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Award for Excellence Nominees Announced

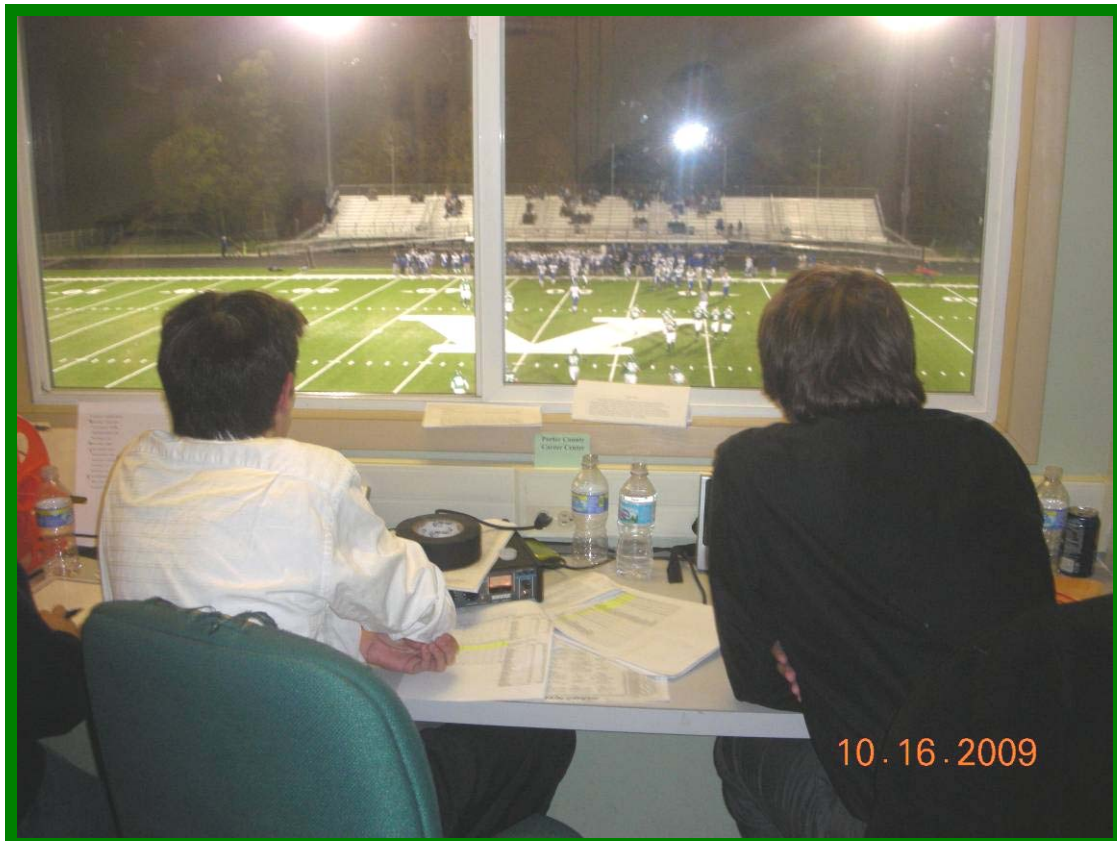
Three area students have been nominated for an Indiana Award for Excellence as Outstanding Career and Technical students. The Award for Excellence will be presented in February to the ten top Career and Technical students in the state of Indiana. Our Area Advisory Council approved the nominations of the following students: **Jesse Garibaldi**, a Portage High School student enrolled in Dental Occupations; **Samantha Allen**, a Washington Twp High School senior enrolled in Computer Assisted Design and Animation; and **Ryan Hough**, Hebron High School senior enrolled in Marketing Education. These students were nominated out of nearly 1,000 students eligible for this award. They will be competing with 80,000 qualified students across the state of Indiana.

The ACTED #5 District Advisory Council also nominated the Washington Twp Guidance Department and Counselor Diane Warren, as the Outstanding Guidance program of the year. Mrs.



Warren was also nominated for an Indiana Award for Excellence. The Indiana Award for Excellence is the highest honor awarded to Indiana Career and Technical Education students and/or programs. Pictured (l-r) are Ryan Hough, Mrs Warren, Samantha Allan, and Jesse Garibaldi.

Media Productions Class Broadcasts Valpo/Lake Central Game



Pictured above is the play by play team of Mike Zmija (PHS) and Corey Langer (VHS) who were located in the pressbox.



On field camera operators are shown above, Mallorie Oetman (PHS) and Zak Camel (PHS) with instructor, Mr. Phelps. Pictured at right, in the production trailer, are director Mark Passine (Hebron), and assistant Paul Uhrina (VHS).

Internship Students Practice for Employment

Students in Mrs. Diaz' Internship class come from several different technical areas. However, all of



them will need good interviewing skills to advance their careers. Area business people donated their time to provide our students with some practice interviewing time. Pictured all ready for their interviews, are three of our intern candidates (left to right): Mark Passine (Hebron), Michael Hermes (VHS), and Jeff Yankauskas (BGHS). Business people who assisted us by providing real world job interviews were the following: Linda Ross, Human Resource Director, Alpha-Owens Corning; James Keilman, Human Resource Director, Urschel Labs; Rhonda Kaplar,

Human Resource Director, Task Force Tips; Kirsten Jayasinghe, Solutions/ETA, Work One Office.

Auto Students Perform Winter Car Checks as a Community Service

On Saturday, October 14, Career Center Car Club students gave up a day of their weekend to help the community drive safely this winter. Students checked



and topped off fluids, checked tire pressures, and inspected lights and wipers to assure drivers that they were starting the winter with a safe vehicle. The students practiced



good customer service skills and enjoyed showing off their automotive knowledge to the citizens who brought in their cars.



- We are pleased to announce that Mr. Kenning's Electronics and Computer Technology class has been approved for up to 9 college credits at Vincennes University. Students may earn credits in ELEC 100 Basic Electricity and Electronics, ELEC 101 Basic Components and Circuit Analysis, and ELEC 130 Digital Logic I.
- Other courses where students receive college credit from Vincennes are:
 - Modern Machining at the Career Center,
 - Law Enforcement Careers Academy at Wheeler High School, and
 - Printing Technology program at Portage.

Counselor's Corner

Start turning dreams into reality.

That's the idea behind a free website to help students find career and college information.

Check out <http://incis.intocareers.org>.

- Click "High School Students".
 - Use Option 2 to sign in with town, zip code, and area code.
 - After you sign in, use "My CIS" (upper right) to make your own account, if you wish.
- The Interest Profiler helps match your interests to the world of work. You will also find it easy to hunt for military information, occupation descriptions, financial aid tips, college websites, and more.

Mrs. Debra Heitmann, Career Counselor

Early Childhood Education Students Develop Teamwork Skills



Portage Early Childhood Education Careers afternoon students participate in Challenge Ed activities on Monday, October 19th. Challenge Ed activities promote teambuilding and class cohesiveness among students. This class is hosted at South Haven Elementary where students work directly with elementary and preschool teachers.

*Between 2004 and 2008, Indiana showed a **23 percent increase in the percent of children living in poverty**. The latest data show that 18.3 percent, or four out of an average classroom of 22 children, are living in poverty.*

Data from the Indiana Youth Institute

- “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.”
- “I refuse to play the victim.”
- “Its not how many times you get knocked down, it is how many times you get back up.”
- “Every time I lost, I became determined to practice harder.”

Bob Love

Career and Tech Students Attend Indianapolis Pacer Game



Above are some of the Career Center Health Occupations students who attended the Indianapolis Pacer game as part of a Health Occupations Student Organization statewide activity.

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

Visit the Porter County Career and Technical Education Website at:
<http://www.pcte.org>

Students and Supporters can also join our Facebook Group
“Porter County Career and Tech Center”

The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/school delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the school closing decisions of the host school.

All commuting students should drive carefully and use their parent’s input and common sense when deciding if it is safe to drive to their CTE location.

In the event of severe or inclement weather, school may be delayed or canceled. Please use the following sources to track any weather related delays or cancellations:

- VCS Alert (The registration procedure is available on the Valparaiso Community Schools homepage (<http://www.valpo.k12.in.us>). You can register your cell phone to receive messages.)
- Radio station 105.5
- Cancellations.com

Hygiene and the Flu

The first step in prevention is getting your students and faculty vaccinated against the flu. This year, everyone should also be aware of the novel H1N1 flu virus - it is different than seasonal flu and so is the vaccine. Vaccine manufacturers are currently developing vaccines against the new pandemic strain of the influenza virus, which are expected to be ready sometime this fall. However, other flu prevention steps are the same for both flu viruses. In addition to getting students and faculty vaccinated with both vaccines, practice these other prevention steps to help prevent the spread of illness in your school:

- 1. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If you don't have a tissue, cough into your elbow.
- 2. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.** Alcohol-based hands sanitizers are also effective.
- 3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs can spread that way.
- 4. Stay home if you get sick.** The CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school, and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- 5. Use disinfectants on surfaces, as directed, to help prevent the spread of the influenza virus.** Germs can spread when a person touches an infected surface and then touches their own eyes, mouth or nose.

* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency believes that, based on available scientific information, currently registered influenza A virus products - such as Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes and Clorox® Regular-Bleach - will be effective against the novel H1N1 flu strain and other influenza A virus strains on hard, non-porous surfaces.

For the most up-to-date information about the novel H1N1 flu virus and vaccine, visit www.CDC.gov/H1N1flu.

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, 6 – 9 p.m. Grand Opening of Student Store

November 24, Blood Drive #2 at the Career Center, 8 am – 2 pm

December 1, PNC Admissions Staff at Career and Tech Center, all day

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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