at Broadhurst Sheet Metal Works
- Volunteered at the Hawthorne Jr. Fire Department for four years, held Captain title
- Goal: Graduate from the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Ohio, become a Master Welder