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HOSA Success

The Portage High School Health Occupation Student Assoc. (HOSA) Chapter, which is comprised of students enrolled in the Porter County Career and Technical Education's Health Science and Dental Careers Classes, had 19 students attend the HOSA State Leadership Conference, which was held April 13-15 in Indianapolis, Indiana. At HOSA conference, students are involved in general sessions, leadership training, educational workshops, and competitive events.



National Qualifiers- left to right
Luke Soliday (Washington Township) 2nd place, Job Seeking Skills; Diamond Cabrera (Portage High) 2nd place, Dental Terminology;
Ashley Vode (Hobart High) 3rd place, Dental Terminology;

- Our Rooftop solar array has produced over 21 Megawatt-hours of electricity since January 2013. That is the equivalent of the energy stored in over 7 million AA batteries.
- April 23, we produced 54 kWh of electricity in one day, enough energy to equal 24,000 AA batteries.



Pictured at left are Eric Lyons (Hebron) and Storm Wiseman (Chesterton). Both are juniors who are enrolled in our Health Careers class and were recently recognized as Junior Kiwanians at a Noon Kiwanis meeting. Both students are enrolled next year in Health Occupations at the Career and Tech Center.

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.--Albert Einstein

According to instructor, Mr. Bontrager, our Portage Construction Technology students are finished framing up all the walls and are currently working on the roof system and installing the trusses. The goal is to complete the roof by the end of the school year.



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

Noah Simmons takes care of Business: The World of Noah

New this season is the debut of Head Groundskeeper Noah Simmons. Our student has been promoted from assistant to the head role all only a month before graduating from Portage. Talk about getting settled in an early career path! He is like a #1 draft pick in the world of sod, seed and sunshine. Pictured below is a picture taken of Noah and the crew laying sod around the home plate area. The “kid” is busy and going to rock it at the Steel Yard. He is a busy guy these days with the games depending on him. (article and photo provided by Ms. Gannon)



Portage High School Work Based Learning Students have been working hard to design Econ Poster Contest entries for the Indiana Council for Economic Development. Sharae Hightower and Airiona Rodriguez are two of the artists working on a poster.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — Mahatma Gandhi



Pictured at left are some of Mrs. Wilson's Health Sciences students during their visit to the Cadaver Lab at Purdue North Central on 4/30/15.

The difference between successful people and very successful people is that very successful people say "no" to almost everything.
- Warren Buffett

CAD Students Excel

Allegra Shinabargar of Boone Grove HS won a \$500 Award of Excellence prize for her entry into the American Institute of Architects student contest in Indianapolis. Nathan Lavelle (Valpo) won the Judge's Award.



It's what the Stoics call, "the premeditation" – that **there's actually a lot of peace of mind to be gained in thinking carefully and in detail and consciously about how badly things could go.** In most situations you're going to discover that your anxiety or your fears about those situations were exaggerated.



Start of a Landscaping Project at the SELF Building by Morgan Twp. Horticulture class.

Easy Way to Increase Your Happiness

The idea is that the things that you really like a lot, stop. Stop it. So, *if you love, every day, having the same coffee, don't have it for a few days and, when you wait, and then you have it again, it's going to be way more amazing than all of the ones that you would have had in the meantime. Interrupting our consumption is free. It actually saves you money and gets you more happiness out of the money spent.* It's like the best of all worlds, but we're completely unable to do it, because we always want to watch the thing or eat the thing right now. It's not "give it up forever." It's "give it up for short periods of time, and I promise you you're going to love it even more when you come back to it."

“The number one predictor of post-secondary success is having a mature and realistic career goal.”

***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

- Mary 29, 6 pm Cruise-In Night at the Career and Tech Center
- June 1, 6 pm Film and Animation Showcase Red Carpet Affair at Ivy Tech Valpo Campus Auditorium
- June 7, 4 A’s Car Show benefiting our Scholarship Program and Habitat for Humanity at Sunset Hill Farm, 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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