

Creative, Passionate, & Persistent

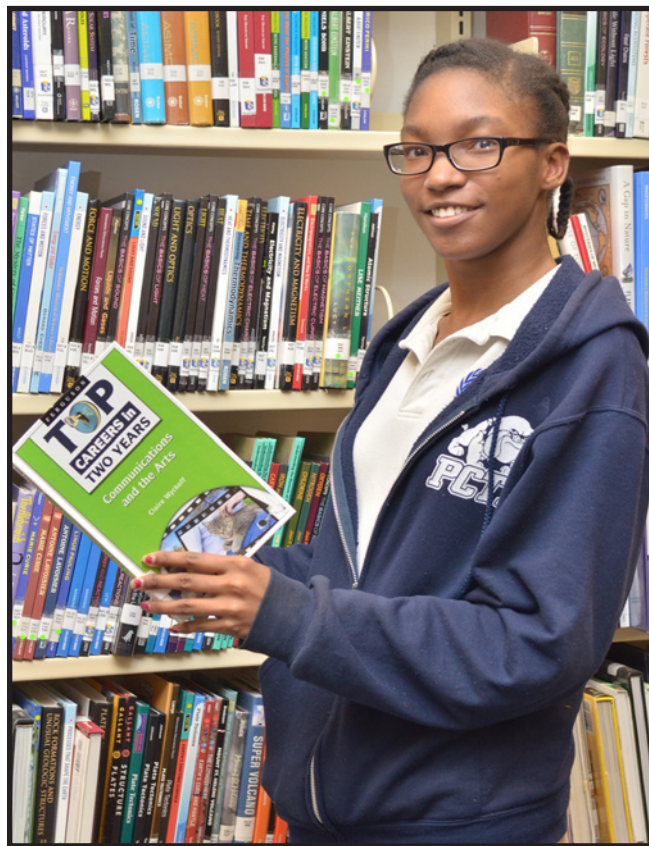
# Shantayah I. Murray

Shantayah Murray is a Passaic local who discovered the magic of Passaic County Technical Institute through our Open House event. “I saw all these inspirational pieces from the School of Communication Arts and I knew I had to come here!” This wildly creative Bulldog has numerous interests within the artistic realm. Her passions include fashion design, photography, and even sewing. It’s no wonder she chose to pursue her studies as a Graphic Designer.

“I love using Photoshop to put things together and make something entirely new,” Shantayah says, noting her favorite project this year was designing a movie poster. She’s currently working towards her Adobe Photoshop certification.

As a beloved Bulldog, Shantayah ranks in the top six percent of her class with a GPA 4.05 - which is credited to the numerous honors classes taken throughout her high school career. She has earned twenty-one credits toward her academic future. In addition, she was selected for the World Language Honor Society for her French expertise. Shantayah is also a member of PCTI’s Astronomy, Book, and Environmental clubs.

Outside of school, she volunteers as a Secretary Junior Usher at the Mount Moriah Baptist Church. - which is consequently how she



developed an interest in photography. “I saw the photographer at my church and figured that looked like a lot of fun.” Now, in her free time, Shantayah enjoys flexing her photography skills and getting to know the settings on her camera.

When it comes to her academic future, Shantayah looks forward to attending college, but she’s keeping her options open. “I plan on going in undeclared, but I’m interested in studying

fashion and interior design.” She elaborates that she’s thought of designing her own house and having her own fashion line.” I’ve always wanted to accomplish something big,” she adds.

This eager Bulldog has learned much in her time at Passaic County Technical Institute. “I’ve become a lot braver. Last year, I participated in a poetry slam. Everyone was so supportive!”

Shantayah’s persistence will ensure she succeeds in whatever she sets her mind to. Her flair for artistry will allow her to achieve all of her post graduation dreams!

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 6% of her class
- Accumulated a potential 21 credits towards her college career
- Member of the World Language Honor Society, Astronomy Club, Book Club, and the Environmental Club
- Volunteers as Secretary Junior Usher at Mount Moriah Baptist Church
- Published in *A Selection of Young Poets*
- Accepted to WPUNJ, Berkeley College, & Stevenson University
- Goal: Graduate from a University with a degree that allows her creativity to shine