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Portage Students Builders Home is Going Up Fast



Pictured are Portage afternoon construction students working on their current house.

Eric Gamblin, Joe Mead (at left) are shown installing siding.



At right, Mr. Navarro and former student Vince Phillips (2007-08 and 2008-09) who

stopped by to give a hand. Vince is in the U.S. Army and was deployed to northern Italy, May 23.



Ricky Carter and Estaban Olmo are pictured at left measuring siding prior to cutting it to fit.

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

Modern Machining a Good Class for Getting a Good Job

Mr. Carmack announced that the following students are employed this year:

- Brian Kingsbury – Custom Crimp
- Parker Tripp – Custom Crimp
- Joel Dykes – Task Force Tips
- Zach Suchanuk – Task Force Tips
- Chris Ireland – Task Force Tips
- Steve Warren – Task Force Tips
- Ryan Pope – Sun Engineering
- Jessie Cavin – Konrady Plastics
- Mitch Calvert – Valpo Trailer
- Eric McGinley – Brown Tire and maybe Innovative Machining Services
- Chip Horn – John Deere in Malden

We are working on jobs for Matt Stewart and Alexis Danford, that we hope will come to fruition soon.

Skills/USA Winners

Mr. Kenning announced the following winners of the Indiana Skills/USA contest.

Electronics Technology Contest

- ❖ Destiny Maxey 2nd place -- Boone Grove High School

Electronics Installation and Maintenance Contest

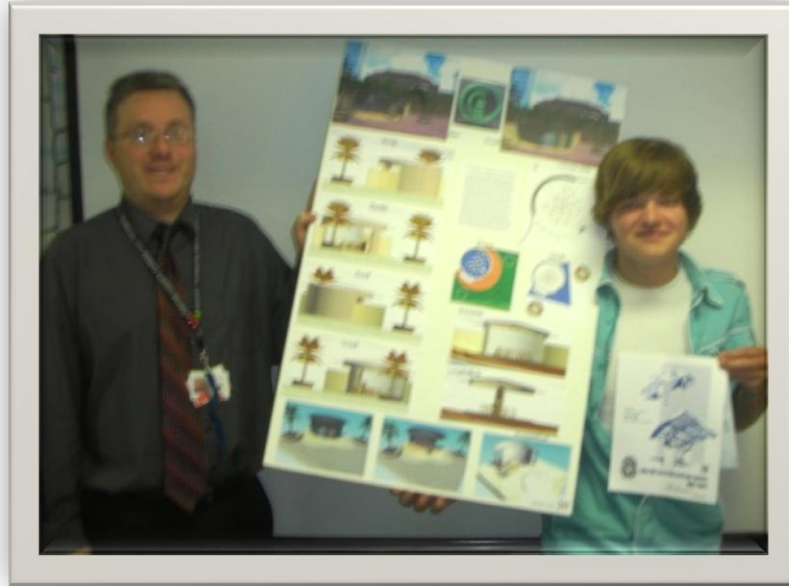
- ❖ Austin Miller 1st place -- Kouts
- ❖ Cody Novak 2nd place -- Hobart
- ❖ Olivia Sanders 3rd place -- Boone Grove

Career Center Bake Sale Raises \$201 for Tsunami Victims



Thanks to these three CAD girls Jessica Lohse, Carissa Martinez, and Sarah Greenfield for doing a terrific job raising money for those hardest hit by the Tsunami in Japan.

Indiana Architects Association Student Winner from the Career Center



Ian Rack was selected for a Judge's Award at the Indiana High School Architectural Design Competition on April 29 in Indianapolis. Judges from the Indiana Architectural Association selected Ian's work for this prestigious award. Congratulations to Ian and instructor, Mr. Guinee.

Work Study Students Celebrate at Employer Appreciation Luncheon



Students gave Mrs. Diaz roses and a certificate on her 21st year in education and upon her retirement from teaching this year. Mrs. Diaz has helped innumerable students discover the joys and difficulties of finding and keeping employment. Mrs. Diaz has mentored students to success all her career and she has always gone above and beyond the call of duty to help her students be successful. She will be missed at the Career Center.

Marketing Students Celebrate their Employment and Employers



Mrs. Commers class is shown above after their annual Employer Appreciation Luncheon.

Students Exercise and have Fun by Climbing the Army Rock Wall



Porter County Community Foundation Scholarship Winners



Krystle Koedyker, VHS, Work Study student; Carissa Martinez, PHS, CAD student; Megan Price, PHS, Health Occ student; Becca Dres, VHS, Health Occ student; Kayla Turner, PHS, Health Occ student; and Ian Ansborg, Boone Grove, Health Occ student. The four girls received \$1,000 “Jumpstart Your Career” grants and Ian received a Lilly Fellowship Scholarship. All are great representatives of the Career and Tech program.

“Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.” — Michael Jordan

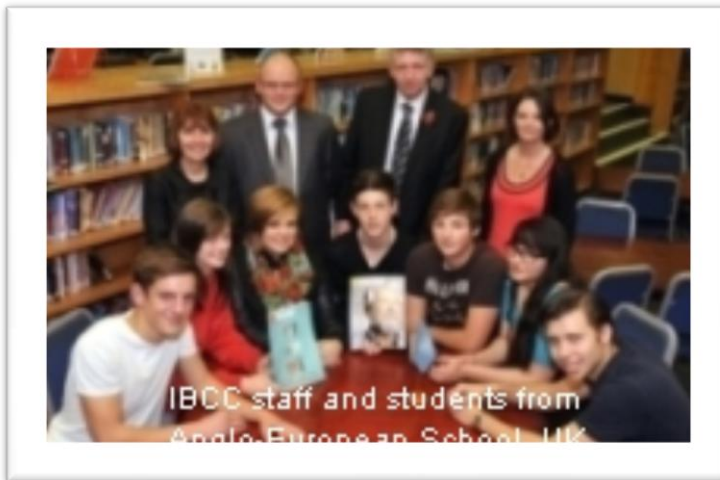
Porter County Career and Technical Education

Vision - Everyone will be given the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. We will provide a positive, safe, and secure environment for students to learn and achieve. A collaborative partnership among parents, teachers, staff, and the business community will assume responsibility for the future success of our students.

Mission - *To provide the opportunity for everyone to be successful at work and in life!*

"The greatest sign of a success for a teacher...is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist." -- *Maria Montessori*

The IB Career-related Certificate



We are very pleased to invite existing DP schools to apply to become IBCC schools.

The IBCC enables students who have a career focus to study a career-related/vocational course alongside an IB qualification. Students complete a minimum of two DP courses of their choice, a specifically designed IBCC core, a language-acquisition course and a career-related course.

To assist schools in their choice of career-related studies, we have partnered with significant and like-minded career/vocational providers. The National Academies Foundation and Project Lead the Way in the USA, the *ifs* School of Finance in the UK, and Edexcel (Business and Technology Education Council)

throughout the UK and globally, are eager to work with schools to bring quality programs to students.

Applications for IBCC candidacy can be submitted between April and September 2011 for first teaching in 2012. Forms can be accessed on the public website and will need to be submitted online. Once candidacy is approved, schools will be allocated an IB-approved and IB-trained consultant who will work with the school in preparation for submission of the application for authorization. Applications for authorization will be accepted between October 2011 and February 2012. All schools applying for authorization will be subject to a site visit.

Training for IBCC coordinators and approaches to learning teachers will be available to schools prior to authorization being granted.

Please note that only schools offering the DP are eligible to apply to offer the IBCC. More detailed information on the curriculum model, the authorization processes, promotional material and the fee structure can be found on the IB website: <http://www.ibo.org/ibcc/>

For more information on IBCC, please contact: ibid@ibo.org



Duneland Building Trades House 858 Whitestone, Jackson Twp.

Property Details

- **Price:** \$312,000
- **Beds:** 3 Bed
- **Baths:** 2.5 Bath
- **House Size:**
2,280 Sq Ft
- **Lot Size:** 1.65
Acres
- **Year Built:** 2011



Great News!!!

- Touchstone Energy rated our house at a 5 Star Plus, their highest energy efficiency rating! They have estimated total annual energy costs at \$2585 (heating, cooling, appliances, lighting, and service).
- This rating comes with a Home Heating and Cooling Guarantee from REMC that annual heating costs will not exceed \$752 and cooling costs will not exceed \$117. Any excess over those amounts will be reimbursed to the homeowner at 50% of the overage. This guarantee is good until May 16, 2012.

Congratulations to the Chesterton High School Building Trades students and instructor, Mr. Jeff Larson, for this achievement.

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- This letter from the BMV addresses the [new permit age for driver's education permits](#); The new Driver Education law lowers the learner's permit age from fifteen (15) years and one hundred eighty (180) days to fifteen (15) years. Although the change is valid beginning **September 1, 2011**, the BMV will not begin issuing driver's education permits for those who are 15 years old until December 12, 2011 (check the dates covered in the letter carefully) due to conflicts in certain parts of driver's education law.

Please spread the word, our TV and Media Productions class will be doing a live telecast of the Valparaiso High School graduation on June 9. Watch it through the Valpo HS website or through ValpoLife.com

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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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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