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LEARN A TRADE!

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



# Early Childhood Education Students Conduct Fruit Festival

The purpose of the Fruit Festival was to encourage SELF children to eat fruits and to try different fruits. Helping youngsters develop healthy eating habits was fun for our students and an admirable achievement. The morning class is pictured ready to serve a variety of delicious fruits.



"Learn a skill. Learn to do it really well. Work your butt off."
- Mike Rowe

## **Task Force Tips Scholars**

lan Beal and Oliver Howe will both attend Vincennes University next year to study precision machining. They are both already working for Task Force Tips and were selected for the TFT Scholarship program which includes their college expenses and a good paying job

when they are in town for holidays or vacations.



(L-R) Oliver Howe (VHS senior) and Ian Beal (CHS senior)







"Let's root for each other and watch each other grow."
- advice in love and life

## Early Childhood Education Students Help with SELF School Prom



Mrs. Zecevich's students enjoyed helping with the SELF Prom. They enjoyed sharing in the excitement of the afternoon. They dressed up for the prom in their finest dresses and helped the students do the same. Everyone had a great time!

# NWI Works Council Selects the following Porter County CTE Graduates for Prestigious Outstanding 21 under 21 Future Leader Award

Liz Follis	WTHS	Health, Ivy Tech
Josh Leverich	VHS	Elect., Purdue Computer Science, Veteran USMC
<b>Kennedy Starcevich</b>	BGHS	Video Prod., Columbia College, Film Studies/Acting
Ashly Thalmann	Hebron	Health, Ivy Tech
Alicia Wood	PHS	Health Occ, IUN Nursing

Awards to be presented on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Ivy Tech

Students were selected based on their occupational and academic achievement after high school.

"What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we are gone?" - Sir Winston Churchill

### Auto Students Have Successful Job/Career Fair

Greiger Motors, Kennedy Mazda, Harley Davidson/Valpo, Nissan of Chesterton, Doug Pierce Hot Rod, and Midwest Auto Care all were on hand to interview Auto Tech students.





### **Blood Drive Success**

50 total pints were collected at our last Blood Drive of the Year. This is enough blood to reach up to 150 patients-in-need. Plus there were 13 first-time donors! This year, we collected a total of 184 pints. Thanks to all who donated and who helped with the Drive.

We also added 72 students to the Bone Marrow Registry in our Second Annual Collection in honor of Tammy Kenning, daughter-in-law to retired Electronics Teacher, Dave Kenning.

# Please Do Not Text and Drive This is our CTE District Initiative – No Texting While Driving

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 unecessary texting. <u>Please sign our No Texting While Driving Pleage located in our Career Center Commons Area.</u>

- ✓ 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!

Visit Porter County Career Net on Facebook for job search and resume tips, plus area job openings, and more advice from Mr. Zimmerman. Also "like" our Porter County Career and Tech Center FB page.

Porter County Career and Tech program is proud of our most recent state data (2015-016 School Year). Our District was one of the only ten districts to exceed all required core standards:

Program Completion Rate: 100%

Placement in work, college, or both: 100%

Technical Skill attainment: 93%

H.S. Graduation: **98.7%** (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 86.4%)

In addition, students earned **4,960** college credits last year

#### Calendar

• May 11, Thomas Jefferson M.S. 8<sup>th</sup> grade visitations

• May 18, Valparaiso Community Schools Board of Trustees meeting at Career Center, 6 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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