

PRESS RELEASE

Celebrating Black History Month

Wayne, NJ – Students of Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) are teaching their peers about the importance of history. This time it's all thanks to Black History Month, the February event during which students, teachers, and staff take time to pause and reflect on the profound influences of black figures throughout US history.

Included in the tradition of celebration are the Annual Block Party and the assembly. The Block Party focuses on reflecting cultural dance, dress, & food. Students gather after school to participate in the fun-filled event. The assembly is held at the end of February and is written and planned by the Black History Month Committee. This year's committee included Tenaya Bascomb, Rodney De Vore, Kyona Best, Khadijah Davies, Yvonne Watson, and Geralyn Hunter. The theme connected past and present as two sisters, each at odds with the other's worldview, were transported to a segregated America via a mix of time-traveling and dream sequences. PCTI's very own Tech Tone Choir and Performing Arts Dancers also participated in the assembly. The lesson was undeniably clear: in order to experience the present and live fully one must study and remember the past.

February's Black History Month Celebration allowed all staff and students of PCTI to experience our nation's history on many different levels. Thanks to all who contributed in making the event a success!



Photo Caption: PCTI student reenact a scene demonstrating transportation segregation during the Black History Month Assembly.