

PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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An Advocate Heralding the Power of Education QIAN ZHANG

Qian Zhang is a dynamic young woman from Paterson who whole-heartily believes in the transformative power of education. Just how does she pursue her passion for boundless learning? Why, by taking advantage of every presented opportunity, of course! This Bulldog has big dreams and she's determined to do everything possible to attain them.

As a member of the Academy of Finance, Qian always saw herself following a business path. Not enamored by the prospect of living life in a cubicle, Qian has decided to fine tune her future pursuits. "What I love about finance is that numbers make sense. I enjoy planning too, but I want to combine that with a social aspect." It's for this reason that she has decided to venture into the field of Hotel and Tourism Management.

Qian has already made connections with her dream school of NYU and has sat in on a college course. Her drive and accomplishments are unparalleled. She ranks in the top two percent of the Class of 2017 with a GPA of 4.38. By enrolling in numerous honors and AP courses, Qian has accumulated a potential eighteen credits towards her future education.

While attending PCTI, she was selected as a member of Foundation for Success, Circle



of Success, Gifted & Talented, the National Honor Society, and New Jersey Girls State. As the team captain of the Consumer Bowl team, she led her peers to become county champions! Qian is also involved in Book Club and the Future Business Leaders of America. As far as volunteering efforts go, she has been a part of the March of Dimes, the Paterson Boys &

Girls club staff, and has donated her time as a PCTI Saturday Tour Guide and an Open House representative. Qian even works twelve hours a week as part of PCTI's Columbia Bank branch!

Qian's impeccable time management skills have ensured she can tackle many goals simultaneously. She's begun the task of instituting her own 'Pencils of Promise'

program, an organization which aims to build schools in developing countries.

"My goal is to eventually set up schools in Laos and Kenya," Qian adds.

She looks forward to attending NYU, but will also apply to Boston and Syracuse University. Qian explains that she looks forward to expanding her horizons by pursuing a degree in Hotel and Tourism Management, with a minor in Marketing & Revenue Management.

There's no doubt Qian will make others feel at home when she eventually manages her own hotel. Congratulations & best of luck to this gifted young woman!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 2% of her class
- Selected for Freshmen Foundation for Success, Circle of Success, Gifted & Talented, NHS, & New Jersey Girls State
- Co-op for PCTI's branch of Columbia Bank
- Member of Book Club & FBLA
- Volunteers for March of Dimes, the Paterson Boys & Girls Club, as a PCTI Saturday Tour Guide, and at Open House events
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a degree in Hotel & Tourism Management, a minor in Marketing & Revenue Management; become the manager of her own hotel