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

"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"

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2013 Scholarships* (* these are just the ones we know about)

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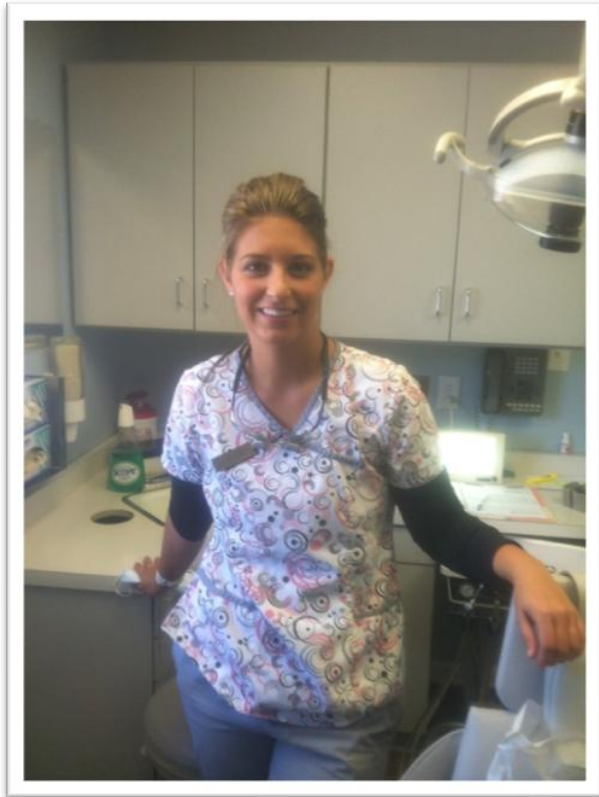
Name	High School	Program	Scholarship(s)	College Plans
Emily Tezak	WTHS	Health Occ	Kiwanis Workforce Bob Smaroff Scholarship, \$500	Alabama Univ - Nursing and beyond
Emma-Leigh Foster	BGHS	Health Occ	Kiwanis Workforce Bob Smaroff Scholarship, \$500 PCCF "Jumpstart Career" - \$1000 Tri Kappa - \$1500	Purdue 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 Careers	PCCF "Jumpstart Career" - \$1000	??
Cameron Tripp	Wash Twp	Marketing	Tri Kappa - \$1500 & The Mullen Family Scholarship	IVTSC – HVAC
Breanna Mata	Hobart	Health Occ	Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600	IUB - Pre Pharm
Fallon Pugh	PHS	Health Occ	Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600	PNC - Nursing
Alex Schreier	PHS	Health Occ	Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600	Valpo U - Nursing
Christy Williamson	Morgan	Health Careers	Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600	Ivy Tech - Nursing
Matt Mues	VHS	Law Enf	Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600	IUPUI – Law Enf
Ben Brubaker	VHS	Elect	Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600	PNC - EET
Luke Zerza	VHS	CAD	Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600	PNC - MET
Bob Ross	WTHS	Bldg Trds/Mach Trds	Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600	Trine - Engineering
Montana Ketchem	CHS	ECE - Iddings	Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600	IUN - Radiology
Katherine Phillis	WTHS	Marketing	Workforce Enhancement Scholarship \$600	PNC - Business
Ceara Trcka	CHS	Health Careers	HOSA Scholarship 45 credits	Nursing at IVTSC
Paige Smith	VHS	Health Careers	HOSA Scholarship 45 credits	Nursing at IVTSC
Megan Leetz	CHS	Video Prod	Gabe Meyers Scholarship -- \$500	Columbia, Chicago – Media Prod.
Rebecca Annen	VHS	Video Prod	Gabe Meyers Scholarship -- \$500	Vincennes - Telecommunications
Armandina Torres	PHS	Health Occ	Red Cross - \$1000	IVTSC Mortuary Science



Attend the Career Center Open House from 6-7 pm, on Wednesday, September 18.

Another Successful CTE Graduate

While getting my routine dental checkup, I was pleased to meet Erica Gertsmeier, who works as a dental hygienist in Dr Nondorf's Valparaiso Dental practice. Erica is a 2006 Washington Twp graduate and a former student in our CTE Early Childhood Education class at SELF School. She was also a Technical Honor Society inductee in 2006 and a graduate of our Dental Occupations class at Portage HS taught by Mrs. Rhonda Doane. Mrs. Doane's class is where Erica discovered her passion for the dental health profession. Erica knew what she wanted to do when she left high school and used her determination to get her pre-requisites out of the way at IU Bloomington and then she returned to IUN for completion of her dental hygiene license. Ironically, Erica has always been a patient of Dr. Nondorf and even did her high school dental clinical assignment with Dr. Nondorf before returning from college 3 years ago and starting to work in his office. Erica is a great example of the success our Career Education students achieve. Other good news from Erica includes that she and her fiancée have marriage plans for this November. Congratulations Erica, you are a CTE Star!



Arielle Cummings

Arielle Cummings, Health Occupations and PHS 2012

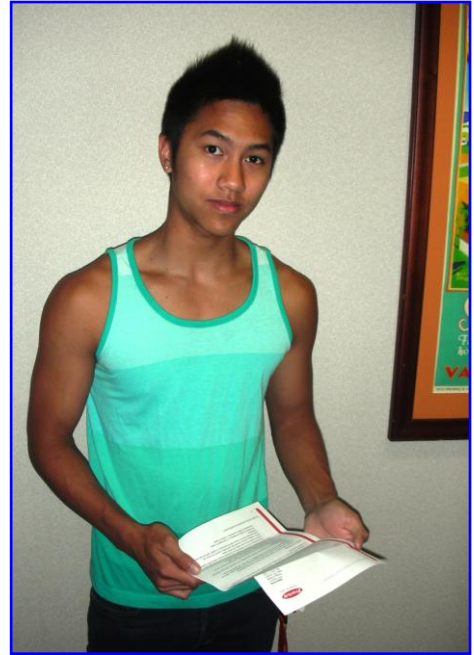
graduate came back for a visit to update us on her military career. Arielle was a star Health Occ student who enlisted after graduation. She has travelled extensively since and recently left for an assignment at an Army base in Georgia. Her military specialty is army intelligence. We are very proud of Arielle and of her service to our country.



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

**Paul Bui, VHS 2013 Graduate, Electronics Technology Graduate
New Employee for Fronius Corporation**

Paul was recently presented an employment offer from the Fronius Corporation. Paul was a star student in Mr. Kenning's Electronic and Computer Technology class last year. Fronius is an international company and world leader in welding technology, battery charging systems, and solar electronics. Fronius has an office in the Portage Ameriplex industrial park. Paul will receive 3 months of training in Austria and later have a company car, home office, and other benefits. It is a great opportunity for Paul to take what he has learned from the Alternative Energy project at the Career Center into the world of business and industry. Paul is very grateful for his start at the Career Center and only wishes he could have attended for two years. Mr. Kenning says, "Paul is very bright and conscientious; Fronius is getting a future star."



It is a new school year and it is football season. School colors are worn proudly at the Career Center where students come together to take their Career and Technical electives with



students from 10 different high schools. Though, some of our students will be battling each other on the gridiron, soccer field, or in different cheerleading squads, they come together as friends during the school week.

Kouts CTE Students Show Off Artistic Talents over the Summer

Career Center students, Ethan Scates (CAD) and Maddie Royter (TV Productions), both are Kouts HS seniors, participated in the Youth Service Bureau Chalk the Walk event this summer. They helped raise money for YSB and they helped Horizon Bank support the event by performing as the Horizon Bank artists.



Students Learn Service to Others through Career Center Blood Drive

Health Occupations student helped the American Red Cross conduct our first successful blood drive of the year. Many students contributed by donating a pint of blood. We had a very successful day with 72 pints collected.

Elizabeth Rivich (VHS), Lauren Bobinski (Morgan Twp), and Bri Leuck (Morgan) are seen at right waiting to donate.

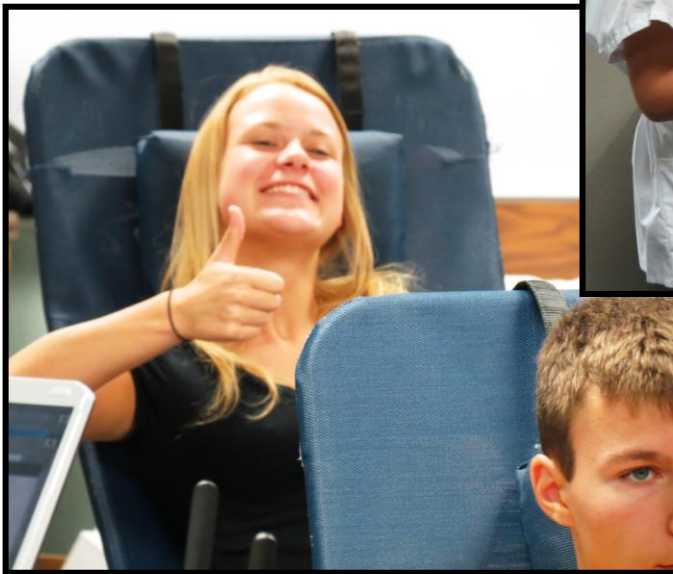




Health Occ and Health Careers students are pictured ready to monitor our Blood Drive.



Taylor Miley (Hebron) can be seen setting a smiling example of how easy it is to donate blood and save a life.



Substance Abuse

Substance abuse is a topic that has significantly infiltrated our community. It is found within our neighborhoods, schools, households...and even workplaces.

Drugs and alcohol can take a tremendous toll on a business. It's estimated that 87% of drug and alcohol abusers work at a small business. The costs can be huge:

- **50% of all Workers' Compensation claims can be linked to drug and alcohol use.**
- **9 out of 10 alcoholics and 7 out of 10 drug addicts are employed.**
- **Employees using drugs and alcohol are 10x's more likely to miss work.**
- **Over half of serious workplace accidents are drug or alcohol related.**
- **A single employee abusing drugs or alcohol can cost your business \$7000 annually.**

All Porter County Schools are committed to helping our students avoid drugs and alcohol.



Calendar

- Fall County Advisory Committee Meeting, October 17, 3:30-4:30, Porter County Career and Tech Center
- Career and Tech Center Open House, 6-7 pm, Wednesday, September 18

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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