

PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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Hard Working with Boundless Ambition TAHRIM IMON

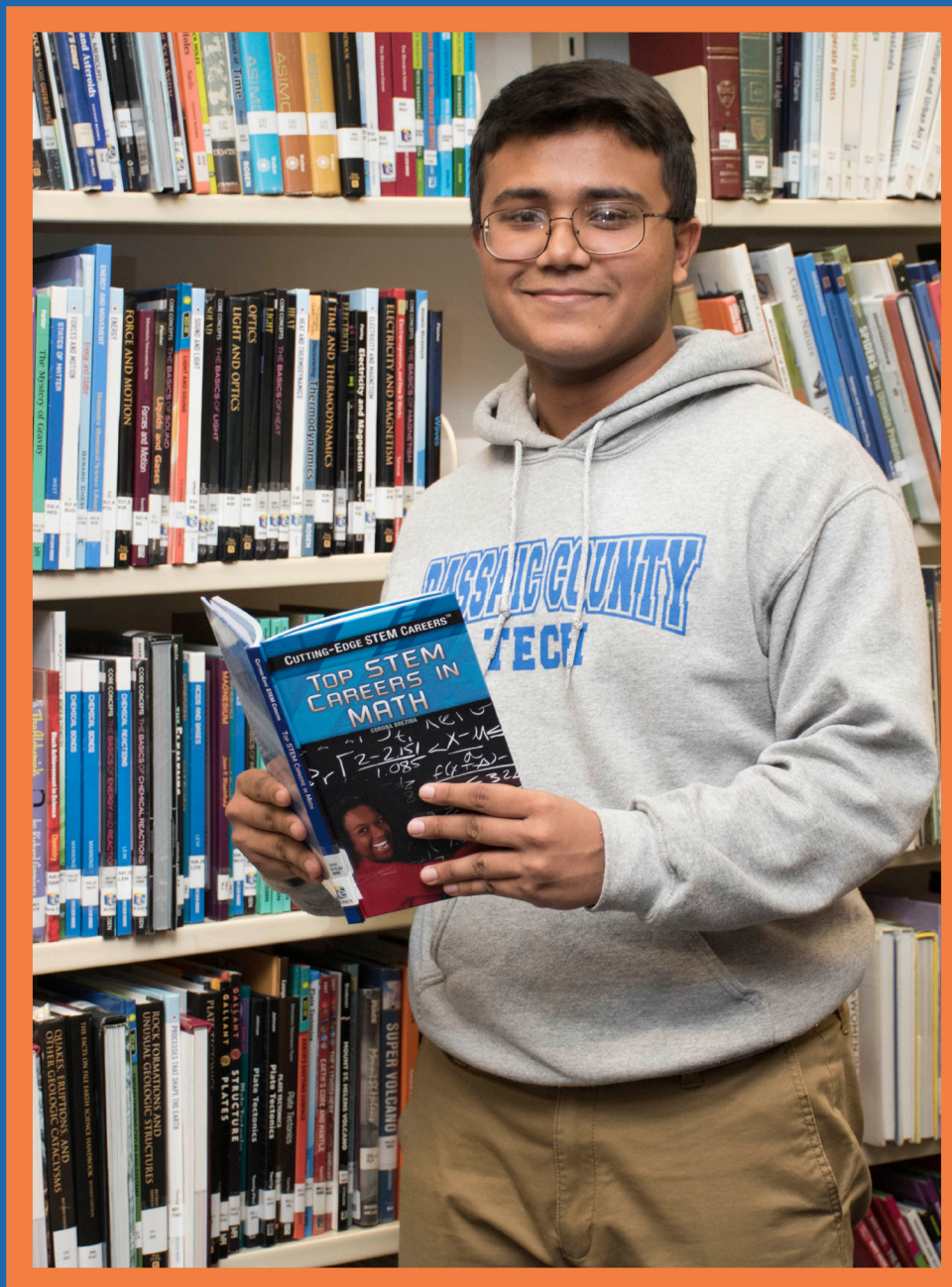
Tahrir Imon is a young man who grew up in Paterson, but is originally from Bangladesh. He came to the United States at three years old filled with quiet ambition that soon found an outlet in PCTI's Academy of Information Technology.

Choosing to study Computer Science has opened up a world of opportunity for Tahrir and kindled an interest in Artificial Intelligence. "I've always loved how algorithms can be used to alleviate the stress of humans. It takes the opportunity for human error out of any equation."

Tahrir consistently takes his interest in coding and programming to the next level and has volunteered to share his knowledge as a mentor for PCTI's Summer & Fall STEM Academy.

It's Tahrir's ability to pursue studies that interest him on his own time which greatly contributes to many of his successes. For two years, the development of his Passion Project - "Icarus" saw that Tahrir was able to design, build, program, and fly a quadcopter. To complete this outstanding feat required that Tahrir learn programming mechanics and electricity.

This advantageous Bulldog is in the Engineering/Robotics Club and ERASE. He was also selected for Boys State and the World Language Honor Society. Tahrir has elected to take numerous honors and AP courses



per year. Such ambition has ensured that he ranks in the top two percent of his class with an outstanding GPA of 4.35. Tahrir has the potential to graduate with twenty college credits and has achieved Principal's Honor Roll throughout his entire high school career.

One of Tahrir's greatest accomplishments was being named a QuestBridge Final-

ist. This national scholarship program allowed him to apply to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University, Princeton University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Yale University. Should he be accepted to any of the above institutions, he will receive a full tuition scholarship. The honor would be well-earned, especially for this dedicated and soon-

to-be first-generation college student.

Tahrir will pursue dual degrees in Mathematics and either Engineering or Computer Science with the goal of entering a career at an Aeronautics firm. His greatest advice for his fellow Bulldogs is as follows, "It's up to you to make something of yourself. You have to reap the chances when they're available and go after what you want. Don't wait for opportunities to come to you."

Congratulations to a young man who actively seeks out opportunities for self-betterment, ensuring that many successes await on the horizon!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 2% of his class
- Involved in Engineering/Robotics Club and ERASE
- Selected for New Jersey Boys State and WLHS
- Earned national honor as a QuestBridge Finalist
- Volunteers with SeaPerch Underwater Robotics Challenge and at Islamic Congregation of North Jersey
- Goal: Graduate from a university with dual degrees in Mathematics and either Engineering or Computer Science at the Master level, enter a career at an Aeronautics firm