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*"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"
"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"*



Task Force Tips Announces Vincennes University Scholarship Winners



Pictured at left receiving his scholarship award is Aaron Smreker of Valparaiso HS. Aaron is graduating this year and will begin working soon at TFT and then go to Vincennes in the Fall to complete a two year degree in Precision Machining and CNC Manufacturing. (L-R) Career Center assistant, Juanagene Nietert; Instructor, Greg Carmack; Aaron; and Corey Mack, TFT Supervisor.

Jena Hammonds (Wash Twp) is pictured in the center of the group at right. Jena is already working at TFT. She also received a non-traditional housing scholarship from Vincennes to encourage more women to pursue careers in manufacturing along with the TFT scholarship. Jena loves her job and being a machinist. Jena also stars in our Women in Manufacturing promotional video available at www.pccte.org.



Porter Starke Breakfast Seminar



Dr. John Johnson, long time friend of the Career and Tech Center, hosted our teachers and students at the Annual Porter Starke Services breakfast seminar. Allison Albee, Jayde Berdovich, Mrs Marcus, Dr. J, Mrs Edwards, Dani Suiter, and Katelyn Necco (l-r). All of the students are pursuing future careers in health care.

Please Do Not Text and Drive

Texting behind the wheel is killing people. Youthful drivers are especially at risk. One in ten teen drivers involved in a fatal crash were distracted, and a quarter of teens send a text every time they drive. Texting while driving is dumb and illegal, but even worse would be explaining how you lost a friend because of your unnecessary texting. Please sign our No Texting While Driving Pledge in our Career Center Commons Area.

- ✓ Put your phone away while driving (purse or glove compartment)
- ✓ Designate a passenger to do the texting for you
- ✓ Pull over to answer the phone or to type or read a text
- ✓ Don't be the next Distracted Driving victim!



Precision Machining Students – All Headed to Vincennes University



Austin Ensign



Logan McKinney



Matt Wright



Alex Kukurugya



Lucas Pollock



Cody Jaskulski



Devon Strom



Aaron Smrekar



Jena Hammonds



Jacob Smith



Connor Gustafson



Retired Electronics teacher, Dave Kenning is pictured accepting a donation from our students who raised money for Mr. Kenning's daughter in law who is undergoing treatment for leukemia. These students also helped host the bone marrow donor recruitment effort at the Career Center.

NWI Recognizes 21 Under 21 Community Leaders



Pictured at left is Jordan Berdovich (3rd from left) and family. Jordan attends Indiana University Bloomington, where she is a resident assistant and pursuing a degree in Pre-Med. Jordan was a Health Occ student and a VHS grad.

Michael Johnson (center with family) was selected for his success at Vincennes University and in his job at Urschel Laboratories. Mike was a 2014 grad of Wheeler HS and our Machine Trades program.

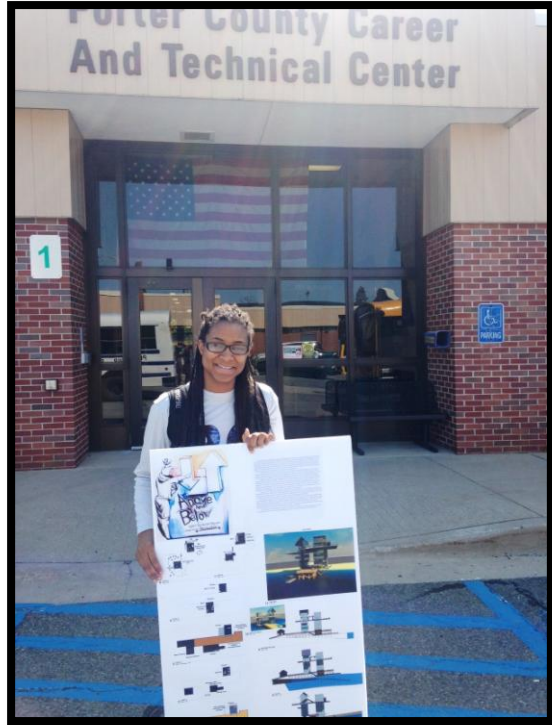


At the head of the table is Jim Schergen (with his family) who was recognized for his exemplary performance for his employer, Indiana Beverage. Jim serves his community through active participation in the Wash Twp Volunteer Fire Dept. Jim attended our Auto Tech program and now does all kinds of mechanical maintenance for his employer.





Pictured at left is Trevor Mahlmann and his family. Trevor is a Sophomore at Purdue/Lafayette and our fourth grad selected as one of the prestigious 21 under 21 awardees. He hopes to be an astronaut someday. He presently works in the Purdue communications office. Trevor attended our Media Productions class and graduated from VHS.



CAD Students Competed in Indianapolis

First place winner on the left is McKenna Haynes of VHS, pictured at right is Olivia Foster (of Boone Grove), holding her very creative project board.

Porter County Career and Tech program is proud of our most recent state data for school reporting standards (2014-015 School Year). Our District ranks 2nd in the state on overall state performance:

Program Completion Rate: 100%

Placement in work, college, or both: 95.8%

Technical Skill attainment: 94.9%

H.S. Graduation: 97.7% (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 86.4%)

In addition, program participants earned 4,230 college credits last year

Calendar

- May 31, Film and Animation Showcase, 6 pm, Ivy Tech Valparaiso Auditorium
Media Productions and CAD students will present their final projects.
- June 3, Last Student Day at the Career 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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