

PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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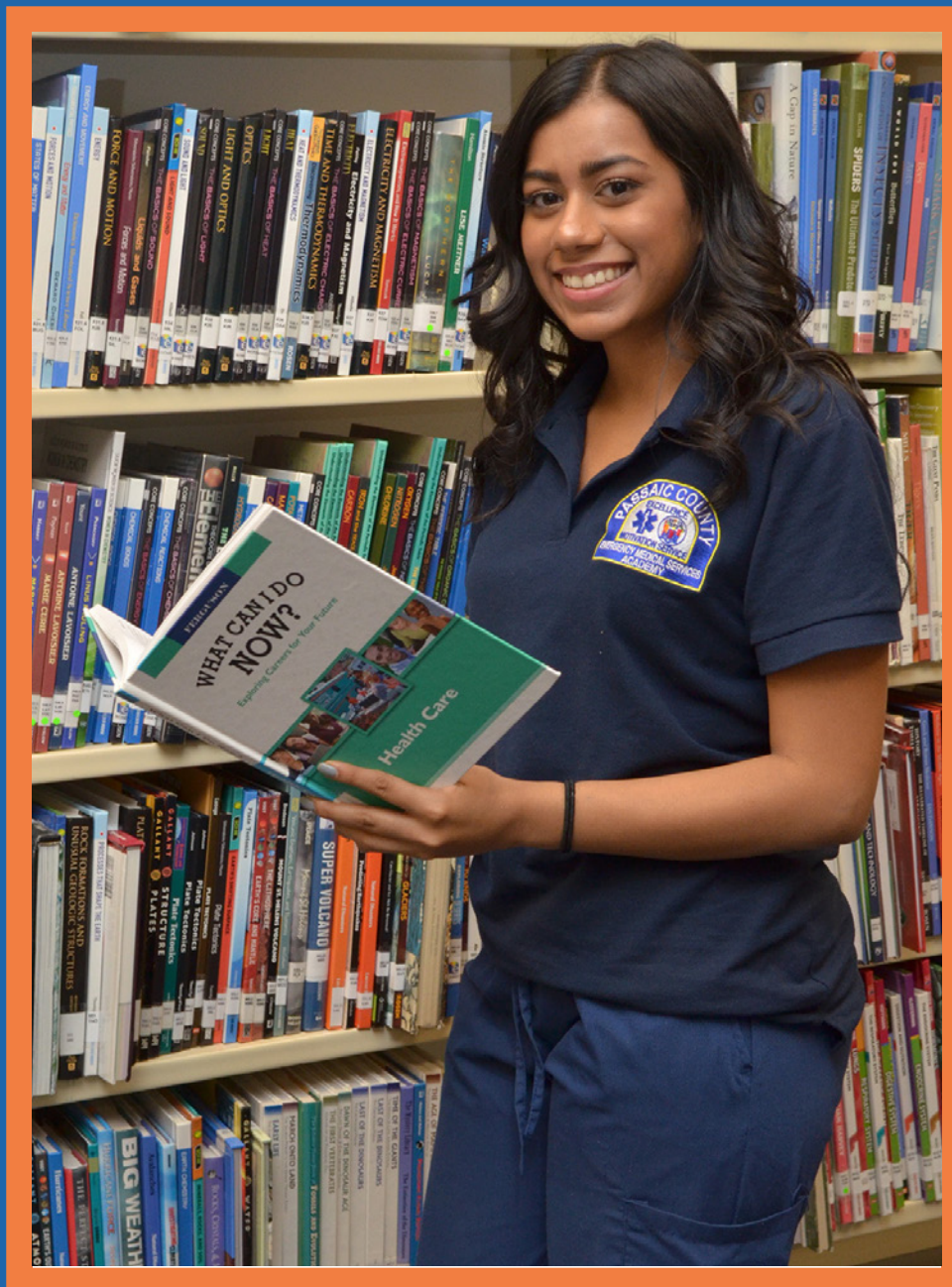
A Dynamic Individual Championing the Power of Optimism POOJA NAHAR

Pooja Nahar is a driven young woman from Clifton who is pursuing education as part of PCTI's Academy of Medical Arts program. Her interest in the sciences allowed her to discover a passion that is both intellectually stimulating and helps others. This active Bulldog is all about getting things done.

Pooja is wildly active in her educational pursuits. She ranks 7th in the Class of 2017 with a GPA of 4.45, which is no doubt credited to her outstanding grades in the academic realm. In this year's first marking period alone, Pooja elected to take three AP courses! She will graduate with a potential thirty-six college credits towards her college career. As part of the Academy of Medical Arts, Pooja is a licensed CNA and is both First Aid and Basic Life Support certified. She is currently working towards her EMT certification.

She is involved in the Sound Chasers, Gifted and Talented, HOSA, and the Yearbook Club – of which she is the Editor. Pooja is also a student representative for the Class of 2017 and was selected for the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she served as the Vice President of Passaic County's 4-H Teen Crusaders and the Youth Leader of the EduCare Charity.

Pooja credits her extensive community involvement to PCTI.



"I've learned to take advantage of every opportunity," she said.

Such motivation for self-betterment is evident in Pooja's application and acceptance into two prestigious summer programs: the NJ Governor's School in the Sciences and the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's Human Oncology & Pathogenesis Program (HOPP). Experience with the latter has

kindled her interest in the Oncology field.

It's no surprise that after graduation, Pooja seeks to further her education and become a doctor. She's got everything planned out. "I aim to enter directly into a medical program in my dream school of Brown University. Their Program in Liberal Medical Education runs for eight years and combines

undergraduate education with professional studies in medicine."

When asked if she has any advice for her fellow classmates, Pooja replied, "Don't be afraid of choosing a program you're not sure you'll like. There's benefits to having new experiences!"

Congratulations to this positive young woman on all her outstanding accomplishments.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 1% of her class
- Licensed CNA, First Aid & Basic Life Support certified
- Selected for NJ Governor's School in the Sciences & Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's HOPP programs
- Vice President of Passaic County 4-H Crusaders, Editor of Yearbook Club, Youth Leader of the EduCare Charity
- Member of Sound Chasers, Gifted & Talented, HOSA, & NHS
- Goal: Graduate from a university that combines a bachelors/medical degree program; become a doctor