

Promoting Self-Discovery & Growth

Manisha Bhattacharjee

Manisha Bhattacharjee is a young woman from Hawthorne who decided to select an area of study that genuinely intrigued her. She chose the Academy of Criminal Justice for her love of politics, the legal system, and laws.

“It was definitely a change of pace from what I’m used to.” Manisha went on to explain that she was originally going to enter high school as a member of the Academy of Medical Arts. “I wanted to try something different though and I’m glad I did.”

It’s all about branching out and exploring new horizons. Manisha elaborates that, as a freshman, she was reserved and timid. Her time at PCTI, however, changed all that.

“I really feel like I came into who I am as a person. I found myself.”

Manisha ranks in the top seven percent of her class with a GPA of 4.02. She has received five FEMA certifications and is CPR certified. In addition, she has been involved in Girls Tennis and SkillsUSA and was selected as a member of the World Language Honor Society!

Growth has always been paramount to the development to Manisha’s character. She has embraced job shadowing opportunities with PCTI security guards and pharmacists at Walgreens. Additionally, this talented Bulldog is trilingual and



speaks English, Bengali, and Hindi fluently.

Volunteerism is just as important as her studies. Manisha speaks warmly of her time at Van Dyk Health Care, an assisted living facility in Hawthorne. “Connecting with the elderly has been an impactful experience. Just speaking with someone makes such a difference in their day.” During the summer, she works twenty-four hours a week.

Manisha is also very involved in her religious practice. She often prepares food for pujas

which feeds more than forty people!

When it comes to continuing her studies after graduation, Manisha is deciding between two options. “I’m either going to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy or study Pediatric Neuroscience.” Both areas require dedication, determination, and mental fortitude, traits that she definitely possesses!

Manisha has some great advice to offer her fellow Bulldogs. “I used to worry a lot, but now I know that things will be fine no matter what. Always think of the bigger picture and learn to adapt to whatever happens in life.”

Her willingness to embrace the unknown truly makes Manisha one of a kind. Congratulations to this well-deserving young woman. You’re bound to accomplish great things!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 7% of her class
- Achieved great academic standing with a GPA of 4.02
- Has earned a potential 12 college credits
- Selected for of WLHS
- Earned 5 FEMA certifications, CPR certified
- Volunteers at Van Dyk Health Care, an assisted living facility
- Involved in religious practice, prepares food for pujas
- Goal: Earn a Doctor of Pharmacy or study Neuroscience, with a focus on Pediatrics