

# PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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## A Talented Leader on the Rise to Success **TIAMERA ELLEN**

Tiamera Ellen intuitively knew her calling in life before even entering the halls of PCTI. This animated Passaic native spent much of her time creating mock book covers with a free version of Photoshop. Well, she certainly picked the right place to be. Tiamera found the perfect home as a member the Graphic Arts program of the School of Communication Arts.

This organized Bulldog is one half of the Co-op team for the Communications Department. Tiamera's keen eye for design has greatly contributed to the success of numerous projects. With a GPA of 4.24 and ranking in the top three percent of the Class of 2017, she's certainly on top of her game! Through taking AP and honors courses, she's accumulated a potential twenty-seven college credits to be used towards her academic future!

Her career area is not the only place where she shines. Tiamera is the acting President for both the Class of 2017 and the Book Club. Not only was she selected for the National Honor Society, but she's also the Corresponding Secretary. Additionally, Tiamera is a member of PCTI's chapter of LMTI - where she has participated in the Father English Community Center Toy Drive. She's even the Layout Editor in Chief of the Yearbook club and was select-



ed for New Jersey Girls State. Yet another fantastic accomplishment for which Tiamera should be recognized is receiving the bronze medal for the SkillsUSA T-Shirt design contest (junior year).

None of these fantastic accomplishments account for Tiamera's life outside of school. Her passion for the arts truly knows no bounds. She

explains, "I spend a lot of time working on my own business - Tellen Designs. The company deals mainly with shirt designs and specializes in working with charities and their events."

When asked what has profoundly affected her growth while in high school, Tiamera references LMTI. "I learned how to be a leader. Acting as a Youth Advisory Counselor for the LMTI

Leadership Camp changed who I was." She continues to volunteer with the organization and does the same with Jersey Cares.

After high school, Tiamera will go on to pursue her love for the arts. She plans on receiving a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design with a minor in Photography. Her greatest aspiration is to become a Freelance Graphic Designer, own her own business, and work closely with charitable organizations.

Tiamera is a true leader whose dedication to her craft and others will ensure a successful future. Congratulations to this talented young woman!

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 3% of her class
- President of the Class of 2017 & the Book Club
- Selected for NHS, serves as the Corresponding Secretary
- Editor in Chief of the Yearbook club, selected for NJ Girls State, PCTI LMTI chapter member
- Runs own business of "Tellen Designs," Co-op for PCTI's Communications department
- Goal: Graduate from a university with a Bachelor's degree in Graphic design and a minor in Photography, become a Freelance Graphic Designer