



# Porter County Career and Technical Education News

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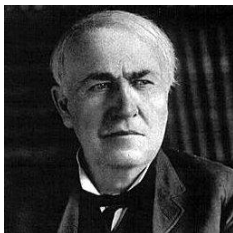
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*"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"*  
*"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"*



Grand Trunk Train Depot Celebrated through a re-christening and ribbon cutting event on October 25. Our students and staff did a terrific job.



*"If we did all the things we are*

*capable of, we would literally astound ourselves."*

*~ Thomas Edison*





*Health Occupations students set up displays about the history and progress of health care in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. They are pictured below:*



Mrs. Ammons, Strategic Marketing teacher, is pictured posing with 1912 Grand Trunk train depot in the background with the newly installed "Valparaiso" sign.

Mrs. Ammons' students are pictured in period-appropriate attire for the celebration of the 1912 former passenger depot.





Pictured at left are Mrs. Biernat and her Construction students who have done all the carpentry work on the building and will continue to do the hard work of re-purposing the building into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technical learning laboratory. They were the official ribbon cutters for the

event.

### **Student Blood Donors Make a Difference!**

Porter County Career Center makes a difference to dozens of patients through the four blood drives every year! Did you know that student donors make up 25% of the nation's blood supply? By donating for the first time while in high school, students are more likely to become life-long donors.

At last Friday's blood drive, 56 donors registered and 39 total pints were collected which can reach up to 117 patients in need. Patients like 5-year-old Robyn (her story is below), who's fighting cancer and needs blood products as part of her treatment. This is the difference we make together! Plus there were 13 first-time donors.

Robyn Ulrey celebrated her fifth birthday in May 2016. Like many little girls, she loves nature and is particularly fond of butterflies. She has received donated blood products on multiple occasions to aid in her fight against acute lymphoblastic leukemia – a type of cancer in which the bone marrow overproduces immature white blood cells.

“Robyn is the strongest kid I’ve ever seen,” said her mother, Katherine Ulrey. “The way she pulls through these painful and exhausting medical appointments and still manages a smile is truly inspiring.”

Katherine hosts Red Cross blood drives in her daughter's honor and is extremely grateful to those whose donations have already helped Robyn. “Without blood donors, we would have lost Robyn the day we finally discovered what was wrong. We're so grateful!”

**THANK YOU!**

**Trish Cochran, Account Manager II, American Red Cross Blood Services**

## Culinary Students are Busy at Professional Learning Sites



Mr. Buford's Culinary students are pictured working at the Pines with Chef Victor: (L-R) Kailey Puskiewicz, Ted Callahan, Markus Kloss, & Kyle Peretti

At VU with Megan Newcomb & Sara Gernenz (below)

*Take care of all your memories for you cannot relive them. -- Bob Dylan*



(above)  
At Pines Village with Kyle Peretti, Kailey Puskiewicz, & Ted Callahan



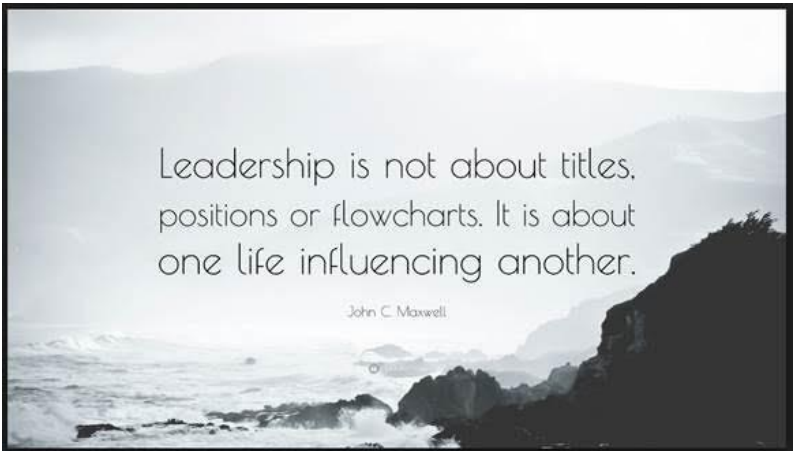
There are some good regional employee recruitment videos at the following site. (Several even have curriculum content to go with them.)

<http://www.innovativeworkforce.com/videos/>





Students in Mrs. Doane's Dental Careers class spent a day in Chicago serving and learning. While there, they donated hygiene and cleaning supplies to Heartland Alliance for Health and Human Services, toured the American Dental Association, did a scavenger hunt through Millennium Park, and of course, enjoyed some Chicago style pizza.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

## Porter County Career & Technical Center Outstanding Students, 1st Quarter, 2016-2017 School Year

Name	School	Class
1. Daniel Golko	Hobart	<i>Auto II - AM - Sickles</i>
2. Angela Allison	CHS	<i>Auto II- PM - Sickles</i>
3. Scott Fisher	VHS	<i>Auto - AM - Wester</i>
4. Steven McCarthy	CHS	<i>Auto - PM - Wester</i>
5. Truman Maxwell	Boone Grove	<i>Bldg Trds - AM - Biernat</i>
6. Alec Long	Hebron	<i>Bldg Trds - PM - Biernat</i>
7. Eden Priest	Boone Grove	<i>Entrepreneurship/Sports &amp; Entertainment Mkt - AM - Ammons</i>
8. Kyle Stowers	Morgan Twp.	<i>Strategic Marketing Internship - PM - Ammons</i>
9. Tyler Nordeen	Valpo	<i>CAD - AM - Guinee</i>
10. Dave Rivera	CHS	<i>CAD - PM - Guinee</i>
11. Eric Jones	Boone Grove	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - AM - Thormahlen</i>
12. Ken Powell	CHS	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - PM - Thormahlen</i>
13. Anacelia Martinez	Portage	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Edwards</i>
14. Casey Zippel	Washington Twp.	<i>Health Occ. - PM - Edwards</i>
15. Meg Parpart	Boone Grove	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Marcus</i>
16. Lexi Sroka	Hebron	<i>Health Careers. - PM - Marcus</i>
17. Anthony Stutz	Valpo	<i>Machine Trades - AM - Carmack</i>
18. Jason Shutske	Kouts	<i>Machine Trades - PM - Carmack</i>
19. Hannah Christy	Boone Grove	<i>TV Productions - AM - Phelps</i>
20. Payton Ball	Wheeler	<i>TV Productions - PM - Phelps</i>

Students are pictured on the following page. Congratulations to all of them for their designation as Outstanding Career and Tech Center students.





## **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 unnecessary texting. Please sign our No Texting While Driving Pledge located 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!

### **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: [www.triptocollege.org](http://www.triptocollege.org)**

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.

### **Attention: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars (both seniors and juniors)**

- Go to this website: [in.gov/21stcenturyscholars/2516.htm](http://in.gov/21stcenturyscholars/2516.htm)
- Click on SCHOLAR TRACK at the bottom. Create or update your account. There are a dozen tasks you need to do to collect your scholarship.
- Consider attending the College Fair at Portage High on Sept. 14 between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

**Seniors** - Create an FSA ID and have your parent create one:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid> in anticipation of doing a FAFSA form after Oct. 1. Your family will use 2015 income information this year.

- Take SAT/ACT as needed. Seek a waiver to cover the fee from your home school guidance counselor.
- Narrow down your list and start applying for admission to colleges.
- Plan to sign your affirmation form online for your scholarship after you take the required steps on the website. You need a 2.5 cumulative GPA at graduation and at least a Core 40 Diploma to collect your 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship.



### **Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information**

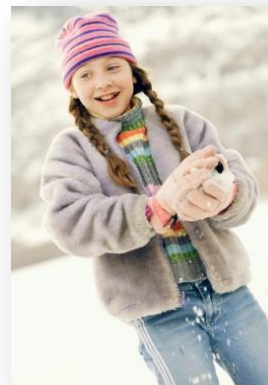
The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the closing decisions of the hosting school.

*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:

- WLJE Radio 105.5 FM [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com)
- WAKE Radio 1500 AM



## Calendar

- November 18, Guidance and Administrator Visit to CTE Programs
- November 23-25, Thanksgiving Break at Career and Tech Center
- December 2, First CTE Open House Visits for Prospective 2017-18 Students
- December 8, 7-9 at Urschel Pavilion, Skating Extravaganza, parent and teacher permission required
- Winter Break, Dec. 21 – Jan 3 (most schools)
- April 13, 2017, 3:30-4:30, District Advisory Council Meeting

## 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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[www.pccte.org](http://www.pccte.org)



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