

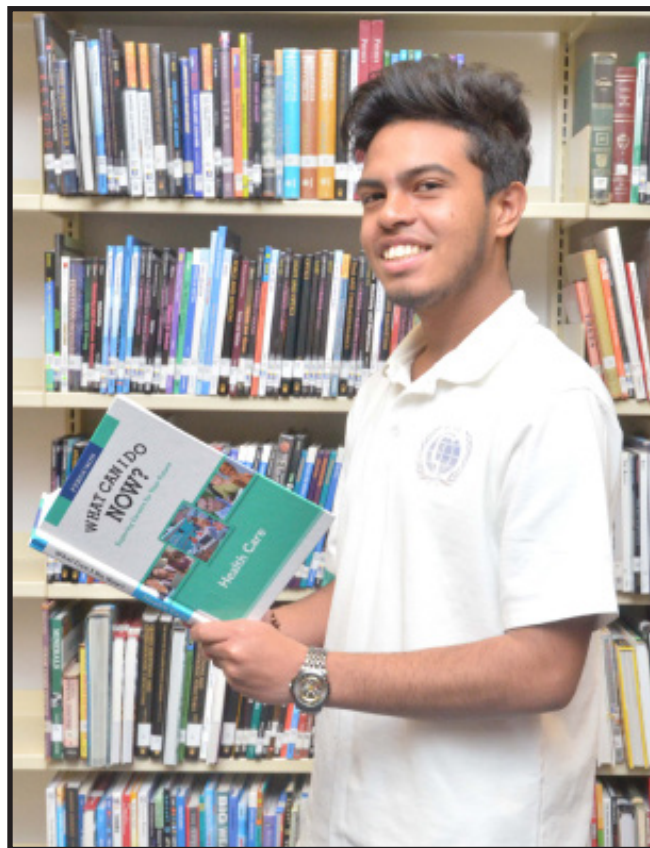
Confident and Advantageous

Shamshad Azimi

Shamshad Azimi is a young man whose pivotal journey started long before coming to Passaic County Technical Institute. At the age of twelve, he moved from Bangladesh to the US and continued to move around the Tri-State area before settling in Paterson. It was here that he decided to become a medical professional, hence why he chose the Academy of Medical Arts.

“My choice was motivated by circumstance. I saw how doctors in America took care of my family and wanted to emulate their kindness and consideration for others.”

For the past four years, Shamshad has involved himself in a host of activities, including Boys Golf, the Chess Club and the Muslim Student Association, all while maintaining a 4.3 GPA and ranking 5th in the Class of 2016! As a HOSA member, he’s competed as a member of the Dental Terminology team and has placed at the regional level. Additionally, Shamshad is a certified CNA and is working towards his EMT certification. Outside of PCTI, he can be found designing fliers and banners as the Head of Marketing for the Ashraq Youth Group, volunteering to organize and clean up Paterson’s Elysium Community Garden, and working twenty-five hours a week as a sales associate at Sears.



When asked about his challenging course load, Shamshad said, “There are so many opportunities to take advantage of and I love thinking analytically. Even if something isn’t easy, I’d rather have the experience and work through it than not be involved at all.” It’s no wonder he’s taken classes that are worth nineteen college credits!

The future looks bright for this determined Bulldog. Shamshad will apply to Stevens Univer-

sity, Rutgers New Brunswick, TCNJ, and Columbia University (he’s already applied to Fairleigh Dickinson) and will pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering. In the future, he hopes to earn a Doctorate in either Hematology or Oncology.

Shamshad has learned a great deal about himself since coming to the United States, especially in relation to his education at PCTI. “I’ve gained so much confidence since my freshman year. Now I actively engage with others - which is something I never would have done in the past - and I have great friends from diverse backgrounds that I’ve learned a lot from!”

Congratulations to this young man on achieving his accomplishments!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 1% percent of his class
- Member of ERASE, Boys Golf, HOSA, Chess Club, & the MSA
- Certified Nurse Assistant, working towards EMT certification
- Head of Marketing for the Ashraq Youth Group, volunteer at Elysium Community Garden, Sears Associate
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a Bachelor’s degree in Biomedical Engineering, become a Hematologist/Oncologist