

Porter County Career and Technical Education News

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



Pictured (L-R) are Alec Kostelnik, Kaley Lauder, both are 2013 graduates of Morgan Twp. HS and graduates of our Law Enforcement Academy. LECA instructor, Curt Hawkins is with them. Alec was being recognized prior to this picture as a new officer with the Porter County Sheriff's Department. Kaley will be graduating with a degree in social work in January.





Graduate Success

Katelyn Necco (2016 Portage HS grad) took our Health Science I class from Mrs. Wilson and our Health Occupations class from Mrs. Edwards as a senior. Katelyn is an Assistant Coroner and currently the youngest in

the state of Indiana. She is now attending Valparaiso University where she is majoring in Pre-Med. Her goal is to become a medical doctor and work in emergency medicine. She received an Academic and Technical Honors Diploma, earned five college credits, and was inducted into the Technical Honor Society. She earned a Certified Nurse Assistant license and was certified in First Aid and CPR. She has a great head start on her future.

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/>

There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return. -- Nelson Mandela

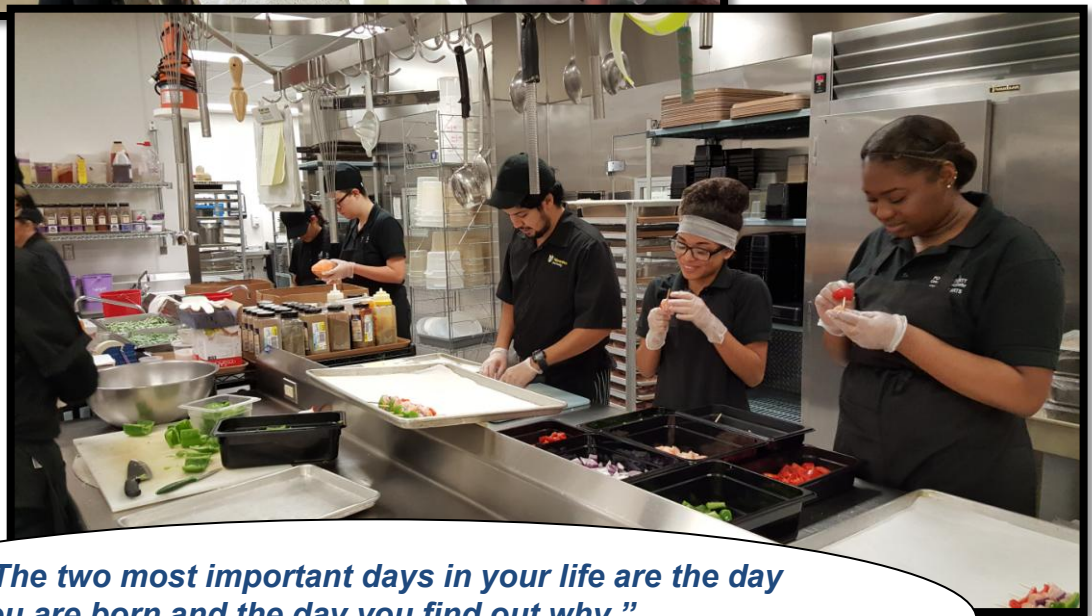


Culinary Students Stay Busy at Professional Internship

Brittany Delgado & Margaret Hill peeling sweet potatoes at VU



Megan Newcomb is pictured at left.

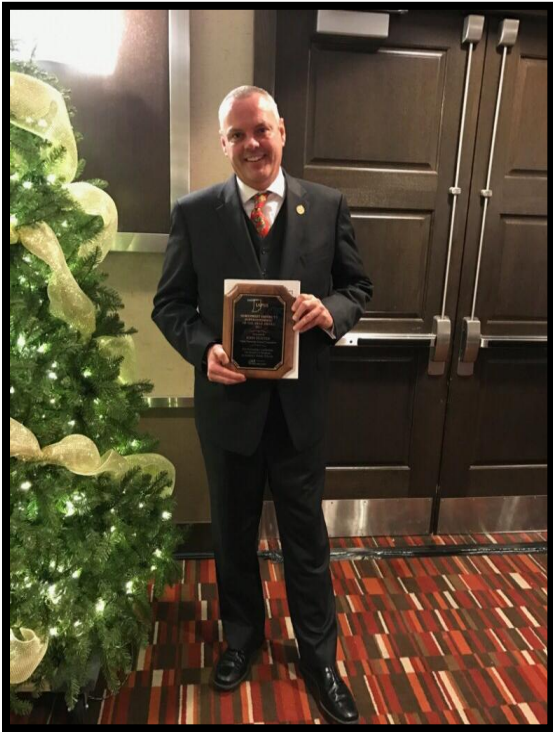


"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."

-- -- Mark Twain

Mr. John Hunter Was Recognized as Superintendent of the Year

Mr. Hunter serves as the Union Twp School Superintendent and he serves on the Porter County Education Services Board that administers all of our district CTE programs. Please congratulate him when you see him.



Entrepreneurship Students are pictured staffing our school store while other students are shown during a classroom break period in the school commons.

If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it right. -- John Wooden

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!



Homework Hotline

Middle and high school students across Indiana who need extra help with math and science are invited to contact the [Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's free Homework Hotline](#) by calling, chatting online or emailing with tutors.



Tutors are available each night Sunday through Thursday from 7-10 p.m. Eastern Time for students in grades six through 12. This year's Homework Hotline concludes in May 2017.

Students can submit questions online via live chat at [AskRose.org](#), by calling the toll-free number at (877) 275-7673 or emailing questions any time during the day (students will receive a response during operating hours).

Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information

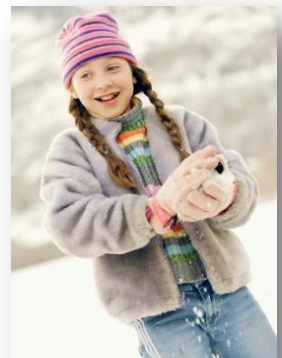
The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the closing decisions of the hosting school.

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
- WAKE Radio 1500 AM



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

- December 8, 7-9 at Urschel Pavilion, Skating Extravaganza, parent and teacher permission required
- Winter Break, Dec. 21 – Jan 3 (most schools)
- January 20, Trip to ND Hockey Game, South Bend, leave after school
- January 24, Morning 8-9 am Open Houses and Evening Open Houses, 630-730 pm
- 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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