

Porter County Career and Technical Education News

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In Memory of Gabe Myers



The Career Center faculty, students, and staff suffered a heartbreaking loss when Gabe Myers passed away on March 8 after playing basketball. Gabe was a well-loved Portage High School senior who was enrolled in our Video Productions class with Mr. Phelps. Gabe was making a name for himself in our class as the color commentator for our sports broadcasts. In that role, he teamed with play-by-play guy, Mike Zmija, and Rachel Santos, our sideline reporter. The whole crew enjoyed working with Gabe, who had a great love of sports. He also was very funny and respectful to everyone. The passing of someone so young is inexplicable, but he will be forever remembered for his kindness, compassion for others, and his love of life. Mr. Phelps said that Gabe had a wonderful future ahead of him in whatever he chose to do and thought his talents in sports broadcasting would take him far. Gabe was also recently honored at the Indiana Association of Student Broadcasters annual statewide conference. Gabe has received many testimonials but

most importantly, his memory will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone associated with the Porter County Career and Tech Center.

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier." – Mother Teresa

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

Indiana DECA Contest 2011 Winners

Student	Contest	Award	School
Andrew Sharp	Entrepreneurship Written Project	1 st overall *85% competency level	Morgan Township
Stephanie Bouche'	Business Services	2 nd place in the Business Concepts test 4 th place overall *85 % competency level	Washington Township
Mitchell Stevenson	Restaurant and Food Service Management	3 rd place in Product Service Management section, 6 th place overall *85 % competency level	Wheeler
Ashley Steinhilber	Accounting Services	3 rd place in Financial Analysis section *85 % competency level	Valparaiso
Teresa Davila	Retail Merchandising	85 % competency level	Valparaiso

Andrew, Stephanie and Mitchell now have the opportunity to attend and compete at the International DECA Conference in Orlando in April. If you know these students please congratulate them. Most events had close to 45 participants and Andrew wrote a 30 page Business Plan competing against 18 others DECA members from across Indiana. *50% of our participants were recognized with an award – higher than most other schools.

Dental Students Help Others with Oral Hygiene Instruction



Research shows that the best way to learn something is to teach it to others. Mrs. Doane feels that her students also learn communication and presentation skills through student presented workshops at local elementary schools. Pictured (above left) are Ashley Lesnick and Morgan Franklin and (above right) Mandy LaFever and Kris Gonzalez. Mrs. Doane's Dental Health Careers Class also gave dental presentations at SELF school on February 11, 2011.

Valentine's Day at SELF School

On Valentine's Day at SELF School they celebrated with a dance for the Middle and High School students. Sixty students and staff danced to music lead by D.J Ke' Airra Freeze. It was a great time of music, movement and fun. Pictured below are students from both our Early Childhood Education program under the direction of Mrs. Gill and some of our Health Occupations students who are doing their clinical at SELF.



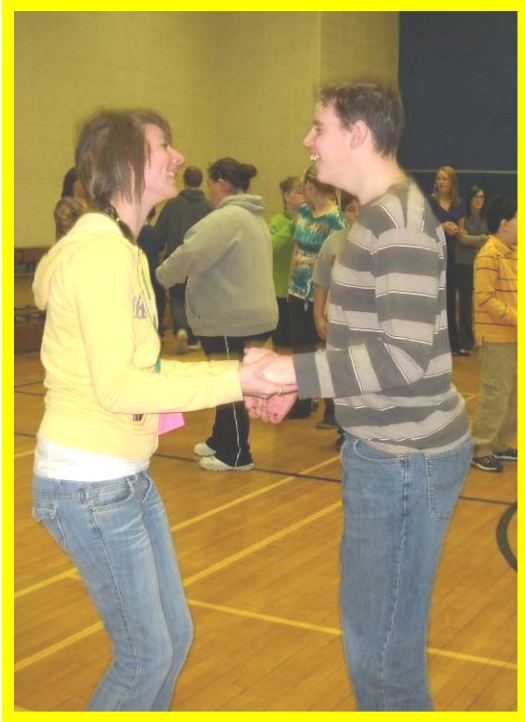
Occupational Health students Lauren, Danielle and Linda participated with the students.



Dance Fever!

Early Childhood students at left Jenny Benedetti (VHS), Ashley Jordan (PHS), Ke' Airra Freeze (VHS), and Abby Harrison (VHS) had a good time dancing to music.





Early Childhood student, Corey Pietrowski (VHS), dances at left with a middle school student.

Hours for Compass (Ivy Tech College Placement Exam) at the Valpo Ivy Tech Campus on:
- Monday, Tues., and Thurs. from 8-5 - Wednesday and Friday from 8-3 - Saturday from 8-10
For more information contact: Derek M. Dabrowiak, Associate Director of Admissions,
Ivy Tech Community College – Northwest, 3100 Ivy Tech Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383, 219-476-4708,
fax 219-464-9751, ddabrowiak@ivytech.edu

3rd Blood Drive of the Year Statistics:

87 presented
14 first time donors
26 deferred – most due to low iron
61 good pints!

“Alone, we can do so little... Together we can do so much.”

– Helen Keller

What is your opinion of the Porter County Career and Tech Center? Parents and students, are encouraged to make their opinions known at <http://www.greatschools.org/>

Over 100 Students and Career Center Friends Visited the Chicago Auto Show



Students are seen (at left) taking a snack break from the Car Show. Our tickets and lunches were a courtesy of the US Army. The transportation was paid for by the Career Center Car Club. The trip was for students with good attendance, good grades,

and no disciplinary issues.

The Nissan Leaf, shown at right, is a 100% electric, zero emission vehicle seen at the 2011 Chicago Car Show.



No person can become rich without first enriching others.

Andrew Carnegie

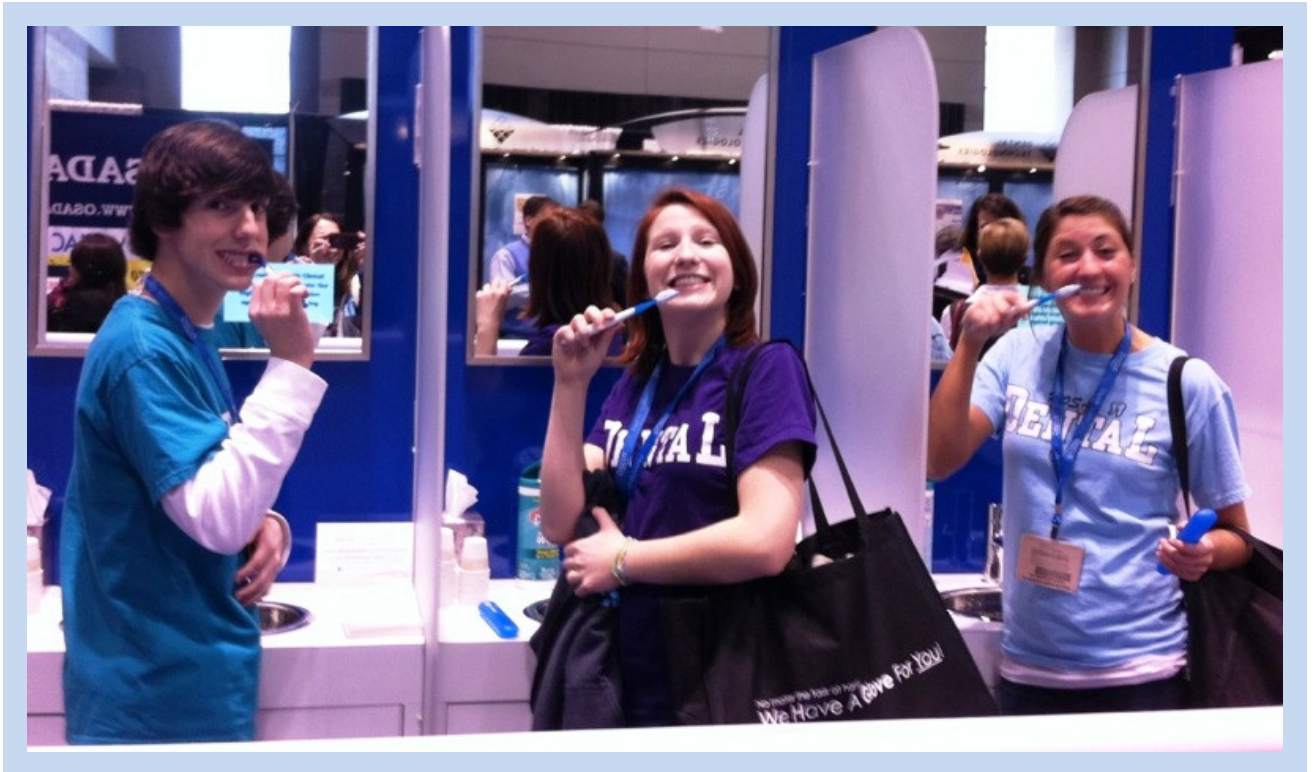
Porter County Career and Technical Education Vision - Everyone will be given the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. We will provide a positive, safe, and secure environment for students to learn and achieve. A collaborative partnership among parents, teachers, staff, and the business community will assume responsibility for the future success of our students.

Mission - *To provide the opportunity for everyone to be successful at work and in life!*

Dental Students Attend Dental Convention



Mrs. Doane's morning and afternoon Dental Health Careers class attended the 2011 Dental Convention on February 24th.



Justin Suggs, Alison Gannon and Colleen Kuczvara are pictured at the Crest Brushing Station during the Dental Convention.

CLASSIC and CUSTOM CAR SHOW

Sponsored By: AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY CLUB

*Other activities
All day long*

Door Prizes

*Special
Drawings*



*Games for all ages!
Sponsored by Porter
County Special
Olympics Youth.*

*12 Student
Judged Classes*

*4 Specialty
Awards*

SPRING CAR & TRUCK SHOW

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE PCCTC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
& SPECIAL OLYMPICS

MAY 14, 2011

(Rain Date: May 21, 2011)

**\$15.00 REGISTRATION FEE FOR SHOW CARS
SPECTATORS FREE!**

Dash Plaques for first 100 Entries

*Registration 9 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.
Awards Presented beginning at 3:00 p.m.*

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**ROCKWALL
US ARMY**

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

- April 8, Area Apprenticeship Fair at Career Center
- April 14, 3:30, District Advisory Board Meeting at Career and Tech Center
- April 28, Rick Bender, former baseball player, Guest Speaker at Career Center, 12 noon
- May 14, Career Center Cruisers Car Show (rain date, May 21)
- May 18, Technical Honor Society Induction Program at Wheeler High School, 7 pm

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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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