

Montez Swartz is pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in Political Science at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ, and is set to graduate in May 2025. His academic journey began at Neptune High School in Neptune City, NJ, where he achieved a 4.0 GPA and ranked in the top 20% of his class. Alongside completing multiple AP courses, Montez was honored as a Central Jersey Women's Club Scholarship Recipient.

Montez's professional journey has been enriched through diverse roles. As an intern at Vin Gopal, he collaborated with teams to solve complex problems and honed his communication skills while engaging with clients. At the Monmouth Museum, Montez immersed himself in providing visitors with enriching experiences, leading tours, and contributing to the success of various events. Before this, his role as a Sales Associate at Aeropostale allowed him to develop strong customer service and organizational abilities.

Recognized for his dedication and leadership, Montez was awarded "Employee of the Month" at Aeropostale. Also, he was honored to serve as the Tassel Turner for his Graduation Ceremony and the Master of Ceremony for Brookdale Community College's Spring Open House.

Montez's commitment to civic engagement is demonstrated through his active involvement with the League of Women Voters, where he strives to empower communities and advocate for positive change.

With a passion for leveraging art, leadership, and civic engagement to drive meaningful impact, Montez is excited to share his insights and experiences at TEDx, inspiring others to embrace the power of collaboration and creativity in shaping a better tomorrow.