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



The pictured bulletin board was created by the wonderful students in Mrs. Zecevich's class. Given materials and their own creative minds, they worked together to create a pretty cool bulletin board. It is always fun to see how they pool their resources and create something. They are eager to help each other out and have learned from each other how to tap into their own creativity.



"I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist and that there are as few as any other great artists. Teaching might even be the greatest of arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit." -- John Steinbeck

Santa Claus visited the Career Center on the day before Winter Break.





The Career and Tech Center follows the school closing decisions for Valparaiso Schools. If you attend the Career Center, you and your parents should sign up for the VCS school messenger service so that you can receive mobile text messages notifying you of school closings or delays. Sign up for Career Center Closing/Delay Messages at <http://bit.do/cVdRJ>



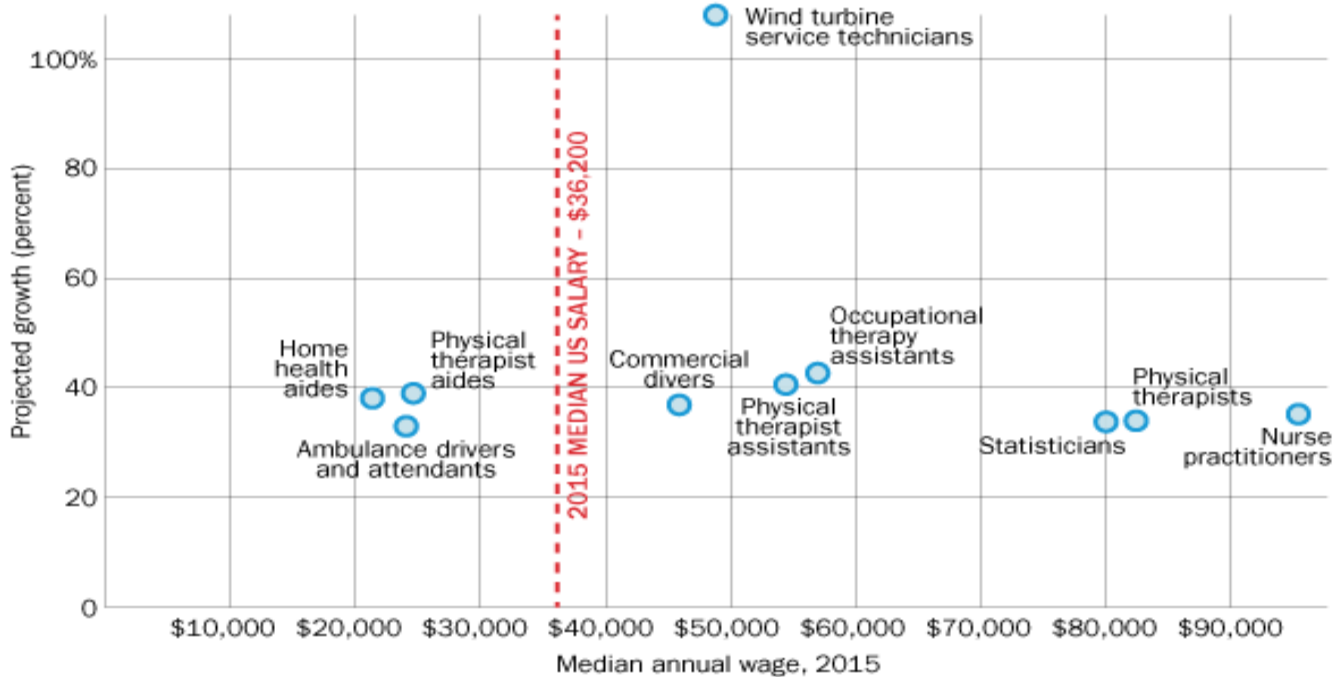
CAD Students Pass Rigorous Solidworks Certification Exam



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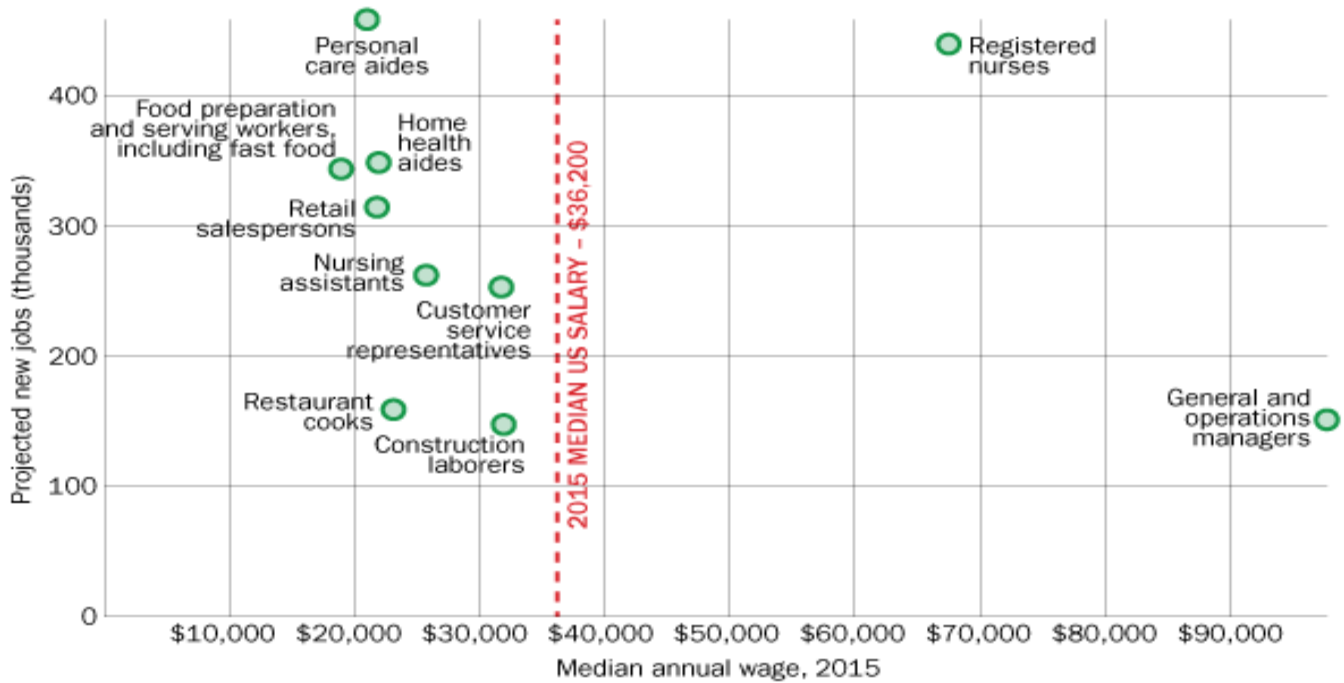
Top 10 fastest growing occupations, 2014-24

Many of the fastest growing jobs in the US offer better pay than the US median annual wage.



Top 10 occupations with the most new jobs, 2014-24

Many of the industries projected to add the most jobs offer lower pay.



SOURCE: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Jacob Turcotte/Staff

"Giving back is something that comes from the heart to me. It's not that I do it because it's the right thing; I do it because I want to do it." - Henry Kravis



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).

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

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: 21st Century Scholars (both seniors and juniors)

- Go to this website: 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 21st Century Scholarship.

Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information

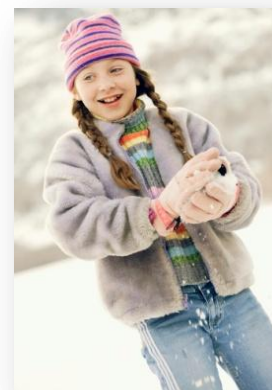
The Porter County Career and Tech Center follows the cancellation/delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the closing decisions of the hosting school.

All commuting students should drive carefully, use common sense, and use 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
 - WAKE Radio 1500 AM
- www.cancellations.com

Sign up for Career Center Closing/Delay Messages at
<http://bit.do/cVdRJ>



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

- January 20, Notre Dame Hockey Game, leave school at 4:30
- January 24, Morning 8-9 am CTE Open Houses **and** Evening Open Houses, 6:30-7:30 pm
- February 7, Morning 8-9 am CTE Open Houses
- February 16, Chicago Auto Show Trip, leave at 4:30
- 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.

It is the policy of the Porter County Career and Technical Education Program to comply with all state and federal regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in enrollment procedures or access to programs.

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