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TAKE ON THE WORLD

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

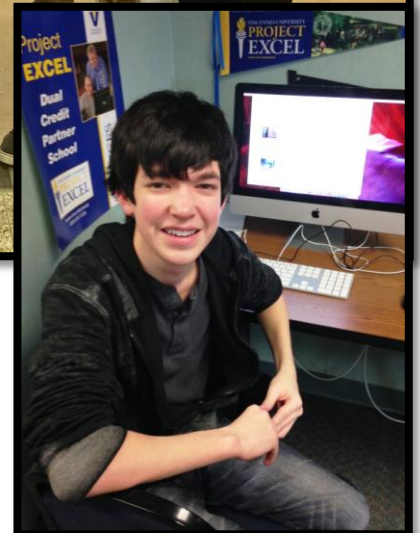
"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"

PORTER COUNTY

Rachel Diaz won the Drive Safe Chicago public service announcement Contest. Rachel's PSA was about the dangers of distracted driving and will be shown nationally and at the Chicago Auto Show.

Pictured Video Production students are Kennedy Starcevic (BGHS), Johnny Newell (BGHS), Director Alan Weiss from New York, Rachel Diaz (Portage), Sam Miller (Valpo), Matthew Kiley (Portage), who acted in the Diaz written production.

(Photo by Ryan Malarik)



Ryan Malarik, also of Portage and pictured at right came in 2nd place.

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

Morning Outstanding Students



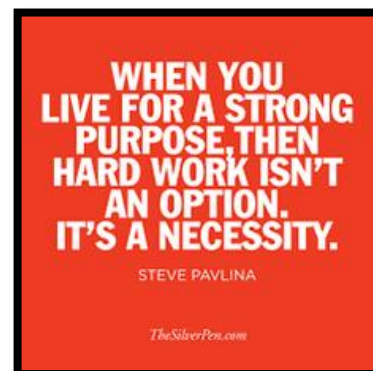
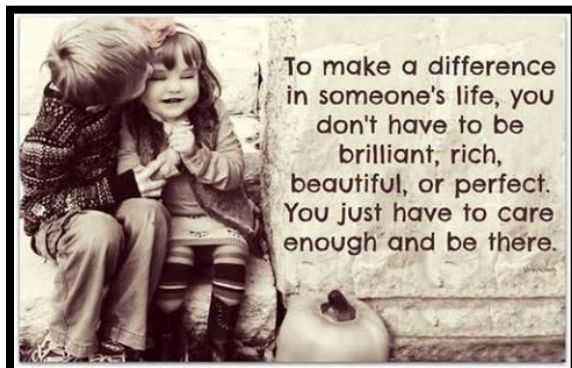
Afternoon Outstanding Students



Excellence is about attitude, effort, and character.

Porter County Career & Technical Center
Students Stars, Second Quarter
2014-2015 School Year

Name	School	Subject
Bradley Kaminsky	Boone Grove	<i>Auto - AM - Sickles</i>
John Janson	Wheeler	<i>Auto - PM - Sickles</i>
Jordan Cameli	Valparaiso	<i>Auto - AM - Avalos</i>
Tyler Roop	Hebron	<i>Auto - PM - Avalos</i>
Jeremy Hunt	Hobart	<i>Bldg Trds - AM - Doane</i>
Clayton Spencer	Morgan Twp.	<i>Bldg Trds - PM - Doane</i>
Nathan Legler	Washington Twp.	<i>Business Ownership/Sports & Entertain. Mkt - AM - Gaulin</i>
Rachel Meeks	Morgan Twp.	<i>Marketing Internship - PM - Gaulin</i>
Emily Marcus	Chesterton	<i>Marketing Internship - PM - Gaulin</i>
Nick Jobbe	Valparaiso	<i>CAD - AM - Guinee</i>
Alex Perez	Washington Twp.	<i>CAD - PM - Guinee</i>
Samuel Pauk	Boone Grove	<i>Electronics and Computer Tech - AM - Thormahlen</i>
Jeffrey Hofferth	Valparaiso	<i>Electronics and Computer Tech - PM - Thormahlen</i>
Makyma Webb	Portage	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Edwards</i>
Kerrigan Horn	Hobart	<i>Health Occ. - PM - Edwards</i>
Jasmine Cartagena	Portage	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Marcus</i>
Maria Zuniga	Portage	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Marcus</i>
Maya Villalobos	Hobart	<i>Health Careers - PM - Marcus</i>
Jenessa Hammonds	Washington Twp	<i>Machine Trades - AM - Carmack</i>
Jacob Marvel	Morgan	<i>Machine Trades - PM - Carmack</i>
Ian Fortney	Valparaiso	<i>TV Productions - AM - Phelps</i>
Abbey Thomas	Valparaiso	<i>TV Productions - PM - Phelps</i>



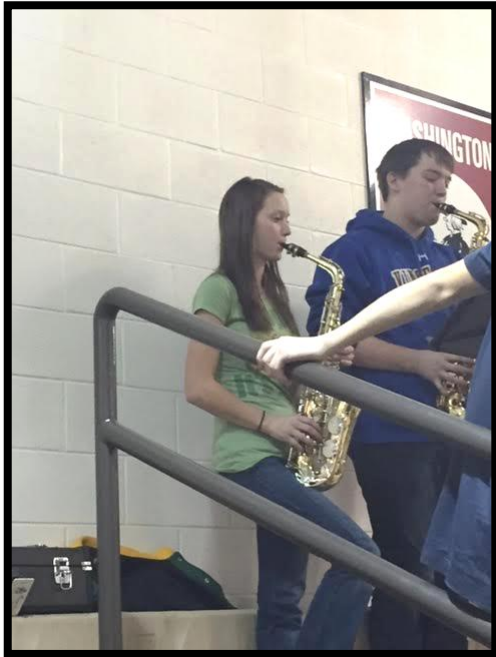
Junior Kiwanis Honor

Rachel Meeks (Morgan Twp) and Jeff Hofferth (Valpo HS) were both honored as selected Junior Kiwanians by the Valparaiso Noon Kiwanis Club on January 28. Rachel is a star in our Marketing Education class and Jeff is a second year Electronics Technology students. Both plan to attend college next year and have firm plans for their futures.



Pictured at left is Mr. Carmack and Griffin Schultz (Hebron) with one of their newest pieces of equipment. This machine is a multi-purpose computer controlled manufacturing center donated by Task Force Tips. TFT donated two of these machines to our Modern Machining program after 21 years of hiring students out of our program. TFT supports keeping our program modernized to meet the needs of our regional employers.

Surround yourself with the dreamers and the doers, the believers and thinkers, but most of all, surround yourself with those who see greatness within you, even when you don't see it yourself.



Career Center students are pictured above playing in the band at WTHS and on the court for Valparaiso and Morgan Twp.



Alicia Abeyta (CHS Junior, in the center) can be seen checking out US Army medical personnel equipment during her Health Careers class.

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

Our Law Enforcement Academy Presents a Challenge

Mr. Hawkins, Wheeler HS Law Enforcement Academy teacher, has written all state CTE Law Enforcement programs with a challenge to compete in the Porter County Sheriff's Department Foot Pursuit 5K. Last year the Kankakee Valley Criminal Justice program won the traveling trophy. This year's event promises to be even more competitive. (Note: IHSAA student athletes may need waivers from their Athletic Directors to avoid any type of violation). It is a great event that is fun and has great food too. Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross and The Tim Hecht Scholarship Fund. The link below connects for event details and registration information. The registration deadline is February 20, 2015. Please see attached photo of the Criminal Justice trophy. The event is chaired by Officer Bill Knapp of the Porter County Sheriff's Department, ([219-405-0752](tel:219-405-0752) , email: Fto_78@yahoo.com).

<http://www.portercountysheriff.com/footpursuit/index.html>



DECA Success!

Twenty eight students from the Entrepreneurship and Marketing classes competed in this year's DECA District Career Development Conference. Fifteen students placed in the top 7 in Lake and Porter Counties in their individual and team categories. These students will compete March 8-10 in Indianapolis at the State Career Development Conference.



Following are Mrs. Gaulin's Marketing students who have earned the right to compete at the state level DECA skills competition on March 8-10 in Indianapolis:

KOUTS

Samuel Wittmer

WASHINGTON TWP

Brooke Regalado

Nathan Legler

HOBART

Jacob Kerr

PORTAGE

Nadia Milner

Mollee Duh

MORGAN

Rachel Meeks

Chase Braden

Molly Cain

VALPO

Evan Bauer

Chase Galipeau

BOONE GROVE

Lorenzo Venturella

Jarred Root

Jordan Vann

WHEELER

Hannah White

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.



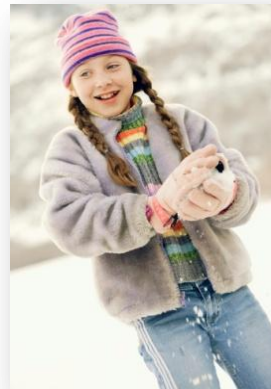
Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information

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, 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/Page/1> Go to "School Closing Information" on the left side of the screen. Click and then you can register your phone with the School Messenger Information link.
- WLJE Radio 105.5 FM
- WAKE Radio 1500 AM
- www.cancellations.com



Kohl's is awarding scholarships up to \$10,000 (nationally) and \$1,000 (locally) for 6-18 year old students through Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program who volunteer in the community. The person nominating needs to be 21 or over so a student cannot nominate themselves or another student. I have included the link.

<https://kohls.scholarshipamerica.org/>

Indiana Lifeline Law

A Reminder to Young Hoosiers: Make the Call. Get Help. Save a Life.

The Lifeline Law provides immunity for the crimes of public intoxication, minor in possession, minor in consumption, and similar laws, to persons who identify themselves to law enforcement while seeking medical assistance for a person suffering from any medical situation or emergency, including alcohol or drug-related issues.

- The Lifeline Law provides immunity from criminal prosecution for public intoxication, or for a minor possessing, consuming or transporting alcohol, to a person who requested emergency medical assistance for an individual who reasonably appeared in need of medical assistance due to alcohol consumption. It also provides immunity for a person who acted in concert with another person who requested emergency medical assistance.
- To receive immunity, the reporting individual must demonstrate that they are acting in good faith by completing ALL of the following:
 - Provide their full name and any other relevant information requested by the law enforcement officers
 - Remain at the scene with the victim until emergency medical assistance arrives
 - Must cooperate with emergency medical assistance personnel and law enforcement officers at the scene

The Indiana Lifeline law will not interfere with law enforcement procedures or limit the ability to prosecute for other criminal offenses such as providing alcohol to minors, operating vehicles while intoxicated, or the possession of a controlled substance. The law already gives immunity to callers under 21 years old who are looking for help for someone who has had too much to drink. Senate Bill 227- which took effect July 1, 2014 – extends the law to other medical emergencies, such as when someone falls or has a concussion. It would also protect victims of a sexual assault or those who witness and report a crime from being charged with underage drinking.

Seniors

File a FAFSA by **March 10** for college financial aid. Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
Financial Aid Presentations (to help parents and students learn how to fill out the FAFSA) :

- Portage High School, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 21, East Auditorium
- Hobart High School, 6 p.m., Jan. 27, Great Hall
- Morgan Twp. High School, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4, cafeteria
- Boone Grove High School, 6 p.m., Feb. 3
- Wheeler High School—to be announced

*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

- February 20, Career Center Trip to Chicago Auto Show
- Indiana Awards for Excellence Program in Indianapolis, Feb. 26
- February 27, PCCF Multi-scholarship Application Due Date
- District Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, April 23, 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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