

PCTI STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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An Analytic Young Man Advocating Professionalism **SAYEM AHMED**

Sayem Ahmed is a young man from Paterson whose experiences in youth allowed him to select the perfect program area at PCTI. “I used to help my dad around the house with a lot of wiring, and I realized that I really enjoyed figuring out why something does or doesn’t work, especially when it comes to a resource we take for granted,” Sayem says, referencing electricity. Well, he found the perfect home as a member of the School of Construction Technology with a concentration in Electrical Technology.

His analytic approach to repairing and maintaining electrical infrastructure carries over to other areas of his life. This diligent and hard-working Bulldog ranks in the top five percent of his class with a GPA of 4.14. He is enrolled in a combination of honors and AP courses which give him the potential of graduating with fourteen college credits. He’s also maintained Honor Roll status throughout most of his high school career.

At PCTI, Sayem has been involved in the MSA, Astronomy Club, Engineering Club, Environmental Club, and the Chess Club. Outside of school, he enjoys playing soccer with his friends and has volunteered at his local mosque. He’s also tutored young men and women in his community by teaching them to write Arabic.



Sayem has been accepted to both Rutgers New Brunswick and Newark, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Montclair State University. He plans to attend NJIT and graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering with a minor in Mathematics.

“My dream job would be working with hardware and software.” He further elaborates

that discovering the small components that make a computer function and run is what truly appeals to him. “In the future, I aim to get involved in a career that allows me to work on projects from start to finish - maybe something having to do with phones and telecommunication systems.

When asked about his greatest learning experience while

attending PCTI, Sayem mentions that it’s all about professionalism. “My program area and academic classes have prepared me for the real world. I’ve gained experience that I couldn’t have gotten anywhere else. My work ethic improved and I had the opportunity focus on time management.”

Congratulations Sayem, it sounds like you’ve built a profound work ethic that will serve you for years to come. Best of luck in the future!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranks in the top 5% of his class
- Will graduate with a potential 14 college credits
- Involved in MSA, Astronomy Club, Engineering Club, Environmental Club, & Chess Club
- Achieved Honor Roll status throughout most of his high school career
- Volunteerism efforts include helping out at his local mosque & instructing youths to write Arabic
- Goal: Graduate from a NJIT with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and a minor in Mathematics