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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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Instructor, Mrs. Iddings says her students from the Portage CTE Education & Early Childhood program are working along with students at South Haven Elementary to decorate a Rain Barrel for the Earth Day celebration happening on April 18th at the Porter County Expo Center.

Students pictured at left are: Jamie Lee Ortiz, Sydney Balcerak, Julisse Washington, Korban Best and Lillian Bonner.



Pictured above are Health Occupations and Health Careers students professionally dressed for their state conference in Indianapolis.



Porter County Career & Technical Center
Outstanding Students /Shining Stars
3rd Quarter
2014-2015 School Year

Name	School	Subject
1. Andrew Foster	Boone Grove	<i>Auto - AM - Sickles</i>
2. Robert Schmidt	Boone Grove	<i>Auto - AM - Avalos & Sickles</i>
3. Joshua Gorrell	Kouts	<i>Auto - PM - Sickles</i>
4. Andrew Charnetzky	Valparaiso	<i>Auto - AM - Avalos</i>
5. Joseluis Rangel	Hobart	<i>Auto - AM - Avalos</i>
6. Dylan Shoupe	Morgan Twp.	<i>Auto - PM - Avalos</i>
7. Shaun Beird	Boone Grove	<i>Bldg Trds - AM - Doane</i>
8. Benjamin Johansen	Morgan Twp.	<i>Bldg Trds - PM - Doane</i>
9. Jordan Vann	Boone Grove	<i>Entrepreneurship/Sports & Entertainment Mkt - AM - Gaulin</i>
10. Chase Galipeau	Valparaiso	<i>Strategic Marketing Internship - PM - Gaulin</i>
11. Steven Shields	Boone Grove	<i>CAD - AM - Guinee</i>
12. Andrew Kohler	Morgan Twp.	<i>CAD - PM - Guinee</i>
13. Jacob Vaughan	Portage H.S.	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - AM - Thormahlen</i>
14. Jacob Alva	Washington Twp.	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - PM - Thormahlen</i>
15. Julia Dalton	Valparaiso	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Edwards</i>
16. Stephanie Parker	Valparaiso	<i>Health Occ. - PM - Edwards</i>
17. Sara Hawkins	Portage H.S.	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Marcus</i>
18. Aubrey Naymon	Portage H.S.	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Marcus</i>
19. Michaela Bogue	Valparaiso	<i>Health Careers - PM - Marcus</i>
20. Matt Wright	Boone Grove	<i>Machine Trades - AM - Carmack</i>
21. Zach Hillestad	Hebron	<i>Machine Trades - PM - Carmack</i>
22. Johnny Newel	Boone Grove	<i>TV Productions - AM - Phelps</i>
23. Josiah Galicia	Washington Twp.	<i>TV Productions - PM - Phelps</i>

"If you Believe it, you can Achieve it"

Porter County Career and Tech programs is proud of our most recent state data for school reporting standards. Our District ranks 2nd in the state on overall state performance:

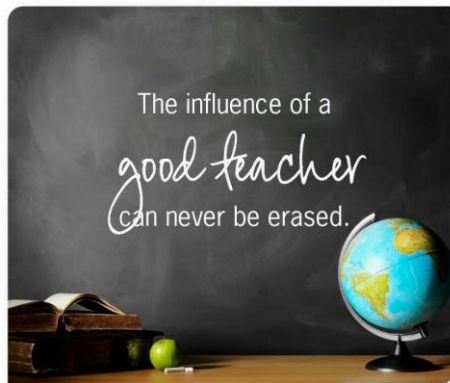
Program Completion Rate: **100%**

Placement in work, college, or both: **94.6%**

Technical Skill attainment: **96.3%**

H.S. Graduation: **97.5%** (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 86.4%)

In addition, program participants earned **4431** college credits last year



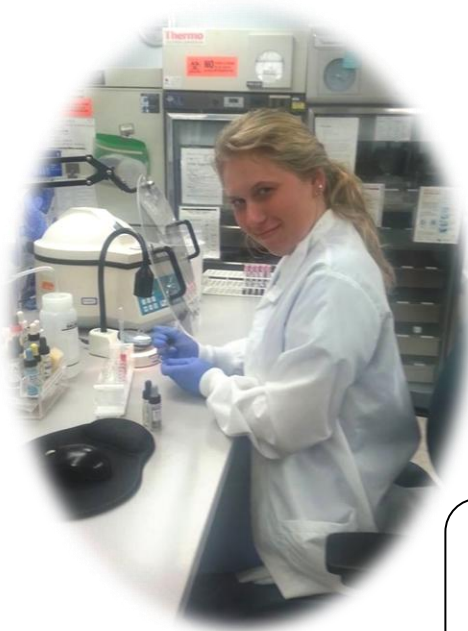
Smile, ...let everyone think that you are stronger than you were yesterday!

Pictured at right are Barb Iddings and senior Allie Stevenson (Wheeler HS) and her class at So Haven. Allie and Barb recently presented to our Area Advisory Committee about the activities and competencies taught in all of our Early Childhood Education (ECE) programs. Renee Tripp (SELF School) and Cheryl Bunch (Hobart) talked about their programs also. Cheryl's runs a preschool program and Renee's students get to work with special needs children.



Student Built Home is Rising in Portage

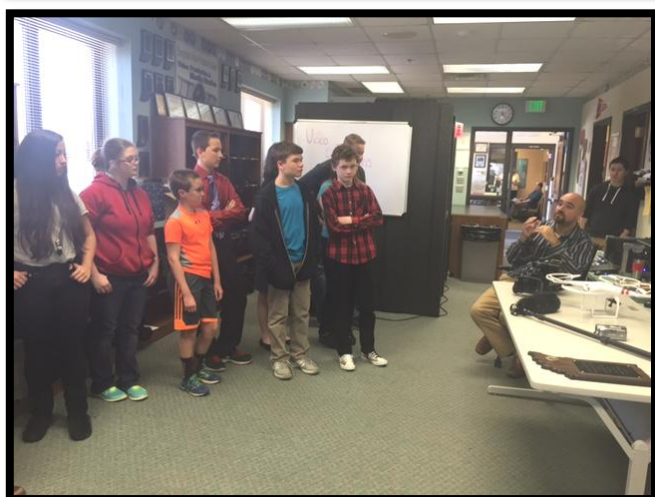
Within the last week the Portage Construction Technology class, taught by Mr. Bontrager, completed the wall framing on the house we are building and started the roof system. The first picture with the students carrying a truss is Mike Hyler, Tony Gamblin, Alec Burnett, Adam Guerrero, Stefan Spates, Jake Ortiz Pollard, Ernesto Cardenas, and Jake Meitzler. The second picture is with three of the trusses up on the wall system. Hopefully in a couple of weeks most of the framing will be completed.



CHS junior and Health Careers student, Abby Witt DSF, can be seen at left during a job shadow experience at a phlebotomy laboratory.

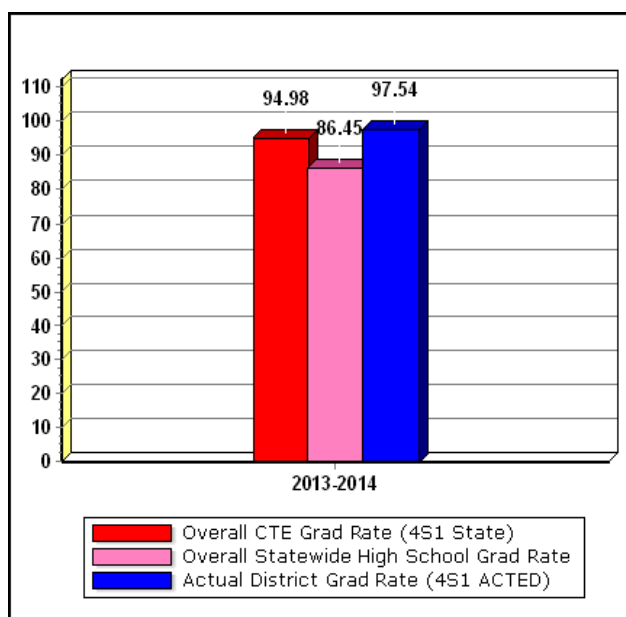
“Promote then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened.” – George Washington, farewell address, 1796

Hobart 8th Graders Visit the Career and Tech Center Hosted by our Student Mentors



Graduation Rates - CTE Students vs. All Graduates

The blue bar indicates our District's graduation rate for CTE students compared to the state graduation rate (pink) and the state graduation rate for CTE students (red). Our District CTE graduation rate is over 97%.





Pictured at left are some of our Morning Career Center Stars

Are You Getting Ready for What You Will Do After High School?

Trip To College Alerts will send you 3-4 age-specific text messages each month. These tips will help you plan for your education after high school.

Go to:

<http://www.triptocollege.org/default.aspx#o>

To register, please complete the form at the link above with your mobile phone number and zip code as well as selecting your high school graduation year. Students must be 13 years or older to participate. Standard text messaging rates apply. All students should ask their parent's permission before registering.



Pictured at right are some of our Afternoon Career Center Stars.

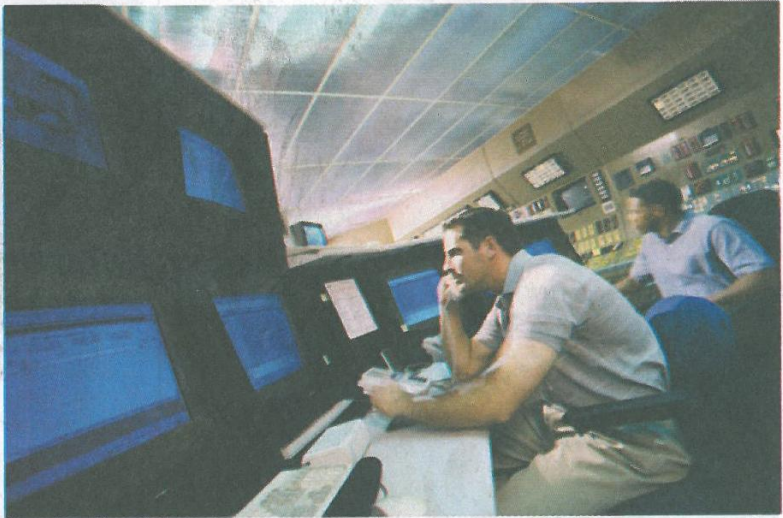
Why a CTE Education?

Career and technical education (CTE) prepares youth to be college and career ready, providing them with core academic skills, employability skills, and technical job related skills.

CTE WORKS FOR BUSINESS

CTE addresses the needs of high-growth industries and helps close the skills gap.

- The skilled trades are the hardest jobs to fill in the United States, with recent data citing 806,000 jobs open in the trade, transportation and utilities sector and 293,000 jobs open in manufacturing.
- Health care occupations, many of which require an associate degree or less, make up 12 of the 20 fastest growing occupations.
- STEM occupations such as environmental engineering technicians require an associate degree and will experience faster than average job growth.
- Middle-skill jobs, jobs that require education and training beyond high school but less than a bachelor's degree, are a significant part of the economy. Of the 55 million job openings created by 2020, 30 percent will require some college or a two-year associate degree.



CTE WORKS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

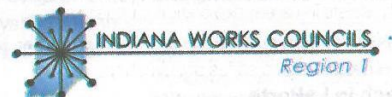
High school students involved in CTE are more engaged, perform better, and graduate at higher rates.

- 81 percent of dropouts say relevant, real-world learning opportunities would have kept them in high school.
- The average high school graduation rate for students concentrating in CTE programs is 90.18 percent, compared to an average national freshman graduation rate of 74.9 percent.
- More than 70 percent of secondary CTE concentrations pursued postsecondary education shortly after high school.

CTE WORKS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ADULTS

Postsecondary CTE fosters postsecondary completion and prepares students and adults for in-demand careers.

- 4 out of 5 secondary CTE graduates who pursued postsecondary education after high school had earned a credential or were still enrolled two years later.
- A person with a CTE-related associate degree or credential will earn on average between \$4,000 and \$19,000 more a year than a person with a humanities associate degree.
- 27 percent of people with less than an associate degree, including licenses and certificates, earn more than the average bachelor's degree recipient.



(Source: Association for Career and Technical Education)

“The number one predictor of post-secondary success is having a mature and realistic career goal.”
- Kenneth Gray, author *Getting Real*.

***Attention Male Students:** all men must register with the selective service when they turn 18 or they can be denied financial aid for college! Learn more @ bit.ly/SelServSys

Calendar

- May 5, 7 pm, Technology Honor Society Induction, Wheeler HS Auditorium
- 4 A’s Car Show benefiting our Scholarship Program and Habitat for Humanity at Sunset Hill Farm, June 7, 9 am – 3 pm

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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