

PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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A Passion for Helping Others ANABEL MARTINEZ

Ever since she was young, Anabel Martinez has wanted to become a teacher. Attending PCTI didn't disappoint as this Paterson local soon found her home in the School of Education & Human Services.

"My little brother had stuttering issues as a kid," Anabel explains. This personal circumstance kindled her interest in education, and ultimately inspired the goal of becoming a Speech Pathologist.

Anabel is well on her way to achieving her dreams. This young woman has shown she has the initiative to make sure others are well-taken care of - a valuable skill, especially in her profession of choice.

It all started during Anabel's sophomore year when she began working on her "Passion Project" for English. Titled "Be the Change," the project grew from a concept into a full-fledged campaign which supplied the needy people of Paterson and Passaic with food and toiletries. Anabel's outreach expanded to the Dominican Republic, where she gathered and donated school supplies to children. The initiative garnered her great acclaim and she was inducted into the Wayne AAUW Girls Hall of Fame during her junior year. She even received the Paterson Mayor's Award for the same project.

Anabel's has a penchant for



doing her absolute best in all areas of her life. This extends to her academic career. She ranks in the top eight percent of her class with a GPA of 4.02. Such high marks have earned her a place on the Principal's Honor roll for the past four years. She is a member of SkillsUSA, Future Educators of America, Ti@Ti, and the Sign Language Club. Anabel was selected for

the National Honor Society and is a past Circle of Success Member. She has also competed and placed in SkillsUSA at the state and national levels! She even volunteers with Jersey Cares, Bethel Christian church, and works for both Wayne Head Start as an Assistant Teacher and with La Vida Child Care.

When asked how an education at PCTI has impacted her

high school experience, Anabel responded, "Ambition can be learned. I realized what I was capable of when I took English Honors my sophomore year. From then on, I wanted to challenge myself."

Anabel will pursue a Bachelor of Science and Masters in Communication Disorders and Speech Pathology. She's keeping her options open and may even choose to someday go back to school for teaching.

Congratulations to this young woman with a heart of gold. Her passion is sure to change the world!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 8% of her class
- Will graduate with a potential twenty-six college credits
- Selected for Circle of Success and National Honor Society
- Inducted into Wayne AAUW Hall of Fame, recipient of Paterson Mayor's Award
- Member of SkillsUSA, Future Educators of America, Ti@Ti, & Sign Language Club
- Volunteers with Jersey Cares & Bethel Christian Church; works with Wayne Head Start and La Vida Child Care
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a BS and Masters in Communication Disorders and Speech Pathology; become a Speech Pathologist