

# PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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## Organized and Ready to Thrive ALEXA MAZZOCCOLI

Alexa Mazzoccoli has always had a passion for makeup and hair. “It’s all about making people feel beautiful,” she says. This young woman from North Haledon prides herself on bringing joy to others, especially as a member of PCTI’s School of Cosmetology.

Much of Alexa’s time has been spent training towards her Cosmetology permit, which takes six hundred hours to complete. She gains her experience, and so much more, by working in PCTI’s full-service salon. Come May, Alexa will have the opportunity to take the NJ State Board Exam to receive her Cosmetology License.

High school has been a busy time for Alexa. She was inducted into the World Language Honor Society and has applied for the National Honor Society. Among her in-school involvement in ERASE, Yearbook Club, and the Environmental Club, as well as being selected for the Circle of Success, Alexa is quite the community volunteer. Her free time is spent teaching students as the Safety Town Instructor, donating her time to her local Goodwill store, aiding with the North Haledon 5K Run, and fundraising for her local church. Alexa cites that some of her most influential volunteer work was with PCTI events. “I’m a freshmen mentor and help out at Open House and the



Saturday Academy,” she says. During the latter, Alexa led a cosmetology class as a student-instructor. The experience was a profound one; she even wrote her college essay on the subject!

Despite a busy schedule, Alexa maintains her 4.1 GPA and ranks in the top five percent of her class. She’s even managed to submit all her college

applications - a total of six - by October! In addition, Alexa has working experience as an administrative assistant with the New World Sales company.

This senior is truly undaunted by the future, which is likely due to her top notch organizational skills and her flair for productivity. Alexa has already decided on her educational path after graduation. “I want

to study Business and Marketing and incorporate what I’ve learned at PCTI.” She further explained that she looks forward to eventually working for a well-known cosmetics company.

When asked about her high school accomplishments, Alexa cited that she’s proud to have come out of her shell. Her engagement in the PCTI community allowed her to break out of that fabled comfort zone.

“It’s also been a long-standing dream of mine to be named Student of the Month,” Alexa gushes, positively beaming. “I’m glad to have finally achieved it!”

Congratulations to this deserving young woman. Keep achieving your dreams!

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 5% of her class
- Working towards receiving Cosmetology License
- Selected for Circle of Success & World Language Honor Society
- Member of ERASE, Yearbook Club, & Environmental Club
- Volunteers as Safety Town Instructor, at Goodwill store, during 5K Run events, fundraises for local church
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a degree in Business/Marketing; work in sales for a well-known cosmetics company