



# 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"*



## Diesel Grad Excelling in College

Austin Boren, Chesterton HS (2016 graduate) is pictured at left. He is attending MIAT school in Michigan to further his education in turbines and airplanes. He is standing in front of a GE90 turbo fan engine found on 747 Boeing airplanes. They have to remove each fan blade and inspect before installing. Austin is also pictured inspecting a turbo charger and cowling ram on a Cessna 421.



At left is a picture of another student who was a Valpo ('16 Grad) grad, Payton Turner. He is working at LindCo Equipment in Merrillville building snow plow and salt trucks for various public

works departments. He is a welder and fabricator at the shop. He says this is a great career choice and hopes to stay there for the long haul.

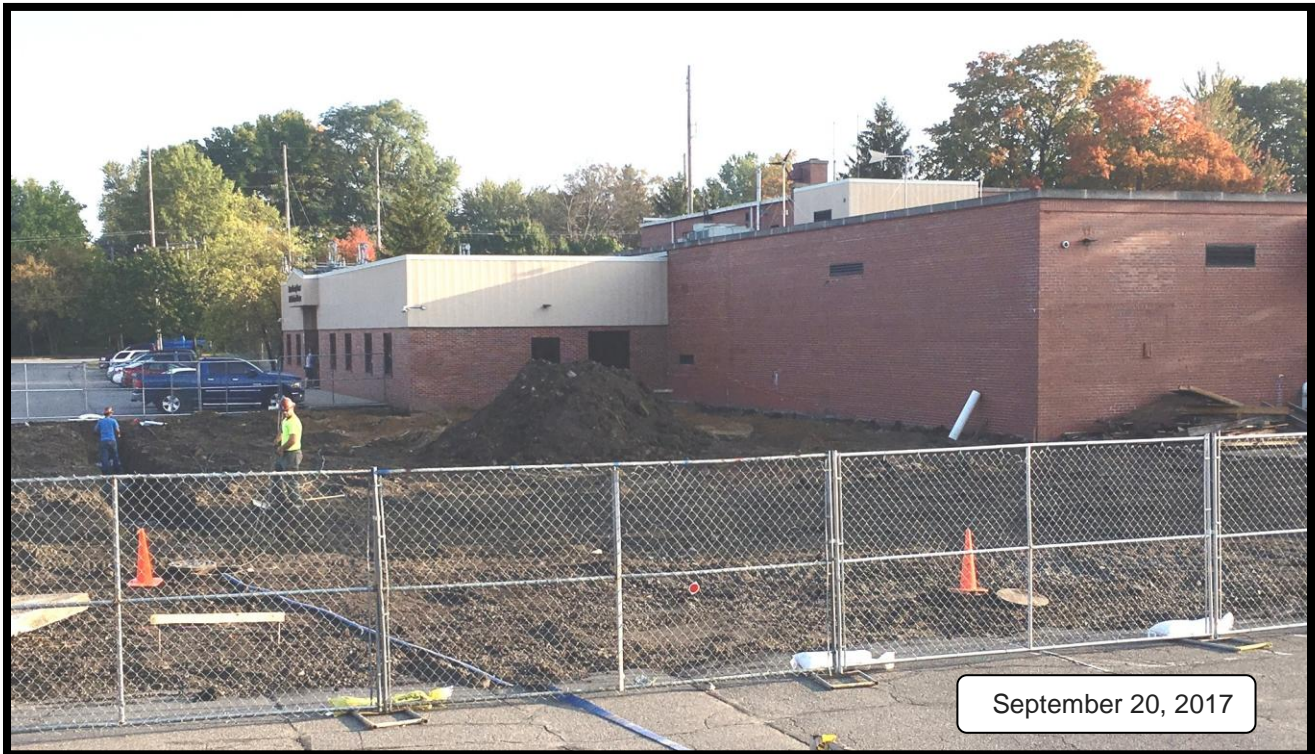
**Pictured below are Health Careers Students Demonstrating Infant CPR to Early Childhood Education Students**

Jenna Milcarek (CHS), Abbey Vargas (WTHS), Lexi Burns (VHS) (clockwise from left) can be seen demonstrating proper technique for holding an administering to an infant.



*"If you have a chance to make life better for others, and fail to do so, you are wasting your time on earth." -- Roberto Clemente.*  
 Hall of Fame Baseball player, reputed to be one of the best hitters in history -- On December 31, 1972, Roberto Clemente died in a plane crash while en route to deliver aid to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

## Construction of New Addition Begins at the Career and Tech Center



Our Early Childhood Education programs from South Haven Elementary, Cooks Corner Elementary, and Hobart's Brickie Kidz participated in our Annual Early Childhood Education Leadership Day on September 15. Students participated in team building and education training. The day was hosted by the Valparaiso Boys and Girls Club.



## Welcome Pam Fish, Vincennes University, Early College Dean

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Public and Environmental Affairs - Indiana University

**Position at the Career Center:**

Vincennes University - Site Manger - Early College Learning

**Greatest Accomplishments:** President/Owner Midwest Environmental Systems, Inc., member of the Union Township School Board, public service as the Porter County Clerk, and Community Outreach Director - St. Paul's Church.

**Greatest Influence(s)** are Mahatma Gandhi - Be the change you wish to see in the world; and my three sons - Dillon, Derek and Dustin.

**Volunteer Special Interests:** Northwest Indiana Youth Jobs Council, Junior Achievement, Hiking, Travel, Reading, Gardening



## First Annual Bonfire



The Career Center will be having a Hayride and Bonfire at Sunset Hill Farm.

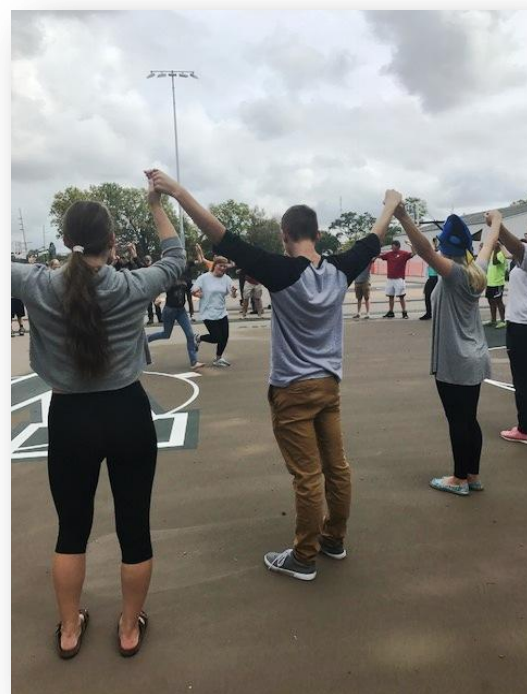
Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm-6:30pm

\$2.00/student. Each student is allowed one guest, if approved by Mr. Groth. Exact cash or checks made out to PCCTC.

*Please provide your own transportation to and from Sunset Hill Farm.* Students must have their parents and PCCTC teacher's permission to attend. This trip is a reward for students with good grades and no disciplinary problems!



Pictured are students being trained in FISH Philosophy. All students at PCCTC, Early Childhood, and Landscape Design have been trained. The whole point behind this training is to encourage students and staff to celebrate the good work and good effort we all put into our day. It also encourages students and staff to be kind and aware of who might need a helping hand. Our school's motto is to "Be Kind and Nice!"



**Pictured are our Afternoon Building Trades students and their teacher, Mrs. Biernat, receiving 4 donated rain barrels for our Depot project from Porter County Recycling Executive Director Therese Haller.**



**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 drivers involved in a fatal crash were distracted, and a quarter of teens send a text drive. Texting while driving is dumb and illegal, but even worse would be explain friend because of your unnecessary texting. Please sign our No Texting While Drive 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

**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*

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

## Calendar

District Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30, Thursday, Oct. 12

Sunset Hill Farm, Hay ride and bonfire, 430-630, Oct. 26

Red Cross Blood Drive, November 3, 7:30 - 2pm

## Our Newsletter

*Porter County Career and Technical Education News* is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our students and staff. 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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