

Champion of Compassion & Understanding

Melanie Hoyos

Melanie Hoyos is a Paterson local whose love of animals influenced her decision to attend Passaic County Technical Institute. Taking full advantage of career and technical education, Melanie chose the Academy of Medical Arts to jumpstart her journey of becoming a Veterinarian/Zoologist.

When she was in middle school, Melanie found herself drawn to the well-being of furry creatures. "I even had a few pets," she adds. "I always found it easy to identify with animals."

Naturally Melanie did what any forward thinking individual would do - she selected an area of study best suited to her needs.

For the past four years, Melanie has taken full advantage of the opportunities offered by PCTI. She has selected numerous honors and AP courses which have pushed her GPA to an astounding 4.39, earning her the distinct honor of ranking 4th in the Class of 2016!

Melanie keeps an active routine and is involved in numerous clubs and activities. She is a Class Representative (previously Secretary), a member of HOSA, GSA, National Honor Society, World Language Honor Society, and the Environmental Club. In HOSA she has competed twice with success at the National level. Melanie is also a Certified Nurse Assistant and is working towards



becoming an EMT.

When asked to elaborate on her passions, Melanie cited her love of science and being selected for the Teen Crusaders - a community service program that builds character. Through this venture she has attended summer science courses at Rutgers University. Melanie is also involved in the 4H National Youth Organization through which she has competed and won numerous awards in

the Arts & Crafts category.

During her education at PCTI, Melanie has learned much about herself. She enjoys working with the elderly and plans on embracing her CNA certification by picking up a part time job while attending a university. She plans on following the Veterinarian track by earning a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Ecology.

It takes a special amount of warmth and kindness to successfully deliver care to humans and animals alike. Melanie has the precise amount of drive and determination needed to make a difference in the world. Congratulations to this outstanding Bulldog. Best of luck in the future!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 1% percent of her class
- Class representative, member of HOSA, GSA, NHS, WLHS, & Environmental Club
- Certified Nurse Assistant, working towards EMT certification
- Volunteers throughout the community as a member of the Teen Crusaders
- Received "Best in Division" at 4H National Youth Organization competition
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a Bachelor's degree Animal Science/Ecology, become a Veterinarian/Zoologist