

# Passaic County Technical Institute

*“Passaic County’s Award-Winning Public High School for Academics, Careers & Technology”*

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## Graduating the 52<sup>nd</sup> Class of Passaic County Technical Institute

Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Faculty, staff, and students of Passaic County Technical Institute celebrated the start of summer with the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual commencement ceremony. On Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, more than 750 seniors processed across the high school’s football field for the very last time. The atmosphere was electric. Seniors were cheered on by the applause of parents, families, and friends. A giant version of the school’s inflatable mascot looked on as the transformed football field was framed by rows upon rows of flowers. PCTI welcomed more than 3,500 guests who came out to support this year’s graduating class.

Students of the Class of 2016 hailed from fourteen diversified areas of study and were led by their respective program banners. PCTI’s NJROTC students participated by leading them in the procession and by presenting the flag salute and the National Anthem. The school’s Alma Mater followed and was performed with the help of the Tech Tone Choir, American Sign Language Club students, and graduating seniors.

Class Co-Presidents Natalie Rotger and Zill Ratanji welcomed everyone attendance and addressed fellow seniors with the Invocation. They were followed by other class officers, as well as Valedictorian Mohammed Ahmed and Salutatorian Patrick Kiel, who reminisced about profound events in their PCTI careers.

Following both speeches, Superintendent Diana C. Lobosco and Principal Dr. Michael Parent congratulated students and addressed the Class of 2016. Joining the festivities were members of the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Freeholder Director Theodore Best and Paterson Mayor Joey Torres provided encouraging remarks to the students.

Then it was finally time for the Class of 2016 to receive their diplomas from Board of Education President Al Alexander, Vice President Damaris M. Solomon, and Commissioner Glenn Brown. Advisors of the Class of 2016 also provided assistance.

The adventure of yet another PCTI class came to end, as they had achieved the much coveted goal of graduation. Congratulations to the great graduating Class of 2016 and best of luck in the future!



**Students of the School of Culinary Arts pose for a pre-graduation photo.**



**Seniors of the School of Business Careers process onto the field, roses in hand, at the beginning of PCTI's Graduation Ceremony.**



School of Applied Technology students celebrate during Passaic County Technical Institute's graduation ceremony.



PCTI seniors toss their caps into the air at the conclusion of PCTI's 52<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Ceremony.

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