

### Extreme Intelligence with Matching Compassion

# Emma Tang

Emma Tang is a young woman from Hawthorne who transformed a hobby into her area of study. This member of the School of Applied Technology has always had an interest in architecture/drafting. All it took was a trip to Open House during 8th grade and she was hooked!

“That was a big moment for me. That’s when I knew I wanted to come to PCTI. Seeing each career laid out and represented was life changing,” Emma says. She’s even volunteered at the event responsible for her Bulldog status.

Cheerful and hardworking, Emma is known for her stellar grades and accomplishments. One of these exceptional feats includes being selected at each grade level for our student recognition programs: Freshmen Foundation for Success, Circle of Success, and senior Student of the Month. Recently, she was recognized as a Commended Student in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship program - one of 34,000 students to receive the honor in the US! The honor is well deserved. Emma ranks 6th in her class with a GPA of 4.3 and has accumulated sixteen college credits throughout her high school career.

She is actively involved in numerous clubs and volunteer organizations, including World Language Honor Society, ti@TI, Sound Chasers,



National Honor Society, and the American Sign Language Club. Outside of school, she is a member of her church choir, youth band, and teaches Vacation Bible school. Emma is also known for acting as support staff at the Spruce Lake Summer Camp in Pennsylvania.

Though she’s quite enjoyed her time in the drafting field, Emma plans on switching gears after graduation. “I really enjoy working with others, especially children. I want to combine every-

thing I’ve learned with ASL and pursue a career in Speech Pathology.”

Emma elaborated that collaborating with the deaf community and children is her ultimate goal. “Those are two areas I feel really strongly about,” she added.

When asked how her education at PCTI profoundly affected the person she has become today, Emma referenced her comfort in growing as a leader. “When I came here, I didn’t know anyone. PCTI gave me the opportunity to join clubs and get to know others and more importantly, myself. Everyone here has influenced who I am today.”

Congratulations to this student with big dreams. If your accomplishments are any indication of your future, you’re bound to go far!

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 1% percent of her class
- Will graduate with 16 college credits
- Recognized as Commended Student, 2016 National Merit Scholarship
- Member of WLHS, ti@TI, Sound Chasers, and ASL Club
- Competed in SkillsUSA competition at the state level (Architectural Drafting)
- Goal: Graduate with a Bachelor’s/Master’s degree, become a Speech Pathologist who incorporates ASL into her practice