

# Porter County Career and Technical Education News

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## Outstanding Morning Students at the Career Center



Front Row (L-R) are Allen Kalms (Electronics, VHS), Lucas Purcell (Auto I, PHS), Bailey Robinson (Health Occ, VHS), Charles Zakutansky (Health Occ, BGHS), and Joe Yankauskas (Machine Trds, BGHS). Back row (L-R) are Kyle Kuder (Business, Morgan Twp), Caitlyn Baker (CAD, PHS), Cole Cornett (Bldg Trds, VHS), and Kelton Kaechle (Auto II VHS). These students were selected as the Outstanding Student of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grading period by each teacher. Congratulations!

Please forward this newsletter to parents, students, advisory committee members, and other interested parties.

## Afternoon Stars at the Career and Tech Center



Pictured (left to right, bottom to top) are Haylee Ksiazek (Health Careers, Hobart), Ariel Lytwakiwsky (Wash Twp., Health Occ.), Steve Sharp (Media Productions, Morgan), Jacob Wyckoff (Machine Trades II, Wash Twp.), David Wenzel (Bldg Trds, VHS), John Baird (Electronics, Kouts), Patrick Gentz (Auto I, CHS), Blake Harrison (CAD, CHS), and Bronson Stegeman (Auto II, CHS).

Not pictured were Justine Robinson (Marketing, CHS), Wyatt Bryant (Machine Trades II, BGHS), and Sara Wenger (Work Study, BGHS).



**Porter County Career & Technical Center  
Outstanding Students of the  
Second Quarter, 2008-09 School Year**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1. Lucas Purcell	Portage	<i>Auto Tech I – Sickles - AM</i>
2. Patrick Gentz	Chesterton	<i>Auto Tech I – Sickles – PM</i>
3. Kelton Kaechle	Valparaiso	<i>Auto Tech II - Avalos – AM</i>
4. Bronson Stegeman	Chesterton	<i>Auto Tech II - Avalos – PM</i>
5. Cole Cornett	Valparaiso	<i>Building Trades - Doane - AM</i>
6. David Wenzel	Valparaiso	<i>Building Trades – Doane - PM</i>
7. Kyle Kuder	Morgan Twp.	<i>Business Ownership/Sports &amp; Entertainment Mkt – Commers - AM</i>
8. Justin Robinson	Chesterton	<i>Marketing Educ – Commers - PM</i>
9. Caitlyn Baker	Portage	<i>CAD – Guinee - AM</i>
10. Blake Harrison	Chesterton	<i>CAD – Guinee - PM</i>
11. Allen Kalms	Valparaiso	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology – Kenning - AM</i>
12. John Baird	Kouts	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology – Kenning - PM</i>
13. Bailey Robinson	Valparaiso	<i>Health Occ - Dick - AM</i>
14. Ariel Lytwakiwsky	Washington Twp.	<i>Health Occ – Dick - PM</i>
15. Charles Zakutansky	Boone Grove	<i>Health Occ – Moody - AM</i>
16. Haylee Ksiazek	Hobart	<i>Health Careers – Moody - PM</i>
17. Joseph Yankauskas	Boone Grove	<i>Machine Trades I - Carmack - AM</i>
18. Wyatt Bryant	Boone Grove	<i>Machine Trades II – Carmack - PM</i>
19. Jacob Wyckoff	Washington Twp.	<i>Machine Trades II – Carmack - PM</i>
20. Steve Sharp	Morgan	<i>TV – Phelps - PM</i>
21. Sara Wenger	Boone Grove	<i>Work Study - Diaz</i>



Does Anyone recognize this young graduate?



Are you in need of some yard service, snow plowing or landscape work? Call Green Escapes, owned by Chris Plummer (the student pictured above) at 241-2386 or go to [www.greenescapesofindiana.com](http://www.greenescapesofindiana.com)

## **February is National Career and Technical Education Month!**

### **Porter County Career and Technical Center**

#### **District DECA Contest Winners**

The District DECA Contest was held this past Saturday at Munster High school. The following are the winners, their events, how they placed, and their home schools.

Congratulations to these students and their teacher, Mrs. Commers.

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
<b>Taylor Bosse</b>	<b>Automotive Services Marketing</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Valparaiso</b>
<b>Kyle Kuder</b>	<b>Automotive Services Marketing</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Morgan Twp</b>
<b>Shaun Ditchcreek</b>	<b>Food Marketing</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wheeler</b>
<b>Justin Robinson</b>	<b>Marketing Management</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Chesterton</b>
<b>Eric Kolvek</b>	<b>Quick Serve Restaurant Management</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Chesterton</b>
<b>Ryan Hough</b>	<b>Restaurant and Food Service Management</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Hebron</b>
<b>Brianna Thompson</b>	<b>Business Services Marketing</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Portage</b>

Kyle Kuder and Ryan Hough submitted their applications to serve as district DECA officers for this year.

### **Thanks for Your Service**



Pictured above is Mr. Curt Gill, Vice President of Centier Bank, receiving an Outstanding Service award from Mr. Groth for his contributions to Porter County Career and Technical Education

### **Our New President's Call to Action**

"For everywhere we look, there is work to be done. The state of our economy calls for action, bold and swift. And we will act, not only to create new jobs, but to lay a new foundation for growth. We will build the roads and bridges, the electric grids and digital lines that feed our commerce and bind us together. We'll restore science to its rightful place, and wield technology's wonders to raise health care's quality and lower its cost. We will harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories. And we will transform our schools and colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new age. All this we can do. All this we will do".

(President Barack Obama)

### **It's That Time of Year Again!**

Some Student Retention/recruitment Ideas:

- Email or call parents about their student's success in your program
- Email home school principals and counselors about students' success in your program
- Write articles for district newsletters, develop a program newsletter
- Give out frequent student awards (communicate these to the media)
- Post graduate success stories on bulletin boards, in newsletters
- Have a parent/grandparent night
- Encourage/reward students to recruit other students
- Maintain an active advisory committee
- Participate (individually and with students) in community service projects
- Develop a program logo (for tee shirts, memo pads, pencils, etc.)
- Send articles to trade association newsletters
- Join state and national associations, use their resources for additional ideas
- Ask area employers to promote your program with their employees.
- Have a Grand Opening
- Continually evaluate and improve your program.

### ***Quote for the Day***

*"The society that scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water."*

*- John W. Gardner, American political reformer and education*

Have you ever wondered if your kids were “getting it” during an instructional period. Following are some great ideas you probably already use or have heard before; but it may also help to see them again:

1. **Remember "Wait time I and II."** Provide at least five seconds of thinking time after a question *and* after a response.
  2. **Call on students randomly.** Avoid the pattern of calling only on those students with raised hands.
  3. **Use probes and follow-ups.** "Why?" "Can you explain?" "Do you agree?" "How do you know?" "Please give an example."
  4. **Cue responses to open-ended questions.** "There is not a single correct answer to this question. I want you to consider alternatives."
  5. **Ask students to "unpack their thinking."** "Describe how you arrived at your answer."
  6. **Periodically ask for summaries.** "Could you please summarize the key points of \_\_\_\_\_ (the text, the speaker, the film, our discussion) thus far?"
  7. **Play devils' advocate.** Require students to defend their reasoning against different points of view.
- (Source: Tomlinson's and McTighe's new book, Integrating Differentiated Instruction Understanding by Design)

## News

Rocco Schiralli, District CTE Advisory Committee member, has been named president and CEO of Porter-Starke Services. Rocky is currently the executive vice president of programs, Schiralli will take over in January upon the resignation of CEO David Lomaka. Congratulations Rocky!

Long serving Advisory Committee member, Curt Gill, has announced his semi-retirement from Centier Bank. Curt has served on our Advisory Committee for 15 years with nearly perfect attendance. Thanks Curt for your past and continued support!

Auto instructor, Ed Herron has announced his retirement this year. Ed steered our Auto Technology program into several trend-setting certification initiatives including a 5 Star Environmental Certification from IDEM, and we became one of the first Career Centers in Indiana to become certified as both an ASE/Natef training site and as an Auto Youth Educational Systems certified program. Thanks for your 18 years of service to our students and community.

**“We are involved in nothing less than the creation of tomorrow.” (J.G. Kingsley, Principal, Harlaxton College, Great Britain)**

***The Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/school delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the school closing decisions of the host school. Please caution your commuting students to drive carefully and to use common sense and their parents 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:***

- VCS Alert (The registration procedure is available on the Valparaiso Community Schools homepage (<http://www.valpo.k12.in.us>). You can register your cell phone to receive messages.)
- Radio station 105.5
- Cancellations.com

### **Do You Have Questions about the Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma?**

An updated 8<sup>th</sup> grade Powerpoint presentation to explain Core 40 and the Technical Honors diplomas is now available on the IDOE School Counselor website at

[http://www.doe.state.in.us/sservices/counseling/program\\_management.html#1](http://www.doe.state.in.us/sservices/counseling/program_management.html#1)

### **Everyone Can Learn but We All Learn in Different Ways**

Teachers need to learn not only their students learning styles but also their own learning style as they prepare their lesson plans. Everyone has a learning style that best applies to them. Learning one's learning style helps improve learning and helping us adapt when learning becomes more difficult for us. If you find out your learning style, you will be more capable of utilizing your strengths and adapting for your deficiencies.

Visit the Porter County Career and Technical Education Website at:  
**[The Career Center has a new website at http://www.pccte.org](http://www.pccte.org)**

### **Calendar**

February, National CTE Month

February 11, Evening CTE Open Houses

February 20, Student/Faculty Trip to Chicago Auto Show, leave at 3:30

February 26, CTE Open Houses

April 9, 3:30, Spring CTE Area Advisory Committee Meeting

April 18, Valparaiso Rebuilding Together Work Day

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### **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@mail.valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.



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