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

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Dr. Steve Buck

Dedicated to the Career and Tech Center

Dr. Steve Buck visited the Career Center this month after being an integral part of the original opening of our Center back in 1991. Dr. Buck served on the Valparaiso School Board when the "old Nipsco building" was converted into what is now called the Porter County Career and Tech Center. Dr. Buck said, "Things have changed and improved, the equipment is impressive and it is good to see students learning to use exciting new technology." Dr. Buck was most impressed with the enthusiasm and energy of the students and staff he talked with during his visit. His picture at left was taken next to the dedication plaque bearing his name in the PCCTC foyer.

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TAKE ON THE WORLD

Officer Phil Pratt's PCSP Car Draped in Black

The Porter County Career and Technical Education family recently

lost one of our graduates, '06 Chesterton HS graduate, Phil Pratt, formerly of our Law Enforcement Careers Academy. His instructor, Ralph Iler, stated that he "has lost a good friend and former student". Pratt was in his second year as an officer with the Porter County Sheriff's Department. Pratt was killed in an off duty motorcycle accident. Sheriff Dave Lain said that "Phil was a great officer who always did his best to serve and protect our community."





to the world
you may be one person,
but to one person
you may be the world.

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"If you have a dream inside your head, don't ever let it go.
For dreams are the seeds from which tomorrows grow."
-- Anonymous -- 2012 Wash Twp HS Senior Class Motto

PCCF Jump Start Your Career Scholarship Winners



Pictured are the the 2012 Porter County Community Foundation Special “Jump Start Your Career” Scholarship Winners. They are pictured after the banquet when they were presented with their awards. They are pictured, left to right, Harrison Draves (Wash Twp, Electronics student), Drake Devereaux (Boone Grove, Marketing), Mr. Kenning (PCCTC Dept Chair), Jillian Talley (Portage, Health Occ.), Jessica Lohse (Chesterton, CAD), and Ali Johnson (Portage Health Occ.).

“No one ever attains very eminent success by simply doing what is required of him or her; it is the amount and excellence of what is over and above the required that determines the greatness of ultimate distinction.” -- Charles Kendall Adams

Portage Auto Tech Program Put on a Terrific Inaugural Car Show

Mr. Barnes, his students, and supporters grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, and had plenty of baked goods for car aficionados on Saturday, May 19th. Classic, muscle, specialty, hot rods, and antique vehicles were all on display for car lovers to see and visit with the car builders and owners. Mr. Barne's shop was open for tours and for visitors to see some of his student work on display. The weather was terrific and the show was well attended.



A Student Voice The Manners of Discussion

In today's society, the concept of discussion has fallen into simple arguing. In politics, opinions, ideas, and any other topic; we seem to have forgotten how one should present themselves and discuss with each other. We interrupt each other, some use only feelings instead of facts/reasoning, and only consider our side is right instead of trying to get an understanding of the other(s) and try to see some aspects that change the way that you think. I am writing this because I love a discussion of ideas, but lately have had discussions which lead nowhere and my "opponent" would break all the rules because he was "right".

Let them finish - One of the basic courtesies of a debate and sharing of ideas is that you should allow at least two people to speak, not just yourself. You wouldn't want to be interrupted, so don't interrupt others.

Try to step into their shoes - When talking about viewpoints; you must remember to actually look through their views as well. A sharing of ideas is completely worthless if you don't try to understand the other side.

Use facts and reason, not just "beliefs"- One of the aspects that ruined the art of discussions is beliefs. People must have facts to back up what they say as well, they must be willing to listen to others beliefs as well (without criticism), they must admit that their side is not the 100% correct, and they must be prepared to have their strength be shot back to them if it is a solid point.

If it gets too hot, get out of the kitchen! - Sometimes you will get an "opponent" who disagrees with everything you say, and/or vice versa. At times like these, you must remember that it is a discussion, not an argument. You should take a moment to tell whoever you are discussing with politely that the discussions leading nowhere and that you should sum up the topic of agreeing to disagree.

Nobody is wrong, Nobody is right - Everyone is allowed to have an opinion, even if it is completely ridiculous. For our country founded on the idea that a society should be allowed to have their own thoughts, opinions, and dreams which they are allowed to pursue; even if it is preposterous.

Try to shape the way you think by some of their reasoning - Going along with the previous point, the whole point when you begin a discussion of ideas is to try to help you widen your views on all topics and let you think about the world differently.

Altogether, I feel that everyone should try remembering these aspects when arguing. Even if you get someone who starts a argument and breaks all the rules, remain constant because even though they probably won't change their view, you will have been the true "winner" for keeping up values in a discussion.

- ***By Chaz M. Steeves*** (Wash Twp HS Junior,
Business Ownership)

Know the Facts About Sunbathing

More than 3.5 million cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year – more than all other cancers combined. Yet most of us are still ill informed and unprepared when it comes to the risks of sun exposure. Some of the more common misconceptions:

- You can't get skin cancer where the sun doesn't shine (skin cancer can appear anywhere on the body including the palms of your hands or soles of your feet);
- You can't get sunburn on a cloudy day (clouds only block some of the harmful ultraviolet rays so a sunburn is still possible);
- Skin cancer affects only light-skinned people (those with fair skin are at an increased risk but anyone can get skin cancer).

To set the record straight on skin cancer, go to skincancer.org for more myths and misconceptions.

2012 Marketing Internship Graduates



*"If you don't invest very much, then defeat doesn't hurt very much and winning is not very exciting."
(former NFL Coach Dick Vermeil)*

Culinary II Final Exams – Delicious to the Nth Degree





2012 Indiana Award for Excellence Winner – Sarah Jackett

CHS senior Video Productions student became 9th student in Porter County history to be selected as an Indiana Award for Excellence winner. Sarah received the award even while battling troublesome health issues all year. Sarah has become a tremendous video producer and plans to continue her media production studies at Ball State next fall. Sarah won a prestigious first place at this year's Indiana Student Broadcasters Association state conference for her video about Pines Village. Check out her video at:

<http://www.valpolife.com/index.php/community/government-and-community-resources/14664-the-pines-village-art-gallery-video>

Sarah has represented the Career Center exceptionally well and is one of our many fine students whom we know will continue to make us proud long after her graduation from here. We all wish her a wonderful future.

Calendar

- Summer Vacation

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@valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.

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