

# Porter County Career and + Technical Education News

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Mr. Bob Axe, Valparaiso First Source Bank President, came to the Career and Tech Center on January 10 to present the ceremonial \$15,000 check to our students for their selection by First Source Bank as the major recipient of the First Source Bank 150 Years celebration. The funds will be used to help fund student field trips and our student incentive programs

***"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you don't keep moving."***

**- Will Rogers**

## Josh Bleill, Indianapolis Colts Community Spokesperson

Marine Corporal Josh Bleill [Bly-ul; rhymes with “Kyle” or “smile”] is a native of Greenfield, Indiana spoke with our students on January 30. After graduating high school, Josh attended Purdue University. Upon completion of his education, Josh decided to serve his country by joining the United States Marine Corps in 2004, and was activated for a tour of duty in Iraq in 2006.

While serving in Iraq, Corporal Bleill was severely injured, resulting in the loss of both of his legs. After extensive rehabilitation, Bleill returned to Indiana in August of 2008, where he attacked his new life head-on. This new life included employment as the Indianapolis Colts Community Spokesperson.

Josh spoke to us about overcoming obstacles and seeing challenges as opportunity. He said the thing that will carry you through is your attitude.



Here is a link to some construction scholarships:

<http://www.mikeroweworks.com/2012/10/mikeroweworks-foundation-tools-scholarships-for-aed-technical-schools/>

### **DECA Students Performed Well at Regional Competition**

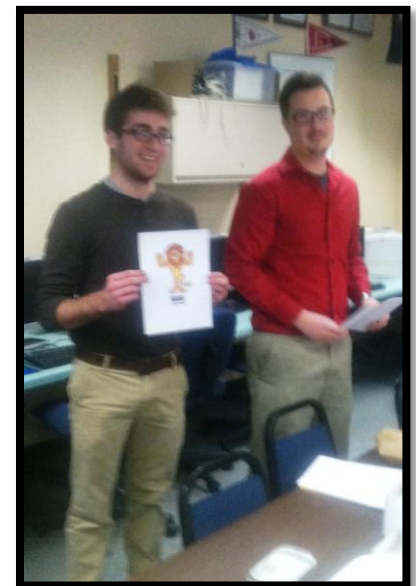


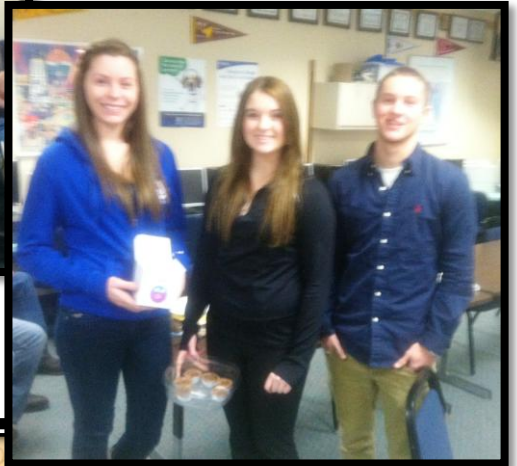
2014 PORTER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER'S DISTRICT DECA WINNERS

Mrs Commers DECA students placed in the top 7 this past Saturday, Jan. 11 at Hobart High School and will now be able to advance to State DECA competition in March.

Name of student	School	Event	Placed
Megan Augustinovich	Washington Twp	Apparel & Accessories	4th
Kody Diehm	Morgan	Automotive Services	6 <sup>th</sup>
Dan Lunn	Portage	Quick Serve Restaurant	5 <sup>th</sup>
John Ward	Chesterton	Accounting	4 <sup>th</sup>
Luis Magana	Morgan	Business Finance	6 <sup>th</sup>
Aidan Heinold	Morgan	Business Finance	4 <sup>th</sup>
Courtney Platt	Valparaiso	Business Services	4 <sup>th</sup>
Zach Pedersen	Morgan	Business Services	2 <sup>nd</sup>
John Loosemore	Hebron	Food Marketing	4 <sup>th</sup>
Rachel Meeks	Morgan	Hotel & Lodging	7 <sup>th</sup>
Stephen Thorne	Valparaiso	Human Relations Management	5 <sup>th</sup>
Bo Anderson	Morgan	Marketing Management	3rd
Alexis Gorrell	Kouts	Restaurant & Food Service	6 <sup>th</sup>
Carson Schwartz	Valparaiso	Restaurant & Food Service	2nd
Lexis Lawrence	Valparaiso	Retail Merchandising	6th
Jakob Goodan	Washington Twp	Sports & Entertainment Marketing	6th
Logan Donovan & Ryan Simpson	Washington Twp	Buying & Merchandising Team	7th
Dalton Weinkauff & Matt Williams	Morgan	Buying & Merchandising Team	5th

Pictured below are DECA students presenting their business plan to the class describing their original plan for small cookie distribution businesses:







## Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information

The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the closing decisions of the hosting school. All commuting students should drive carefully and use common sense and their parent's input 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/site/Default.aspx?PageID=9> Go to "School Closing Information" on the left side of the screen. You can also register your cell phone to receive a message through this process.
- WLJE Radio 105.5 FM
- WAKE Radio 1500 AM
- [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com)



### Calendar

- Chicago Auto Show, Student Reward Trip, Thursday, February 13, 2014
- April 10, Spring Advisory Board Meeting, 3:30, 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](mailto:jgroth@valpo.k12.in.us)) with news to be published about you and your students.

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