

Motivated by Enthusiasm to Pursue her Dreams

Kayleen Acosta

Kayleen Acosta is an enthusiastic young woman whose artistic passion has led her to join PCTI's Advertising Art & Design program. Hailing from Prospect Park, this talented individual knew her life's calling at a very young age. "I've loved drawing ever since I picked up a pencil," she says. Kayleen is willing to take on every challenge necessary in order to expand her knowledge in her chosen field.

This young Bulldog has accumulated quite the list of activities. She is Co-Captain of the Girls Volleyball team, a member of Girls Lacrosse, NJROTC, National Honor Society (and serves as the Corresponding Secretary), the World Language Honor Society, and was selected for Circle of Success. Needless to say, Kayleen navigates her busy schedule with ease. In addition to these in-school activities, she has two part-time jobs with Foodtown and GameStop, where she works a combined thirty hours a week. Still, Kayleen prioritizes her coursework with honors classes and has earned nine credits towards her academic future through Japanese and Advertising Art & Design courses. As a testament to her dedication, she ranks in the top nine percent of her class with a GPA of 3.98!

In her time at PCTI, Kayleen has achieved quite a few of her dreams. She was selected as



the School of Visual Arts Pre-College Scholarship Winner, which allowed her to take animation courses in NYC and secured her decision to pursue specific goals after graduation. She adds, "I've also always wanted to be nominated as a student of the month and now, here I am!"

Kayleen's motivation to succeed is inextricably linked with pursuing her passions. Her fondness of Japanese culture has cemented her desire to receive her translator certification. This

pairs well with her ambition and career of choice, to receive an education in Game Design and to eventually move to Japan to work for one of the top video developers, publishers, and distribution companies, Square Enix.

Kayleen has been accepted into her top school of choice, Savannah College of Art Design, as well as the School of Visual Arts and Full Sail University, and has received scholarships to each of the aforementioned colleges.

After graduating from PCTI, she will attend a university and pursue both a Bachelor and Master's degree in Game Design, with a focus on utilizing her artistic skills in the animation realm.

Congratulations to this driven young woman on all her prior and future successes!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 9% of her class
- Earned 9 college credits
- Co-Captain of the Girls Volleyball team & NHS Corresponding Secretary
- Member of Girls Lacrosse, NJROTC, the NHS, & World Language Honor Society
- Recipient of the School of Visual Arts Pre-College Scholarship Winner Award
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a Bachelor/Master's degree in Game Design, work for Square Enix in Japan