

# Porter County Career and Technical Education News

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

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## Career Center Students Top in the State



Students from left to right...  
Paige Smith (VHS), Ceara Trcka (CHS), Sawyer Kekelik (Hebron), Dennis Donahue (BGHS), Jake Krischke (BGHS), Hope Velasquez (PHS), Faith Velasquez (PHS). (Back row) Megan Bodo (PHS), Morgan Eastridge (PHS), and Taylor

Baldwin (PHS)

The Porter County Career Center was well represented by 10 students in the Health Occupations Students of America State Competition this April. Students from 5 area schools competed against other students from across the state in the event, winning college scholarships and earning trips to the National Competition this June in Nashville Tennessee.

Ceara Trcka from Chesterton High School teamed up with Paige Smith from Valparaiso High School to win the Public Health event. The students qualified for Nationals, while each earning scholarships for 3 semesters of full tuition at Ivy Tech College. The girls paired up with Boone Grove High School students Dennis Donahue and Jake Krischke to take second place in the Creative Problem Solving competition

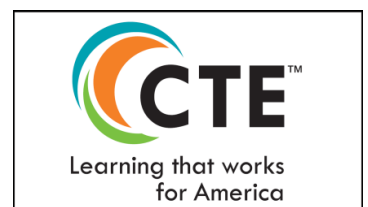
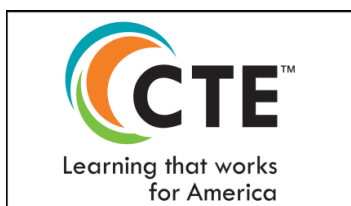
and earning a bid to nationals. Dennis placed third in the Extemporaneous Speaking event earning another national bid.

Jake Krischke and Paige Smith placed in the top ten in the state in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Paige was also in the top ten for Nutrition. Morgan Eastridge from Portage High School teamed up with Sawyer Kekelik from Hebron High School to place in the top ten in Emergency Medicine.

Portage High School students Megan Bodo, Taylor Baldwin, Faith Velasquez, and Hope Velasquez also participated in the event which included 700 students from across the state.



Mr. Truelove's Chesterton Work Study students are shown above after their end of school banquet. The students gained some valuable workplace skills, solved problems, learned customer service, and earned paychecks while completing their high school diploma. Mr. Truelove is proud of their maturity and workplace skills.





## Students Recognized for Perfect Attendance



### To Obtain Your Ivy Tech College Transcripts:

Go to: <http://www.ivytech.edu/registrar/transcripts.html>

Other admissions questions may be directed to:

Nicholas J. Felder, MBA

Ivy Tech Community College - Northwest

3100 Ivy Tech Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383, 219-476-4705; [nfelder@ivytech.edu](mailto:nfelder@ivytech.edu)

### To Obtain Your Vincennes University College Transcripts

Following are the required steps to obtain a Vincennes University transcript:

Each student will need to complete the [Transcript Request Form](#) which is located on the [website](#), and either fax or mail the form to the VU Registrar's Office. Please contact the VU Dual Credit Office if you should have any questions at: Becky Ice, Dual Credit Office Coordinator, Project EXCEL, Vincennes University, 1002 North First Street, YB Room 212, Vincennes, Indiana 47591

Telephone: (812) 888-4344; Toll Free: (800) 670-1230. Please visit our website: [vinu.edu/excel](http://vinu.edu/excel)

*If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. — John Quincy Adams*

## Video and Animation Showcase



Over 60 students showcased their projects from the CAD & Animation class taught by Bill Guinee and the Video Production class taught by Bob Phelps. The projects included personal profiles, animations, short scenes, and music videos. The event was held in the Valparaiso Ivy Tech Auditorium. Students and families walked a real red carpet as they entered. We awarded the Gabe Myers scholarship to Megan Leetz (Chesterton) and Becca Annen (Valparaiso). Megan will be heading to Columbia College in Chicago and Becca is off to Vincennes.

Carol Costakis is the Community Resource Director for the Porter County Community Foundation. The Foundation has been our largest contributor for our scholarship over the past 6 years. They are not only a supporter of my class, but the county-wide career and technical education effort.

Ms. Sophia Myers is the mother of one of our former students, Gabe Myers, for whom our scholarship is named. Gabe was in our class during the 2010-2011 school year, and passed away on March 1, 2011. His positive attitude had a big effect on the Career Center and our class. He was a good kid with a potential sports broadcasting career in his future. One of the ways we chose to honor Gabe was by renaming our Video Production Scholarship the "Gabe Myers Scholarship".

The first recipient is Valparaiso High School's Rebecca Annen, a first year member of the class. She's shown great enthusiasm since day one and is a terrific representative for the Career Center. I am excited that she will be continuing with her video production interests at Vincennes University.

The second recipient is Chesterton High School's Megan Leetz, a second year member of the class. She has made countless contributions to our class, the Career Center, and the community. She is dependable, organized, and passionate. She will be heading on to Columbia College in Chicago.

Here are some links to some videos that premiered Monday night. Feel free to link or embed them:

Kevin Pazour - Porter County Museum Executive Director  
- <http://youtu.be/N9dscVZJNoM>



Adam 'Boomer' Nellesen - Personal Profile -  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cX04ymSmmdM>

Surefire Sandwich shop - South Haven Indiana -  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Mw-wK5zerM>

Bring Me the Horizon - Sleepwalking Music Video  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYplSBXBnjl>



## 2013 Scholarships\*

Name	High School	Program	Scholarship(s)	Future Plans
Emily Tezak	WTHS	Health Occ	Kiwanis Workforce Bob Smaroff Scholarship, \$500	Alabama Univ for Nursing and beyond
Emma-Leigh Foster	BGHS	Health Occ	Kiwanis Workforce Bob Smaroff Scholarship, \$500 PCCF "Jumpstart Career" - \$1000 Tri Kappa - \$1500	Purdue Lafayette – Nursing and beyond
Cole Ozbolt	PHS	Modern Machining	Brian Kingsbury Memorial Scholarship – \$200 -- Donated by The Exley Family	Vincennes - Machining
Kayla Bowman	PHS/SELF	Auto	Spec Kids/Spec Needs \$500	NW Ohio Tech - Auto
Madelyn Alfredson	VHS	Cosmetology	Spec Kids/Spec Needs \$500	Don Roberts Beauty School
Joe Dougherty	Morgan	CAD	2013 PCCF "Jumpstart Career" Scholarship - \$1000	Ivy Tech
Riley Van Eerd	BGHS	Elect	PCCF "Jumpstart Career" - \$1000	Purdue Lafayette - EET
Charles Crowley	VHS	Video Productions	PCCF "Jumpstart Career" - \$1000 Tri Kappa - \$1500	Aquinas College _ Communication
Abigail Pisinski	PHS	Health Occ	PCCF "Jumpstart Career" - \$1000	Valpo U - Nursing
Lauren Miles	PHS	Health Occ	PCCF "Jumpstart Career" - \$1000	Valpo U - Nursing
China Lee	PHS	Health	PCCF "Jumpstart Career" - \$1000	??
Cameron Tripp	Wash Twp	Marketing	Tri Kappa - \$1500 & The Mullen Family Scholarship	??
Breanna Mata	Hobart	Health Occ	<b>Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600</b>	IUB – Pre Pharm
Fallon Pugh	PHS	Health Occ	"	PNC - Nursing
Alex Schreier	PHS	Health Occ	"	Valpo U - Nursing
Christy Williamson	Morgan	Health Careers		Ivy Tech - Nursing
Matt Mues	VHS	Law Enf	"	IUPUI – Law Enf
Ben Brubaker	VHS	Elect	"	PNC - EET
Luke Zerza	VHS	CAD	"	PNC - MET



Bob Ross	WTHS	Bldg Trds/Mach Trds	“	Trine - Engineering
Montana Ketchem	CHS	ECE - Iddings	“	IUN - Radiology
Katherine Phillis	WTHS	Marketing	“	PNC - Business
Megan Leetz	CHS	Video Prod	Gabe Meyers Scholarship -- \$500	Columbia in Chicago – Media Productions
Rebecca Annen	VHS		Gabe Meyers Scholarship -- \$500	Vincennes - Telecommunications
Armandina Torres	PHS	Health Occ	Red Cross - \$1000	IVTSC Mortuary Science

(\* these are just the ones we know about)

## Calendar

- Fall County Advisory Committee Meeting, October 17, 3:30-4:30, Porter County Career and Tech Center

## 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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