

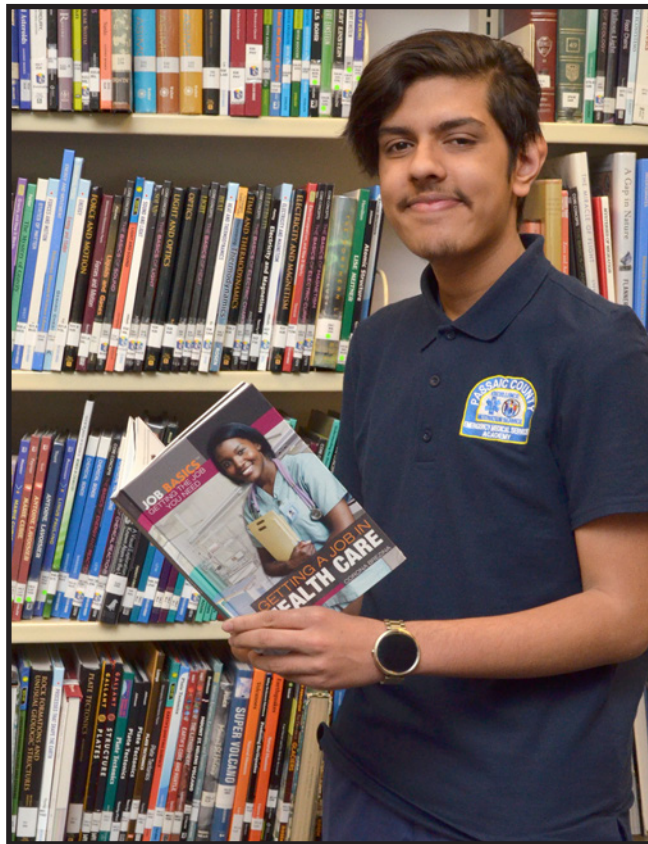
### Embracing Challenges with Confidence & Humility

# Mohammed Ahmed

Mohammed Ahmed of Paterson is an individual focused on the cultivation of balance. This member of the Academy of Medical Arts greets each day with the following philosophy, “I humbly aim to approach my classes with an open mind. Even if the information I learn isn’t used later on, I’m thankful for the opportunity to develop new interests.” It is this measure of keen self-awareness that has allowed Mohammed to succeed, earning him the title of *Valedictorian* for the Class of 2016!

As a Medical Arts student, Mohammed has certifications as an EMT-B, CNA, and in Basic Life Support. He has been a member of FBLA, ERASE, HOSA, the Sign Language Club, Boys Golf, the Chess Team, and was selected for the World Language Honor Society. Mohammed also volunteers as an online tutor for the Einstein Academy of Innovative Learning and as a Board Advisor for Teptu. He has truly made his academic mark on PCTI by earning a potential forty college credits and ranking number one in his class with a GPA of 4.5!

Nights of hard work, studying, and intellectual curiosity urged Mohammed to reach his full potential. His educational interest lies in the effect doctors have on society. Mohammed has been accepted to Rutgers University where he will



major in Biology/Mathematics. He aims to go to Medical School and to become a doctor.

When asked about the key to his success, Mohammed gave a very grounded response, “I try not to focus too much on accomplishments as an end game. Working hard is great, but lingering too long on successes can stop you from accomplishing so much more.”

His quest for self-betterment doesn’t stop there. Mohammed has challenged himself in the

musical realm by becoming self-taught in finger-style acoustic guitar. He also plays the Guitalele and the harmonica in the key of C.

This ambitious Bulldog cited a statement that has urged him to continually move beyond his comfort zone. The mantra? Respect all, fear none.

“Everything encountered in life is valuable. It’s important to push past what we believe we’re capable of, that way, we gain confidence.” Mohammed’s worldview has set the stage for perpetual growth. “I never want to feel like I’ve peaked. There’s so much that I don’t know. PCTI helped me realize the importance of being open minded and taking advantage of my resources.”

Congratulations to this eloquent young man and best of luck in the future!

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked in the top 1% of his class
- Earned a potential 40 college credits
- Bilingual in Bengali and English
- Certified EMT-B, CNA, & Basic Life Support
- Selected for Freshmen Foundation for Success and Circle of Success
- Involved in FBLA, ERASE, HOSA, the Sign Language Club, Boys Golf, the Chess Team; selected for WLHS
- Goal: Graduate from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology/Mathematics, become a doctor