

# Passaic County Technical Institute

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

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## PCTI Opens Summer STEM Academy

**Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) opened its doors to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students during the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> for an enriching Summer STEM Academy experience! Students chose one of three areas of study: Pre-Engineering, Computer Science, or Bio/Environmental Science.

The academy ran from 9am to 12pm, with students participating in cross-curricular group challenges, as well as individual projects in their program area. PCTI graduates, as well as those currently enrolled at the high school, volunteered to act as mentors to students of the Summer STEM Academy.

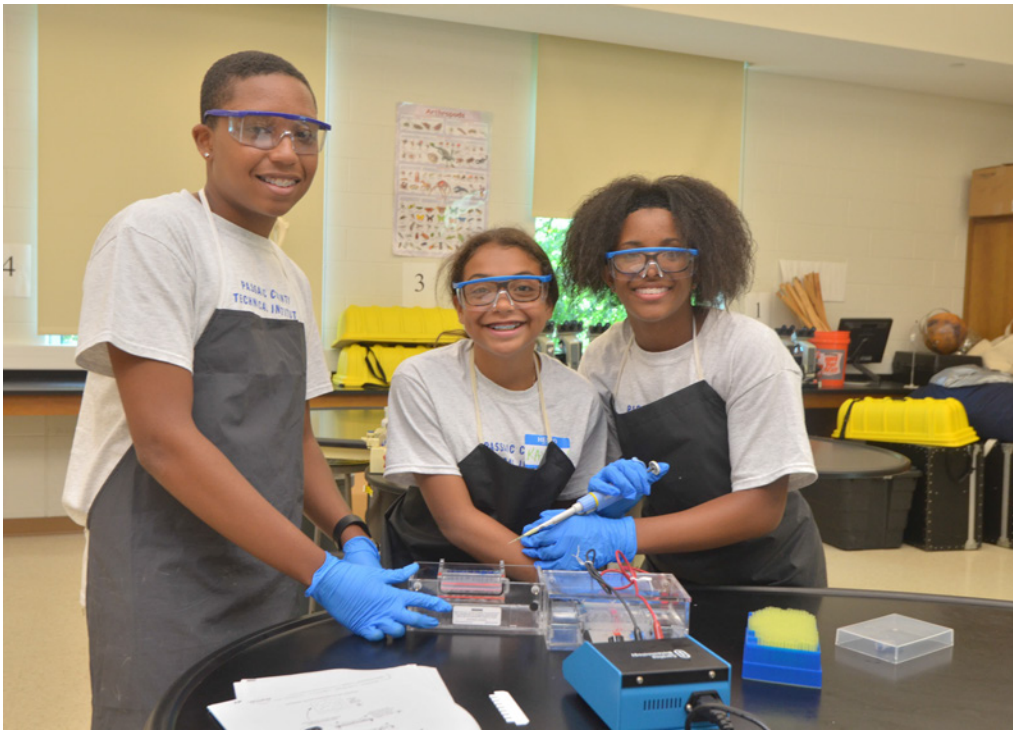
PCTI’s Summer STEM Academy seeks to gauge the interest of middle school students across Passaic County and to provide enriching and educational experiences to future engineers, scientists and technology experts in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math.



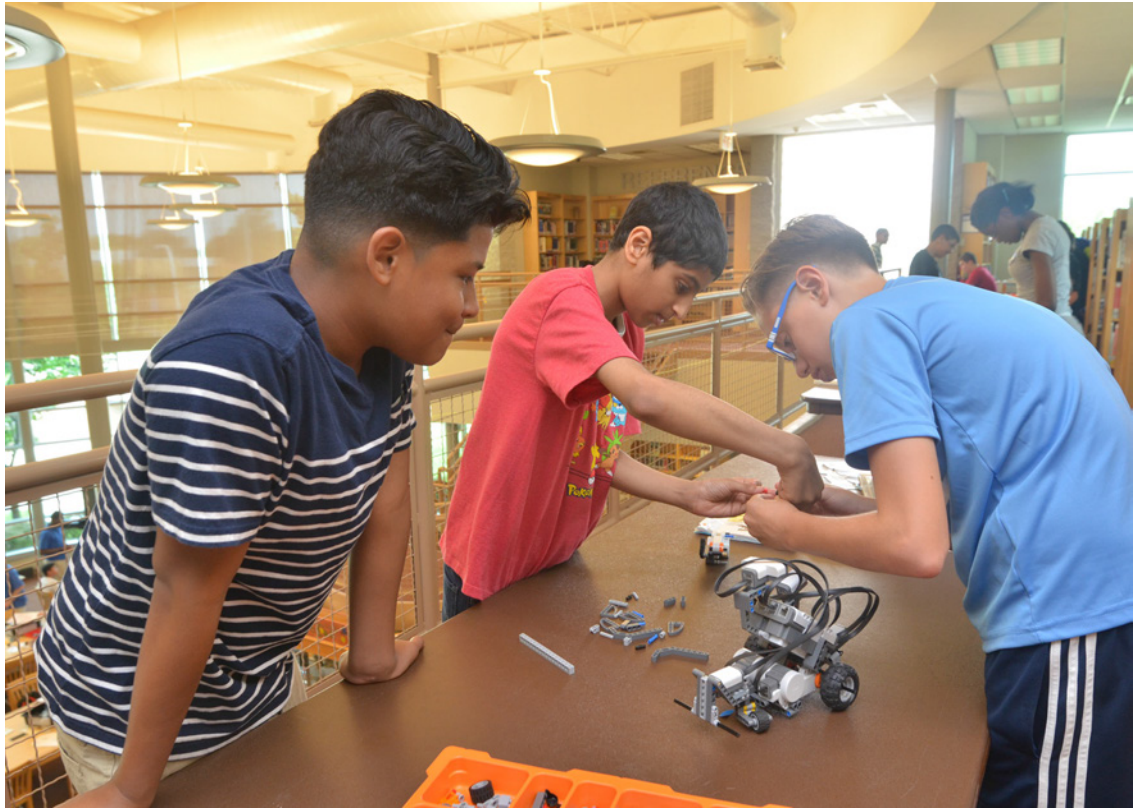
**Students of PCTI’s Summer STEM Academy work in groups to participate in the egg-drop challenge.**



**Peter Foti (Wayne), Emily Taylor (Wayne), and Matthew Blomgren (Woodland Park) build construct an apparatus as part of the PCTI Pre-Engineering Summer STEM Academy program.**



**Larry D. Owens (Paterson), Kayleen Botero (Prospect Park), and Sanai Patterson (Paterson) study the effects of molecules charged with electricity as part of the Bio/Environmental Science program.**



**Daniel Sanchez (Clifton), Michael Nagurra (North Haledon), and Evan Wahi (Wanaque) build a robot during the PCTI Summer STEM Academy's Computer Science program.**