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## PRESS RELEASE

## **PCTI Wins State House Express Grant**

Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Congratulations to Instructors Marissa Burghardt and Jayne O'Neil of Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) for receiving the State House Express Awards. These \$300 grants aid students in visiting the State House in Trenton for specially guided tours and a first-hand examination of the legislature's role in the system of representative democracy.

The tour itself presents legislature as an arena where different public values, interests, and priorities are both deliberated and negotiated and where settlements are reached. The goal, as stated by State House Express, is "...to teach students about the legislature's role in representative democracy and encourage civic participation in the American political system."

The State House Express is funded New Jersey Legislature and is administered by the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, in collaboration with the Office of Legislative Services at the State House in Trenton.



Photo Caption: Marissa Burghardt and Jayne O'Neil with their students.