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District Career and Tech Students Earned 1,629 College Credits this School Year from Ivy Tech State College

Parents of Porter County CTE students saved \$154,755 this year in tuition payments for students who were enrolled in Porter County Career and Technical classes. 528 students were awarded college credits this year from Ivy Tech. Some students earned college credit from multiple colleges. At a tuition cost of \$95/credit hour at Ivy Tech, the \$154,755 represents a savings to the parents and our community. These students learned and mastered college level material while still in high school saving them and their parents future tuition costs, all while learning that they are capable of college level work. These students will leave high school with a high school diploma, technical skills certificate, and a college transcript.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for IVTSC, Ken Rosenblum, feels that these students have made a wise choice by starting their college career while still in high school and he congratulates them for their effort.

Giving Back to Northwest Indiana By Mark Zanolla of Gortrac Industries

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From February 23rd thru April 30th, Gortrac had the opportunity to host an intern student from the local community. The internship was part of a larger career awareness campaign designed to promote careers in manufacturing and logistics to high school students in Porter County.

Andre Ford is a local high school student from nearby Hobart, IN (a great place from which many Gortrac employees hail from). During his internship, Andre was required to write a weekly blog (or journal) on his experience here at Gortrac. The following paragraph is an excerpt from one of his blogs:

“Manufacturing is a lot different than what I expected when I started working at Gortrac. I always imagined some huge colossal maze of a building with never ending work and no order to things. However, at Gortrac, it’s amazing the building takes getting used to, but besides that it’s clean and orderly. I never imagined myself working in manufacturing, but here I am today, loving it.”

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know, the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." Albert Schweitzer
(quote seen in Superintendent Rod Gardin's email signature block)

Andre worked in every area of the plant, from engineering, to plastics, metals, RUD, barcut, fabrication, shipping, and the office. We definitely kept him busy during his time on the job.

To support the internship, the Center of Workforce Innovations developed a partnership with the Porter County Career and Technical Center and JobWorks, a WorkOne partner agency. Andre's pay over the last 10 weeks was funded 100% by WorkOne. Working as a team, JobWorks, the Career and Tech Center, CWI, and Gortrac built a structured internship experience that helped Andre gain first-hand knowledge of the world of manufacturing.



Health Occ Students Become Certified Emergency Responders



Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, Phil Griffith and his staff performed a 20 hour certified emergency response training (CERT) program for our Health Occupation students. Pictured, on the previous page, are the students and the EMA staff in front of a teambuilding project they used to learn the CERT process.



Above our students are being directed by Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) staff in another possible disaster scenario.

Electronics Students Pass Certification Test

Below is a list of Mr. Kennings' students who obtained Student Electronics Technician's Association Certification in April. They scored at least 60% on the exam.

- **Vince Carullo** Chesterton
- **Ron Benke** Kouts
- **Mike Stetzenmeyer** Kouts
- **John Baird** Kouts
- **Jeff Suthers** Portage
- **Cory Nimtz** Boone Grove
- **Stephanie Pucka** Hebron

In addition, the following students obtained Associate Level Electronics Technician's Association Certification. They scored at least 75% on the exam.

- **Taylor Richards** Kouts
- **Mat Barney** Washington
- **Travis Chesna** Washington

Career Center Students Take a Spring Break from their Studies



EJ Monek of Hebron Pictured with his Clock Project



"You can have everything in life you want if you just help enough other people get what they want." -- Zig Zigler

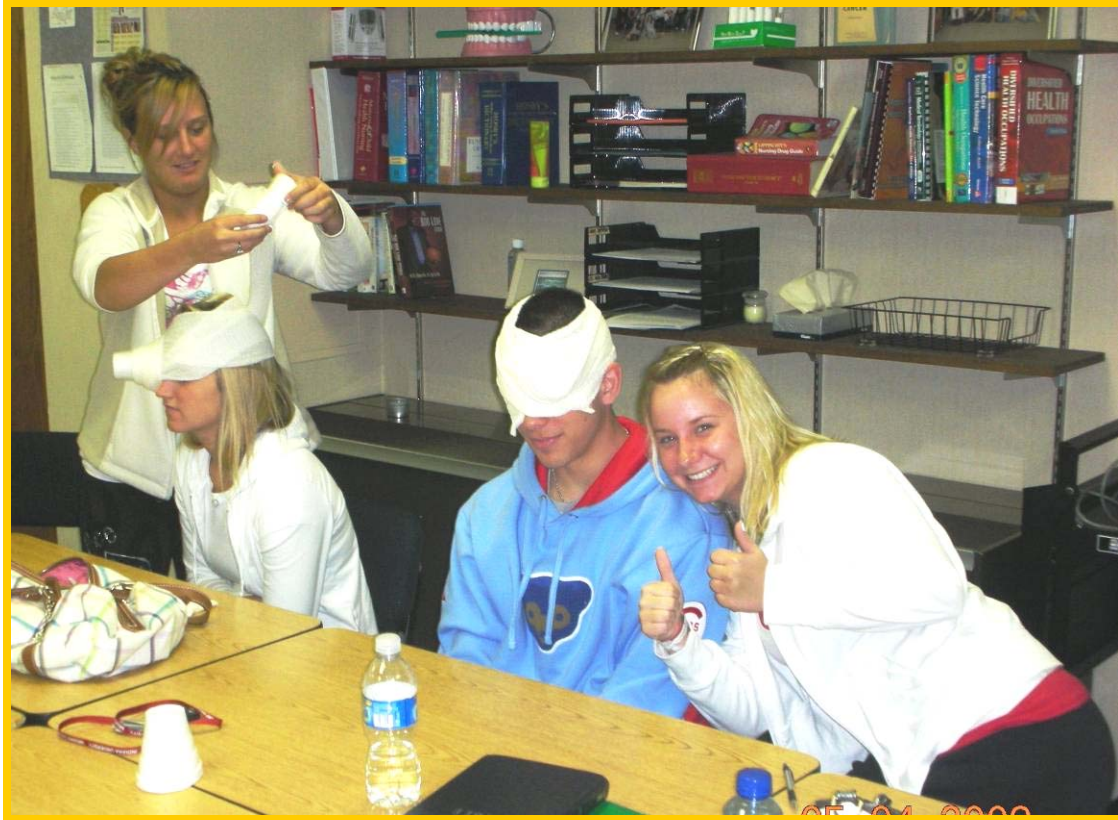
CAD Students Enjoy their Double Monitor Computers

Mr. Guinee's Computer Assisted Design students were excited to show up one day to school and find that their computer monitors had doubled. They now all have two flat screen monitors. Mr. Guinee says that the students can use one for their project work while keeping the directions or research on the other.

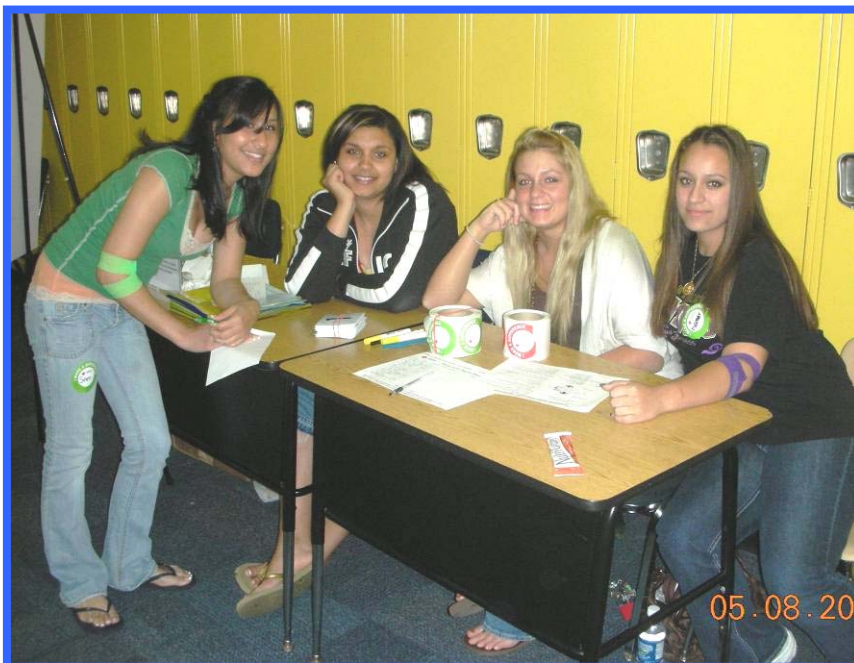


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[The Career Center has a new website at http://www.pccte.org](http://www.pccte.org)

Health Occupations Students are Pictured below Learning how to Bandage Disaster Victims



May 8 Blood Drive Collects 51 Pints at the Career and Tech Center





Students at left are working on the Career Center's Fourth Successful Blood Drive of the Year. Our goal was 50 pints and we collected 51.

Beautify Indiana State Parks

SUMMER JOBS FOR LOW-INCOME YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

The federal stimulus package includes **funding** to create **summer jobs** for **low-income youth and young adults**.

Indiana is using these funds to create the **Young Hoosiers Conservation Corps**. Up to **2,000** low-income Hoosiers between the **ages of 16-24** will be hired to work within the **Indiana Department of Natural Resources**.

These summer jobs will involve beautifying Indiana's **33 state parks and reservoirs**, reconstructing **historic buildings**, creating **113 miles of new trails**, renovating over **1,100 miles of existing trails** and restoring **2,600 acres of natural habitats**.

The jobs will run from **May 1 – September 30, 2009**, and pay **\$8.50 per hour**.

More info and how to apply: <http://www.in.gov/yhcc/index.htm>

"Never let it be said, that you can run faster than you can read."

"Everybody has a handicap, everyone has a disability. What everyone needs is a dream."

"Its not how many times you get knocked down, it is how many times you get back up."

"I refuse to play the victim."

Bob Love

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Calendar

May 8, Last Blood Drive of the Year at the Career and Tech Center

May 13, Technology Honor Society Induction, 7 pm., Wheeler High School Auditorium

June 5-6, Valparaiso Relay for Life

Join the Porter County Career and Tech Center Facebook Group

The group is designed for students, alumni, and supporters to keep in touch and to hear about news and events happening at the Career and Tech Center.

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Our Newsletter

Porter County Career and Technical Education News is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our staff and students. Written contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Most articles should be written in 100 words or less. Please fax (531 - 3173), call (531-3170), or email (jgroth@mail.valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.



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