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OPEN HOUSE UNVEILS A WORLD OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES

An unassuming Saturday may mark the day that the lives of prospective students were changed forever. PCTI held its annual Open House event, a time when guests from across Passaic County are invited to venture onto campus to learn what sets our high school apart from the rest.

More than 3,000 visitors from all municipalities experienced PCTI's award-winning programs, athletics, as well as numerous clubs and organizations via helpful faculty, staff, and student ambassadors. Volunteers guided guests across the school's expansive campus while providing informational expositions about their experiences at the career and technical high school. Such first-hand accounts inspired awe among prospective students and their parents and gave them a glimpse of the opportunities PCTI provides. They were amazed at the numerous programs offered and how current students have, and continue, to flourish.

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OPEN HOUSE

In addition, an entirely new program was highlighted for its premiere in the upcoming September 2018 school year. PCTI's currently under construction "STEM Academy" will accept 300 students in its first year and will foster learning innovation through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The much anticipated state-of-the-art facility is uniquely designed to include collaborative learning spaces, CTE & science laboratories, presentation/seminar halls, and open classrooms. At the end of their freshmen year, those who are accepted into PCTI's STEM Academy will select to pursue concentrations in Bio-medical and Life Science, Computer Science, or Engineering.

This year's Open House event was an outstanding success, thanks to our dedicated Bulldog family who truly embodied PCTI's schoolwide theme "We Are." By showing those in attendance their electric Bulldog pride, our faculty, staff, and students championed the importance of identity, proving how the call to action champions individuality and encourages all to be their very best.

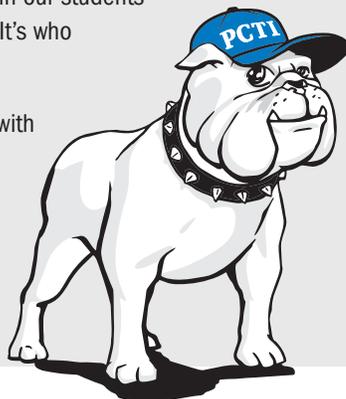


Bulldogs: It's Who "We Are"

On Opening Day, faculty and students were welcomed back to school with a brand-new theme! **"We Are"** is quick to celebrate what makes PCTI unique: our vast accomplishments, our drive to reach for the highest heights and achieve the extraordinary, and our dedication to embracing the global future of change and technological advancement.

"We Are" is decidedly proud. It's a celebration of blue and white, a rich tapestry showcasing the Bulldog family's many faces. We encourage one another to do our very best and shape the minds of tomorrow, today, by putting the potential of a great future in our students' hands. We achieve greatness as a team. It's who we are!

In addition to welcoming everyone back with this year's theme, PCTI put a spotlight on our school mascot with a brand-new look. Spike's redesign will be featured on Tech Gear, across campus, and so much more. Now he's just as unique as we are!



An Innovating Win with Nokia Global STEM Challenge

Engineering students struck gold when they developed an award-winning idea for the Nokia Global STEM Innovation Challenge. Their concept, “a phone dock that converts a Nokia smart phone into a traditional desktop computer,” allowed users to be productive at work, school, or home, and garnered the PCTI team first place accolades!

Students competed against four other teams for the winning title, including JA Finland, JA Israel, Junior Achievement of Chicago, and JA Spain. Each team was required to submit a concept paper and presentation. The key criteria for evaluating teams were based on innovation and the future, in addition to how well each team captured the idea, studied and researched, thought about the business case, and defined real-world use cases.



PCTI Wins Top Award at Leadership Conference

PCTI's Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute students have been selected as the organization's Most Outstanding Prevention Action Group in New Jersey! They were honored at the Summer Leadership Conference with the Lindsey Rose Meyer Memorial Prevention Award, which is distributed to the school with the most comprehensive and multi-dimensional program demonstrating innovation, creativity, and passion.

Some of the group's notable projects include a cross-age teaching project with 7th and 8th grade students about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, teambuilding activities with middle school students, the development of an awareness week focused on preventing tobacco use, park clean ups, creating care packages for individuals at homeless shelters, presenting at Parent-Teacher meetings, and providing mental health resources and positive messages to the student population at our school.



Spirit and Pride Abound for **HOMECOMING 2017!**

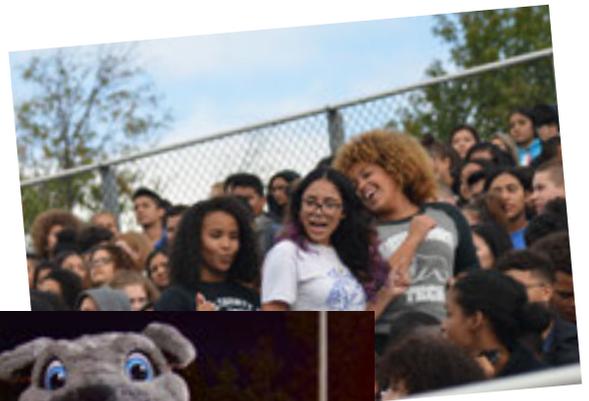
This year's Homecoming event was truly spectacular to behold. It all began with the celebration of spirit week and an abundance of that good old fashioned Bulldog pride!



Enthusiasm was high as each grade valiantly competed in penny wars, the deciding factor in who would receive their very own Pep Rally prior to the Homecoming game. Seniors were ultimately declared the winners and were treated to an afternoon of excitement. Cheerleaders performed their high energy routine while marching band and color guard members put on an unforgettable show. Fall student athletes were introduced to the crowd, as was a very special guest. Princess, PCTI's newest Bulldog mascot, joined Spike to cheer on competitors during all up-and-coming team events.

In the evening, our football team faced off against the Passaic High School Indians for the annual Homecoming game. More than 4,000 spectators came out to experience the highly anticipated event, which included alumni and future Bulldogs.

The game itself was a nail-biting demonstration of athletic prowess. Ultimately, our Bulldogs were declared champions in a shutout game with a score of 19-0! Our homecoming court was also introduced to the crowd. Congratulations to Count Jordan Ricketts, Countess Elianny Grullon, Duke Arben Allaraj, Duchess Devanese Trinidad, Prince Dale L. Owens, Princess Anahi Chavez, King Christopher Cortez, and Queen Leila Roberts!



Say Hello to PCTI's Power Mascots: Princess & Spike!



BREAKING NEWS!

PCTI's Varsity Football Team has been declared **New Jersey Super Football Conference Liberty Red Division Champions!** They were undefeated in their division for the entire 2017 season. Congratulations to Head Coach Matt Demarest and to PCTI's football coaching staff. Way to go Bulldogs!



Education Foundation Honors Founding Members at Golf Scholarship Classic

For two decades, PCTI's Education Foundation has been spearheading community outreach initiatives to raise funds for student scholarships and faculty grants. Their largest and most exclusive event, the annual Golf Scholarship Classic, raised an outstanding \$85,000! It was hosted at the Knoll Country Club West

and had a turnout of one hundred and forty golfers and dinner guests. Numerous sponsors supported the event.

In light of the twenty-year anniversary, the Education Foundation honored two of its founding members, the dearly departed Lou Duva and Lou Cuccinello, by celebrating their life-work and

commitment to the community. Family members were invited to attend and accept awards on their behalf.

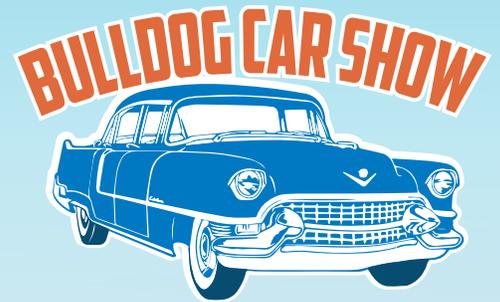
Nicknamed "Two Great Lou's," Duva and Cuccinello made immense contributions to their communities. Both grew up in Paterson New Jersey and were trustees of PCTI's Education Foundation.



Turnout for Car Show at All Time High!

For the second year in a row, PCTI's Education Foundation sponsored the Annual Car Show - an event that combines the efforts of the School of Automotive Technology, faculty, and administration - for all lovers of the automotive variety. The turnout from surrounding communities saw that an outstanding two-hundred and eighty seven cars were judged, ranging from oldies but goodies, to completely repainted classics.

Those who judged the cars were none other than PCTI's very own Automotive Technology students. Enriching to the atmosphere of the day was delicious food provided by our Culinary Arts program and the creative musical stylings of our Vocal Technique students.





Senior Represents NJ at Boys Nation

Senior Chris Zuniga was selected as one of two representatives from New Jersey's Boys State program to attend Boys Nation in Washington DC. The distinguished honor invited ninety-eight young leaders from across the nation to attend a weeklong event which treated them as senators from their respective Boys State.

This form of government training included lectures, forums, and visits to federal agencies, national shrines, institutions, as well as memorial and historical sites. Visiting Capitol Hill gave Boys Nation senators the opportunity to meet with elected officials from their home states. Congratulations to Chris on this great accomplishment!



Girls Volleyball Secure Title of Champions

PCTI's Girls Volleyball team is making headlines with their Big North Conference-Liberty Division Championship title! The honor is well earned. This season, the team had a 9-1 divisional record and a 16-7 overall record. Additionally, Kayla Nelson was selected for First Team All-BNC Liberty and as a First Team All-County student athlete while Naomi Rodriguez and Sasha Griffin were selected for First Team All BNC-Liberty Division honors and Second Team All-County honors. Congratulations to Head Coach Alima Pudup and to our Assistant Coaches for a great season!



Partnership Outreach All the Way from Tennessee

Dignitaries of Fisk University, President Kevin Rome Sr. and Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Strategic Development, Jens Frederiksen, visited and toured Passaic County Technical Institute in order to build a potential partnership with our high school. The university has a longstanding history that dates back to the end of the Civil War and has a strong record of academic excellence, especially among students earning PhDs in the natural sciences.



Holocaust Knowledge Broadened with European Study

History Instructor, Ernesto Diaz, was selected to expand his educational horizons when he attended the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous European Study. The program saw that he visited the eastern European nations of Lithuania and Poland, an area where the largest percentage of Jews were exterminated during the Holocaust.

The weeklong excursion ensured that Mr. Diaz was fully immersed in the history in which he

teaches. This was achieved by walking through Jewish towns; visiting concentration camps, mass graves, and synagogues; meeting with JFR supported rescuers who shared the personal testimonies of events from such harrowing times; and more. The tour humanized a dark time in history and shed light on the altruism displayed by the few Poles, Lithuanians, and others that protected Jewish friends, neighbors, and strangers.

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"Driven to Give" to an Outstanding Cause

Lincoln of Wayne awarded Passaic County Technical Institute's (PCTI) Education Foundation with an eight thousand dollar check in light of the high school's participation in their "Driven to Give" event, an initiative that exchanged faculty test drives for scholarship funds to benefit student and teacher educational endeavors.

Education Foundation President Al Alexander and Chief School Administrator Diana C. Lobosco accepted the donation from Lincoln of Wayne President, Peter Spina Sr. and General Manager Peter Spina Jr.

