

Exuding Kindness & Caring for Others

Olivia N. Polzer

Olivia Polzer is a young woman who takes great pleasure in helping others. In fact, this North Haledon local says that's precisely why she enrolled in PCTI's School of Cosmetology. "I really enjoy brightening someone's day and making them feel better about themselves."

It's her penchant for connecting with others that has allowed Olivia to hone her craft. This eager Bulldog has earned her Cosmetology Permit and is working towards full licensure. She even works five days a week at the Nino Tollis Salon. "I've been there since October and assist with a lot of procedures. Recently, I've been requested by clients for coloring and that's a great feeling."

Olivia is known for giving her all in every aspect of her life. In regard to her studies, she ranks in the top 6% of her class with a GPA of 4.04. She has achieved Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll due to her numerous honors courses and was selected as a World Language Honor Society member. Olivia has garnered a potential twelve college credits and has also been involved in the Astronomy Club, Environmental Club, Sign Language Club, and FBLA.

She is also active in volunteerism. Olivia is extremely involved in the Hawthorne Gospel Church. She has gone on mission trips to both Philadelphia and Bolivia where she has thrown



block parties for children and renovated and repaired an orphanage.

When asked about her life after high school, Olivia says she was inspired by her program at PCTI. "In Cosmetology, we learned about nail and skin issues. I found it really interesting and decided I want to become a Dermatologist."

She has been accepted into and will be attending Ramapo College. Olivia will study Biology and will later pursue a Medical Degree.

When asked about a lesson she's learned during her high school career, Olivia stressed the importance of putting oneself out there and taking advantage of opportunities.

"I've learned a lot about myself, especially through community service. It gave me a sense of independence and strengthened my leadership skills. I also got to make a real difference in the lives of others, which is very fulfilling."

Olivia is thankful for all her friends and teachers at PCTI who have helped her go above and beyond in receiving a quality education. In fact, she has some advice for all aspiring future Bulldogs. "Just go for it. Try anything and don't be afraid to ask help."

Congratulations Olivia and best of luck in the future!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 6% of her class
- Achieved great academic standing with a GPA of 4.04
- Accumulated a potential 12 college credits
- Achieved Honor Roll/Principal's Honor Roll
- Selected for World Language Honor Society
- Volunteers at her local church, participates in missions
- Goal: Graduate from Ramapo College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, pursue a Medical Degree, become a Dermatologist