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Ashley Thompson - Dental Health Careers (PHS) – 2009 Indiana Award for Excellence Winner

Ashley Thompson (PHS Senior) was one of 15 students selected as an Indiana Award for Excellence winner. This is the highest honor bestowed on a CTE (Career and Technical Education) student in the state of Indiana. She was selected out of over 80,000 qualified students. Due to her basketball schedule, Ashley was unable to



attend the Awards Ceremony in Indianapolis, so her award was given to her at a Portage Twp School Board meeting on February 23, where her award was presented by School Board President, Mr. Terry Hufford.

Ashley will have participated in 70 hours of clinical experience in a dental office through her Dental Occupations program. She is active in varsity volleyball, basketball, travel volleyball, Natural Helpers, and Captains Council. She plans to major in biology at college with a focus in pre-dental, while she continues to compete in volleyball. Her long term goal is to earn her Doctoral Degree in Dentistry. Pictured, left to right, are Barb Thompson (Ashley's Mom), Ashley, and Dental instructor, Mrs. Doane.

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

EMT Program Highlighted at Hobart City Council Meeting



Mayor Snedecor highlighted the Emergency Rescue Technology Academy for the State of the City Address. Mr. Lamprecht's students gave a presentation to the city council and answered questions from the audience. The kids did an outstanding job. The mayor, council, and audience were all very impressed and many approached the students afterwards. The EMT Academy students also performed blood pressure checks for about a dozen people after the meeting, Angelica Vasquez (CHS) spoke into the microphone and congratulated the mayor on his recent 50th birthday and reminded him how important it is to monitor his blood pressure at his age and considering his high stress job and sedentary life style!" The kids were a huge hit. Pictured, on previous page, (l-r) are Mayor Snedecor, Tristan

DeFord (CHS), Angelica Vasquez (CHS), and Christine Allison (CHS) are seen attending to the mayor's "health".

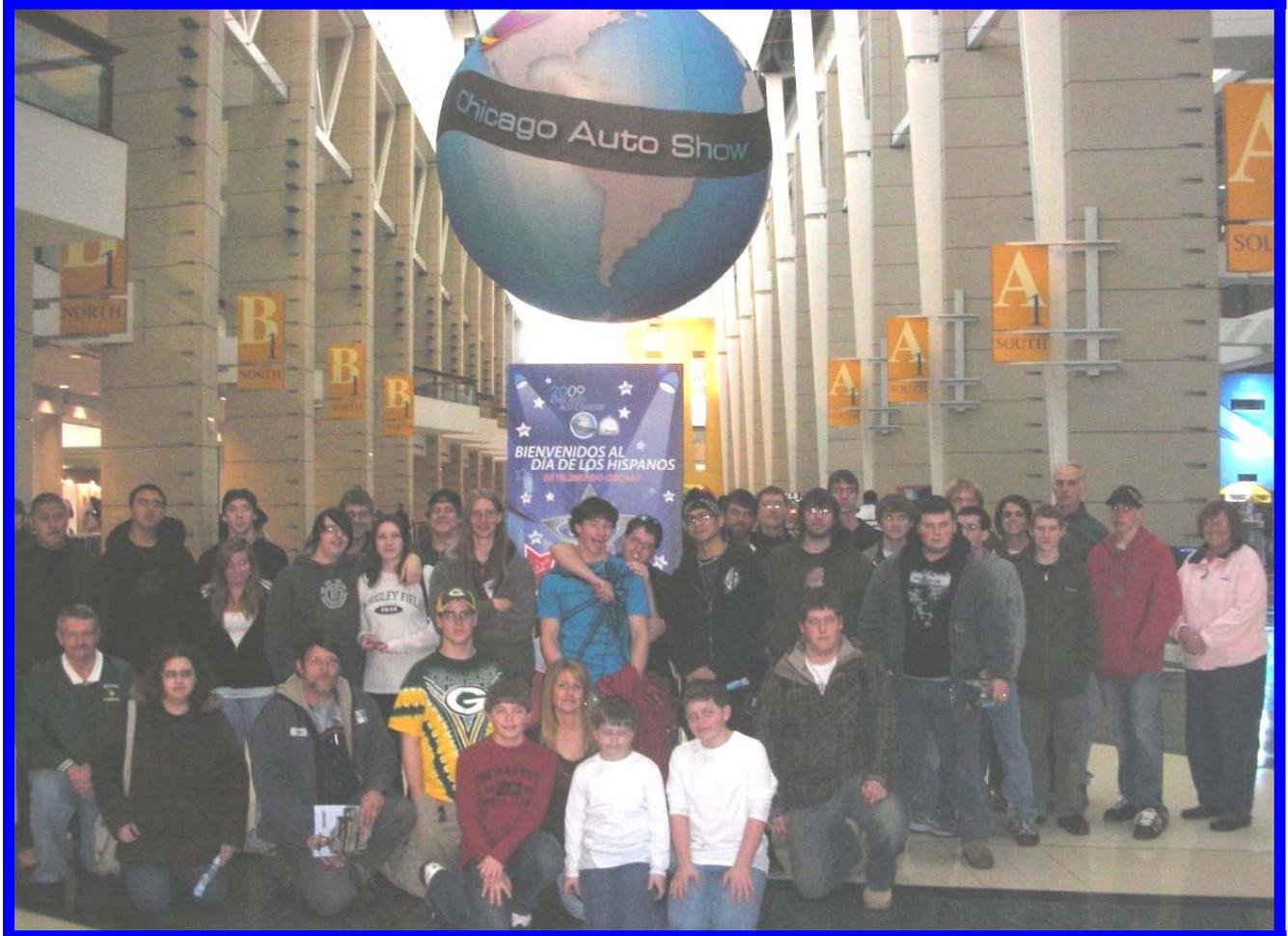
Quote for the Day

"Every single person you meet has a sign around his or her neck that says 'Make me feel important.' If you can do that, you'll be a success not only in business, but in life too." - Mary Kay Ash, founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.

Carl Jung

Career Center Students and Staff Make Trip to Chicago Auto Show



Career Center students and staff were treated to a day at the Chicago Auto Show on February 20th courtesy of the US Army. Everyone got to see the new Stingray concept car and some of the electric and hybrid vehicles.

Harmon Killebrew (former home run leader who played for the Minnesota Twins) was practicing baseball and sliding with his brother in the yard. When they had worn out a path in the grass, their Mother said “stop that...you are wearing out the grass!” Their Dad overheard and said, “That’s all right, we are raising kids not grass.”

Law Enforcement Careers Academy (LECA) Activities



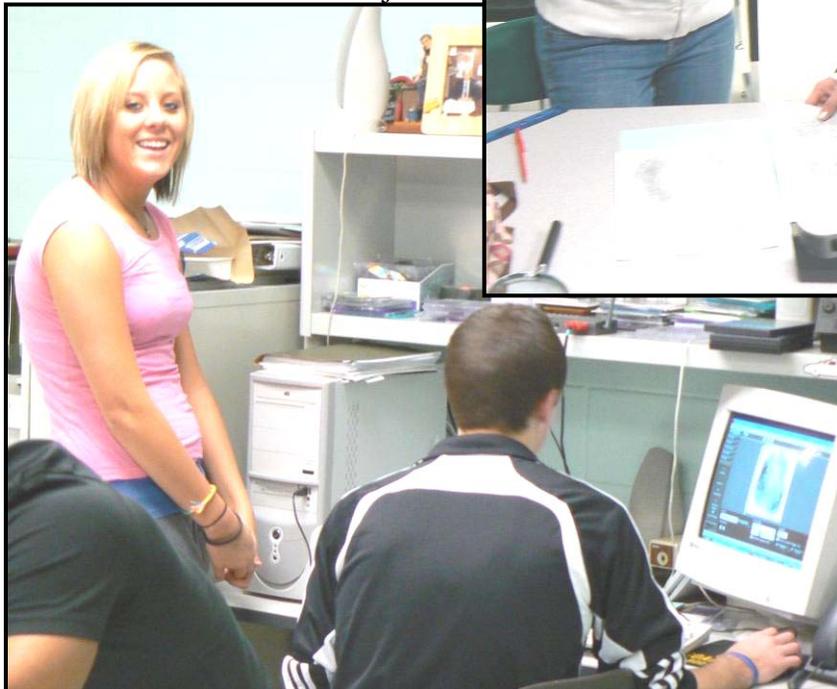
Mr. Wood's LECA instructor at Wheeler High School says that students are keeping very busy on a plethora of activities. Anthony Nichols (Portage), David Nover (Wheeler), and Ryan Wright (Portage) are seen at left, working on the Composite Drawing software, developing

a suspect's facial features.

At right Sydni Harris and Miryam Cabrales (Portage) prepare a fingerprint comparison chart for an upcoming court presentation.



Pictured below are Hannah Pajor



(Portage) and Trevor Spangenberg (Boone Grove), who are also seen working with the Composite Drawing Program.

Career Center Students Prepare for State Skills/USA Challenge

The following Mr. Carmack students qualified for participation in the State Machine Trades Skills/USA competition:

Machine Trades Competition

1st place – Zach Hargarten – Chesterton

3rd place – Chad Payne – Morgan TWP

4th place – Mike Choucalas – Chesterton

Students from Mr. Kenning's class will also be competing at the state competition in Indianapolis in two different skill areas. All contests include written tests and performance tests.

Electronics Technology Competition

- Vince Carullo Chesterton
- Zach Littell Hebron
- Armando Lopez Portage
- Jacob Medema Chesterton

Electronics Applications

- Mathew Barney Washington
- Allen Kalms Valparaiso
- Jeff Suthers Portage

The Porter County 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.

All commuting students should drive carefully and 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:

- 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

Calendar

March 6, Career Center Blood Drive #3

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

April 18, Valparaiso Rebuilding Together Work Day

May 13, Technology Honor Society Induction, 7 pm., Wheeler High School Auditorium

June 5-6, Relay for Life

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