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"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"



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Students Begin Visiting Our Career and Technical Programs



Pictured above are our morning student mentors, who were selected as tour guides for student visitations. These students talk about the school and each program for visitors to the Center. Pictured (L-R) are Calvin Catlin (Hobart, Auto), Rachel Gilliam (VHS, Health Occ.), Matt sfddf (VHS, Bldg Trds), Zach Suchanuk (BGHS, Modern Maching),

Courtney Bonta (BGHS, Health Occ), Ian Ansbarg (BGHS, Health Occ), Justin Grzelak (PHS, Electronics), Grace Monis (PHS, Media Productions).

Congratulations to **Drew Sims**, pictured at right, he was selected by instructor, Mr. Avalos to receive \$500 scholarship from University of Northwest Ohio where he plans to study next year.



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



Ian Ansborg (BGHS) is pictured teaching some Washington Twp student visitors about infant CPR.

Health Occupation students, Natalie Morales (Hobart) and Kylee Yeomans (PHS) (Luis Acuna is our acting patient) are pictured demonstrating how to relocate a bedridden patient in his bed.



Ivy Tech Student Placement Assessment – Compass Exam

All students enrolling at Ivy Tech need to take a placement exam called the Compass Test. Students should take that test while still in high school. The test can be retaken once every semester. The test allows Ivy Tech staff to accurately place students in college level courses. High school students can go to Ivy Tech just about any time to take the assessment.

Hours for compass at the Valpo Campus on:

- Monday, Tue and Thu from 8-5 - Wednesday and Friday from 8-3 - Saturday from 8-10

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Martin Luther King (at left) said, "There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover us, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

Video Production Students Start Weekly and Daily Video Announcements



Pictured above are our morning Media Production students producing a weekly program for our intraschool television system.

Porter County Career and Technical Center District DECA Winners

The following DECA members from PCCTC competed this past Saturday at Munster High School and placed in the categories listed. A total of 295 participants from eight different schools and career centers competed and we are thrilled that we were able to bring back as many awards as we did. If you see these students please congratulate them for their success and willingness to compete at the level in which they did. Students listed below are now qualified to represent the Career Center at the State DECA Conference in Indianapolis in March.

Name	Event	Place	School
Ashley Steinhilber	Accounting Applications	3 rd	Valparaiso
Andrew Sharp	Restaurant and Food Service Management	3 rd	Morgan Twp
Mitchell Stevenson	Restaurant and Food Service Management	4 th	Wheeler
Teresa Davila	Retail Merchandising	5 th	Valparaiso
Stephanie Bouche'	Business Services Marketing	6 th	Washington Twp.
Ryan McAllister	Food Marketing	6 th	Chesterton
Nathan Johnson	Marketing Management	6 th	Valparaiso
Kayla Wallace	Sports & Entertainment Marketing	7 th	Portage
Courtney Mason	Apparel & Accessories	8 th	Portage

Indiana Changes Youth Driver Licensing Law

You must be at least 16 years of age to get a learner's permit. The learner's permit allows you to drive a car as long as an adult, 21 years old or older, with a valid driver's license, is in the front seat of the car with you.

You must be at least 16 years, 270 days of age and hold a learner permit for a period of 180 days before you may apply for a driver's license.

In addition, if you are applying for a driver's license on or after July 1, 2010, you must complete at least 50 hours of supervised driving practice with a licensed instructor, a licensed driver who is at least 25 years old, or a spouse who is at least 21 years old. At least 10 hours of supervised driving practice must be nighttime driving.

Under 18 Driver License Restrictions

Teen drivers under the age of 18 are considered probationary license holders. The following restrictions apply:

- If you get a probationary driver's license on or after July 1, 2009, you may not drive between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. for 180 days after getting your license.
- After you have driven for 180 days, you may not drive during the following hours:
 - Saturday and Sunday, between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.
 - Sunday through Thursday, after 11 p.m.
 - Monday through Friday, before 5 a.m.

Exceptions:

To or From School, Religious Activity or Civil Rights Activity Sponsored by a Government or Non-Profit Agency. If Accompanied by Parent, Guardian or Appointed Responsible Adult.

Cell Phone and Other Rules

If your probationary driver's license was issued after July 1, 2009 and you are under 18, then you may not operate a motor vehicle while using any type of electronic (telecommunication) device until the individual becomes eighteen (18) years of age unless the telecommunications device is being used to make a 911 emergency call.

All Passengers Must Wear a Safety Belt

You Must Abide by All State and Local Curfew Laws

If you are 16 or 17 years old when you obtain your driver's license, your license is considered probationary until you turn 18 years old. If you have a probationary driver's license every passenger in the vehicle that you are driving must wear a seat belt even if the vehicle is a truck or a sport utility vehicle.

Driving with passengers

You may not drive with passengers for 180 days after getting your license, unless you are also accompanied by a licensed instructor, an individual with a valid Indiana driver's license who is 25 years or older, or a parent, guardian, or step-parent who is 21 years or older. You may drive with your child, sibling, or spouse during the hours allowed by law.

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!

Health Occupations Students Will Soon Be Out at Professional Internships



Pictured are our Health Occupations students practicing skills that they will be using in their upcoming clinical rotations. Students will do a clinical in one long term care facility and one other health career area (ie Veterinarian, EMT, physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc.). Pictured at left, learning how to feed a patient and what it is like to be fed, are Kristen Ashby (PHS) and Courtney Bonta (BG).

At right working on the same skill are Cassidy Turley (VHS), and Megan Hammons (PHS).



At left, Kayla Turner and Katalina Rivera (PHS students) work on safely transporting a non ambulatory patient.

Indiana Award for Excellence Nominees

Award for Excellence nominees were recognized on January 17 at a regular Valparaiso Community Schools Board meeting by Superintendent Andy Melin. Pictured at left are **Rachel Gilliam** and her parents. Rachel is already a certified EMT achieved through her enrollment last year in our CTE Emergency Rescue Technology Academy. This year, she is pursuing additional certification as a Nurse Assistant through our CTE Health Occupations class. Rachel is very active in school and volunteer activities. She was inducted into the Porter County Technical Honor Society last year. She has a passion for helping other people. Rachel's ultimate goal is to become an emergency room doctor.



Doug Demorotski, another Valparaiso HS senior, was also recognized as an Award for Excellence nominee. He is pictured at right with his father after the awards program. Doug is attending the second year of our Auto Technology program at the Career and Tech Center. He is additionally attending PNC to get a jumpstart on his college career. Doug's career goal is to study aviation and become a pilot. He has found the Auto Technology program challenging and a good start on his future career. Doug was integrally involved in our Winter Car Check program which endeavors to help community members drive safe vehicles. Doug is active in community service as indicated by his Eagle Scout award. He is also a member of the Porter County Technical Honor Society.



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 or race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in enrollment procedures or access to programs.

The Twenty-first Century Scholars Program

The Twenty-first Century Scholars Program began in 1990 as Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low- and moderate-income families. The program aims to ensure that all Indiana families can afford a college education for their children.

Income-eligible 6th, 7th and 8th graders who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship to the state are guaranteed the cost of four years of undergraduate college tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If the student attends a private institution, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a public institution. If the student attends a participating proprietary school, the state will award a tuition scholarship equal to that of Ivy Tech Community College.

In 1995, the first group of Scholars headed to college - with the continued support of the Governor and the Indiana General Assembly. (Source: <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2381.htm>)

The Goals

- help more students continue their educations,
- reduce the high school dropout rate,
- prepare students for the workforce,
- decrease the use of drugs and alcohol among middle and high school students, and
- improve individual economic productivity and the quality of life for all Indiana residents.

Seniors: Forms and Deadlines

For students graduating high school in 2011, complete the following steps to collect your Twenty-first Century Scholars Scholarship:

1. Participate in a Senior Exit Interview. You may attend a Senior Exit Interview in-person between September 2010 and February 2011 or complete the process online by [clicking here](#)
2. Complete and submit a Twenty-first Century Scholars pledge Affirmation Form on time. To be considered on time, the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program must receive your completed form on or before March 10, 2011. This form will be available during the Senior Exit Interview process.
3. File for state and federal financial aid by completing and submitting a 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on time. To be considered on time, the federal processor must receive your completed FAFSA on or before March 10, 2011. The 2011-2012 FAFSA can be accessed at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.
4. Make all necessary corrections to your 2011-2012 FAFSA on or before May 16, 2011.
5. Apply for admission and institutional financial aid at the Indiana college you will attend by the deadline for each college.

Enroll as a full-time college student and maintain Indiana residency. (Source: <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2384.htm>)

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 (Students are encouraged to register for cancellation alerts via cell phone or email for both his/her school and the school of his/her career and tech class.)

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/>

Calendar

- January 27, 8-9 am, Open Houses at most* CTE Programs for prospective students,
- February 9, 8-9 am, Open Houses at most* CTE Programs for prospective students.
- February 9, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Evening Open Houses at all* CTE Programs for prospective students. (* see our website for the complete schedule of Open Houses or visit your guidance office.)
- February 11, Notre Dame Hockey Trip
- February 17, 4 pm, Trip to Chicago Auto Show
- April 14, 3:30, District Advisory Board Meeting at 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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