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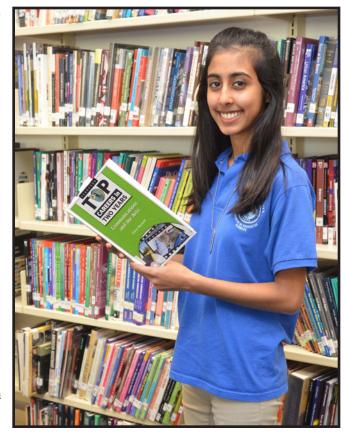
Fueled by Challenge & Pushing for Success Shivani Topiwala

Shivani Topiwala is a bright young woman who prides herself on practicing self-motivation to achieve her dreams. This Clifton native of the School of Communication Arts avidly seeks out opportunity in the pursuit of personal growth, which accounts for much of her success at Passaic County Technical Institute.

Shivani's enthusiastic and hardworking attitude has earned her an outstanding 4.4 GPA. She also ranks in the top one percent of the Class of 2015. By extension, it's no surprise she has achieved Principal's Honor Roll throughout most of her academic career.

Dedication permeates throughout her entire lifestyle. "I only feel comfortable giving 110%. I really look forward to challenging myself." While attending PCTI, Shivani has taken ten Honors courses and four AP classes, earning her a potential twenty-eight credits for use after graduating high school.

Aside from her fortitude with stellar grades, Shivani is also involved in a host of activities. She is a prestigious member of PCTI's NJROTC and serves on the Drill Team. In addition, she acts as the Lieutenant ranking Liaison Affairs Officer – a role which dutifully assesses and fosters communication between instructors and cadets. Shivani is also a member of ERASE,



National History Club, Gifted & Talented, National Honor Society, and the World Language Honor Society. She plays on the Girls Tennis team and was also selected for NJ Girls State.

Shivani showcases great diligence in all her endeavors. It's no surprise that she already has plans lined up after graduation. Shivani looks forward to applying to Boston University, Stevens Institute of Technology, and NJIT and pursuing an education in Biomedical Engineering - an area which focuses on making prosthetics, stem cell research, and 3D printing. As a minor, she will dive into the wonderful world of Neuroscience. She also plans on pursuing the Pre-Med track.

When asked about the valuable experiences she's had while attending PCTI, Shivani said, "This is the closest kind education a high school student can get to actually being in college. There are so many opportunities to take advantage of so take chances and just go for it!"

This creative thinker provides sound advice for future Bulldogs. Congratulations Shivani, on becoming such a well-rounded and intelligent individual. We wish you the best of luck!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 1% of her class
- Co-Op student for PCTI's Communications Department
- Earned 28 college credits
- Member of ERASE, National History Club,
 Gifted & Talented, National Honor Society,
 & World Language Honor Society
- On the Girls Tennis team
- Volunteers at St. Mary's Hospital
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a degree in Biomedical Engineering and a Minor in Neuroscience; pursue the Pre-Med track