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Award for Excellence Nominees Announced

Four area students have been nominated for an Indiana Award for Excellence as Outstanding Career and Technical students. The Award for Excellence will be presented in February to the ten top Career and Technical students in the state of Indiana. Our Area Advisory Council approved the nominations of the following students: **Ashley Thompson**, a Portage High School student enrolled in Dental Occupations; **Tristen Comegys**, a Chesterton High School senior enrolled in Video Productions; **Megan Graykowski**, Valparaiso High School senior also enrolled in Video Productions; and **Andre Ford**, a Hobart High School senior who is enrolled in the Computer Assisted Design and Animation program.

The District Advisory Council also recognized Emergency Rescue Technology instructor Robert Lamprecht as the Outstanding New Teacher of the Year, and an Outstanding Teacher award was also presented to Rhonda Doane, our Dental Occupations teacher. A lifesaving award was presented to Chesterton High School junior **Gus Hultman** and a presentation award was given to **Destiny Bunch**, also of Chesterton.



Ashley Thompson



Andre Ford

Please forward this newsletter to parents, students, advisory committee members, and other interested parties.



Tristan Comegys



Megan Graykowski

Portage Student Builders Work From Ground Up



Pictured above are Mr. Navarro's afternoon Building Trades students. They are busy forming up the footings for this year's student built house. The houses pictured in the background are previous student projects and the entire subdivision is now at about 15 homes all built by our students.

Victor Denoble Visits Career Center

Famous scientist, Victor Denoble, visited the Career Center on October 14 courtesy of the Tobacco Education & Prevention Coalition for Porter County. Dr. Denoble was the real life person behind the hit movie, the Insider. Dr. Denoble's story includes testifying before congress about the tobacco industries conspiracy to addict smokers. He talked with students about his brain experimentation and how the brain becomes addicted to nicotine, alcohol, and other drugs. He said from the minute one experiments with these drugs, the person becomes more susceptible to addiction. Once, addicted, the brain can take over five years to recover, and the addiction to the drug never disappears.



When anyone shops at Office Depot, they may help our school get free supplies by giving them the following School Name and ID Number:
Porter Cnty Career Ctr Back to School Program ID No. 70037582

Sports/Entertainment Marketing Students Attend

Chamber of Commerce Marketing Program



Pictured above are Mrs. Commers' (seated first row, middle) professionally attired students after they returned from a Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce Marketing presentation. Students heard a panel discussion of local marketing experts talk about some of the topics they have already covered in class. Our students were allowed to attend the breakfast session for no fee courtesy of the Chamber.

We serve the next generation when we plant trees in whose shade we know we will never sit!

Two of our Vocational Landscaping seniors have started up a residential lawn care business. They are hardworking and reliable and looking for some fall cleanup work. They have their own equipment and provide free estimates. If you need some work, please call **Tom Holley** of Holley's Landscaping at 776-5910 or email holleythom@yahoo.com.

Visit their website at www.holleyslawn.com

Do You Have Questions about the Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma?

An updated 8th grade Powerpoint presentation to explain Core 40 and the Technical Honors diplomas is now available on the IDOE School Counselor website at

http://www.doe.state.in.us/sservices/counseling/program_management.html#1

The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you on to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth. - Dan Rather

Indiana 2-1-1Get Connected. Get Answers

Northwest Indiana residents now have an informational line that specializes in *assessment and referral* for all social service needs. This service is offered by the Northwest Indiana Action Corporation (NWIAC) located in Crown Point and can assist in locating food, counseling, employment, housing, legal Aid, shelter, Medicaid Waiver, etc. Additionally the operators have been trained in crisis assistance and how to use TDD equipment. The service is locally staffed from 8 am-5 pm each day. After 5 pm the calls are routed through an Indianapolis service that accesses a state-wide database of available services. NWIAC is always looking for additional information about services and events to add to the database. Information can be added by contacting a representative at 800-826-7871, www.nwi-ca.org or simply dialing 2-1-1. (submitted by Michelle Tuttle)

Rate the Porter County Career and Technical Center, go to:

http://www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_school/in/2951

Parents can fill out the parent survey and students can rate the school environment. This information will help future students make decisions about their attendance.

Visit the Porter County Career and Technical Education Website at:

The Career Center has a new website at <http://www.pcctc.info/>

Homework Hotline Opens

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's Homework Hotline has opened for the academic year! More than 100 bright Rose-Hulman students are trained and ready to assist students if they need math and science homework help in the evenings.

Students are to call or email the Homework Hotline – from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Eastern Time, Sunday through Thursday – for math and science homework help. The number is 1-877-ASK-ROSE and our website is www.AskRose.org. The service is free, and so is the telephone call.

Porter County Career & Technical Education: <http://www.portercounty.net/cte.html>

It is the policy of the Porter County Career and Technical Education Program to comply with all state and federal regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in enrollment procedures or access to programs.

Calendar

November 11, at 6:30 pm, Grand Opening of Morning Munch (Student Operated Store)
Nov. 12, District Counselor Meeting at Aberdeen Inn, 9:30-11:30
Nov. 14, State HOSA Conference and Pacer Game, all day
Nov. 18, Work Ethic Day on Tuesday, from 11:30 - 12:45
December 3, CTE Featured Program at Valparaiso Noon Kiwanis Club
Dec. 5, Area Counselors Tour of Portage CTE programs
Dec. 22, Holiday Break Begins
January 5, 2009 School Resumes
Jan. 9, Notre Dame Student Reward Hockey Trip, 6:35 pm CDT vs Alaska
April 9, Spring District Advisory Committee Meeting

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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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