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Porter County Career & Technical Center Outstanding Students of the First Quarter



Students shown above are our Morning Outstanding Students

The students above were named the Outstanding AM Students of the First Grading Period by their teacher at the Career Center.

Name	School	Subject
Morning Students		
1. Dillon Radosevich	Valparaiso	Auto II – Sickles - AM
2. Christopher Loera	Hobart	Auto I – Avalos - AM

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

3. Daniel Sullivan	Hobart	<i>Bldg Trds - Doane - AM</i>
4. David Hefty	Valparaiso	<i>Business Ownership/Sports & Entertainment Mkt – Commers - AM</i>
5. Taylor Fulton	Chesterton	<i>CAD – Guinee – AM</i>
6. Justin Grzelak	Portage	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - Kenning – AM</i>
7. Lorna Fink	Portage	<i>Health Occ - Dick - AM</i>
8. Mary Kieffer	Boone Grove	<i>Health Occ – Moody - AM</i>
9. Brian Kingsbury	Valparaiso	<i>Machine Trades I – Carmack - AM</i>
10. Mallorie Oetman	Portage	<i>TV - Phelps – AM</i>

A video of the grand opening of Goody Goodz, our student entrepreneurial effort to plan and operate a store can be seen on the ValpoLife website:
http://www.valpolife.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5143:grand-opening-of-pcccs-goody-goodz-2009&catid=355:sports-video&Itemid=317



Students shown above are our Afternoon Outstanding Students
 The pictured students were named the Outstanding PM Students of the First Grading Period by their teacher at the Career Center.

Name	School	Subject
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Afternoon Students		
1. Jesse Blunk	Chesterton	Auto II – Sickles – PM
2. Jordan Poole	Hebron	Auto I – Avalos - PM
3. James Schafer	Boone Grove	Bldg Trds – Doane - PM
4. David Hefty	Valparaiso	Business Ownership/Sports & Entertainment Mkt – Commers - AM
5. Hubert Hausoul	Chesterton	CAD - Guinee – PM
6. Armando Lopez	Portage	Electronics and Computer Technology - Kenning – PM
7. Stephanie Elkins	Portage	Health Occ – Dick - PM
8. Raechel Monek	Hebron	Health Careers – Moody - PM
9. Jared Fox	Hebron	Machine Trades II - Carmack – PM
10. Sam Kidd	Boone Grove	TV – Phelps – PM
11. Kara Moon	Morgan	Work Study - Diaz

To our Early Childhood Education Program:

Hello!

"I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your students. I really feel like you are doing an excellent job. Your students have great ideas. We have had quite a few come through here and every one of them has been terrific! Thank you again."

Jessica M. Delgado

Duneland Family YMCA, Childcare Coordinator, Preschool/Before and After School Care



Students Travel to Indianapolis for Joint Student Organization Conference

DECA, HOSA, and other student organizations joined together to invite hundreds of Indiana CTE students to Indianapolis for workshops and to attend an Indianapolis Pacer game and a concert. Pictured (L-R) Mary Kieffer (BGHS), Haylee Ksiazek (Hobart), Kelly Dobson (BGHS), and Bri Beasley (PHS).

Pictured below are Mrs. Commers' students at the Pacer game: (l-r) Jacob Steinhilber, Michael Rodriguez (both of Boone

Grove HS), Jordan Peterson (CHS), Myles Mendoza (PHS), Waylon Roach (BGHS), and Nathan Przybyl-Gallagher (VHS).



Pictured (L-R) top row: Carissa West, Emma Ganske, Michelle Nafus, Amanda Fortenberry (all from PHS); bottom row, Steph Welch, Sareena Franko, Brittany Turley (all VHS)



Kent Mishler Recognized for Volunteer Service by the Duneland School

Kent Mishler (pictured on left, Greg Babcock former Board VP is pictured on the right) was recognized at the November Duneland School Board meeting for his volunteer service to the students of the corporation. In particular, Kent has served as the President of the Board of the



Duneland Building Trades Corporation (DBTC) since the organization was chartered over ten years ago. Superintendent Dirk Baer thanked Kent for his service to the DBTC. Kent has attended every meeting over that entire time. The DBTC has been responsible for constructing several public projects and they are now building their 5th home. Kent's service on the Board has

been invaluable and he plans to continue as a regular board member. Instructor, Jeff Larson, says "A lot of credit for our student and program success goes to the leadership provided by Kent."

Career Center Fantastic Wednesday Winners

Hockey was chosen as this week's activity by Mrs. Ellis to remind students that the Career Center students will be going on a school field trip in January to a Notre Dame hockey game. This week's Wednesday activity was roller chair hockey and the winners are shown below:

The young men at left were morning champions from our Electronics class: Shaun Taber (BGHS), Lorenzo Parker (PHS), and Justin Grzelak (PHS).





The afternoon roller chair hockey champs shown above are Video Productions students: Mitch Ashby (Wash Twp), Justin Jobe (BGHS), and Tyler Conroy (CHS).

Data Provided by Scott Truelove

*85% of jobs are now classified as "skilled" in the U.S., meaning at least some training beyond high school is needed (not necessarily even an Associate's--just training!)

*7.1 million jobs were eliminated in the U.S. since the recession began; 5.7 of these were between the Fall of '08 to the Fall of '09

*3 million jobs existed last month in the U.S., however, many remain unfilled due to needing "middle level" skills (point 1 above)--unfortunately this is also some of the least worker availability right now

*A push in Michigan (and maybe federally) is that "all students will be in a CTE pathway"...this is expected in the coming years through legislation; in otherwords, students should be ready FOR BOTH work and college, no matter what they do when they leave high school

*In a recent employer survey, 65% of businesses see the increased need of skills, certifications or degrees; 48% of the same businesses state they don't have the time or resources to train workers on the job thanks, in part, to the recession

(Scott sent this information from a WorkKeys/NOCTI workshop he is presently attending)

State Initiatives: Career Pathways/Assessments

Matt Fleck gave answers to the following questions at the September IACTED meeting pertaining to career pathways, and assessments:

Q. *Will the Career Pathways project provide local schools with a statewide standardized CTE curriculum that is articulated with postsecondary education?*

A. Yes, the career pathways will provide relevant dual credit courses in a manner that is consistent and allows for efficient transferability of credits across the state and/or there will be industry-based credentials or technical certificates that acknowledge a student's readiness for work in the pathway concentration.

Q. *Will course assessments be paid for by the local schools?*

A. In the short term, Perkins funds will be utilized for these expenses. It is our intent, however to find state dollars to pay for approved CTE end-of- program assessments.

Indiana Career Pathways & Model Curriculum Project Gets Underway

Utilizing the expertise of representatives from the career field, key career teachers from across the state and post-secondary faculty, pathway teams will define Indiana career pathways from grade 9 through college. Included will be dual credit opportunities to enable high school students to get a head start on their college work.

Pathways to be developed in 2009-10 include careers in manufacturing, health occupations, automotive, construction, drafting and design, law enforcement, fire science, logistics and information technology. Additional career paths will be developed in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

The Pathways Project Coordinator for the Indiana Department of Education is Dr. Peggy Wild and the Pathways Project Facilitator is Dr. Roberta Jackson. Questions or requests for further information can be sent to pwild@doe.in.gov and/or rajackson@hughes.net.

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For data on Indiana Career and Technical Education graduates, go to <http://www.ctestudy.com/>

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"

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 24, Blood Drive #2 at the Career Center, 8 am – 2 pm
January 29, 2010, Career Center trip to Notre Dame hockey game

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

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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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