

### An Intellectual Tour de Force

# *Eileen Cheng*

Eileen Cheng is a conscientious young woman from Clifton whose diligence and hard work is evidence of her remarkable character. This member of the School of Culinary Arts has definitely left a mark on PCTI. She was a behind the scenes member of the winning ProStart Management team who developed, researched, and edited documents for the state competition.

Though she plans on shifting her studies in college, Eileen says culinary will always hold a special place in her heart. “My parents own their own Chinese Restaurant, so I know how time consuming the field can be. I help out there whenever I’m available.” Eileen’s priority has always been her studies. She has taken numerous AP and honors courses, which accounts for twelve possible credits toward her college career. It’s no wonder Eileen ranks 3rd in her class with a GPA of 4.38 and has earned an outstanding score of 2020 on her SAT!

Eileen has been on PCTI’s honor roll throughout her entire high school career. She was selected for the Freshmen Foundation for Success and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Book Club. Outside of school, Eileen has been a member of the 4-H Teen Crusaders and volunteers at School #16 during Family Fun Night



and at St. Peter’s Haven Food Pantry.

When asked what she plans to do after graduation, Eileen admits that she has a soft spot for writing. “I enjoy writing fiction and would love to explore those studies further.” She goes on to explain that she plans on pursuing a double major in Creative Writing and Biology. Her goal, as of this moment, is to become a Physician’s Assistant, but Eileen realizes nothing is finite.

“I want to keep my options open,” she adds.

While recounting her journey through the hallways of PCTI, Eileen touches upon an area of personal growth. “I’ve built up courage to speak my mind and interact with people in a way that I was uncomfortable with as a freshman and sophomore. Joining clubs allowed me to expand my interests and get to know people on an entirely different level.”

Eileen has applied to Colgate University, Hamilton College, Northeastern University, Drexel University, SUNY Stony Brooke, and her dream school, New York University. It’s evident that her high aspirations in education and in life are sure to pave the way to success! Congratulations!

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 1% of her class
- Accumulated a potential 12 toward her college career
- Received National Restaurant Association ServSafe Certification
- Member of Foundation for Success, National Honor Society, & Book Club
- Trilingual: English, Mandarin, & Cantonese
- Goal: Graduate from a University with degrees in Creative Writing & Biology, become a Physician’s Assistant