## Passaic County Technical Institute

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## PCTI Cultivates Years of "Cultural Exchange"

**Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – On Tuesday, November 13, 2012, more than 25 students from Keio Academy (a Japanese based high school in Purchase, New York) traveled to Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) as part of each school's Cultural Exchange program. It was here they were welcomed by PCTI's very own student ambassadors. For the past eight years, PCTI has welcomed Keio Academy with open arms, and they in turn have done the same.

While on campus, students of Keio Academy were given a personal tour of Passaic County Technical Institute. Visitors were treated to the full PCTI experience which showcased both successful programs and classrooms, including Graphic Design, Criminal Justice, Medical Arts, Culinary, Performing Arts Dance, and more. Student ambassadors shared with Keio Academy the multitude of programs which are available to PCTI students and how diversity is a hallmark of the much acclaimed high school. Keio Academy students were also treated to a fabulous lunch at the highly acclaimed student training restaurant on campus, Chez Technique. The tour concluded with a personal exchange comparing and contrasting the life experience of students from both institutions.

As the students bid farewell, PCTI's ambassadors distributed gifts of homemade origami boxes filled with sweets. The token of thanks was a great way of bridging the gap between cultures and was the perfect way to end the day.



Photo Caption: PCTI's student ambassadors and Japanese Instructor Maiko Sato pose with the students and representatives of Keio Academy.