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Total Donation of \$4,455

Our Workforce Enhancement Scholarship Program is designed to support students who attend regional campuses. We hope our students will attend area colleges or trade schools and continue to live and work within our community. Thanks to our many donors and supporters.

Hours for Compass (Ivy Tech College Placement Exam) at the Valpo Ivy Tech Campus on:

- Monday, Tues., and Thurs. from 8-5 - Wednesday and Friday from 8-3 - Saturday from 8-10

For more information contact: Derek M. Dabrowiak, Associate Director of Admissions,
Ivy Tech Community College – Northwest, 3100 Ivy Tech Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383, 219-476-4708,
fax 219-464-9751, ddabrowiak@ivytech.edu

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



Martin Luther King (at left) said, "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

**Porter County Career & Technical Center
Outstanding Students
2nd Quarter
2010-2011 School Year**



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Name	School	Subject
1. Joseph Adler	Valparaiso	<i>Auto Tech. - Sickles - AM</i>
2. Matthew Obradovich	Hebron	<i>Auto Tech - Sickles - PM</i>
3. Bryan Baker	Hobart	<i>Auto Tech. - Avalos - AM</i>
4. Tyler Tarnowski	Chesterton	<i>Auto Tech. - Avalos - PM</i>
5. Jose Canchola	Hobart	<i>Construction Tech. - Doane - AM</i>
6. Pablo Magana	Morgan	<i>Construction Tech. - Doane - PM</i>
7. Mitchell Stevenson	Wheeler	<i>Sports Mrktg/Bus Ownership - Commers - AM</i>
8. Lizzie Knapp (Elizabeth)	Kouts	<i>Marketing Internship - Commers - PM</i>
9. Bianca Gonzalez	Portage	<i>CAD - Guinee - AM</i>
10. Sarah Greenfield	Washington Twp.	<i>CAD - Guinee - PM</i>
11. Justin Grzelak	Portage	<i>Electronics and Computer Tech. - Kenning - AM</i>
12. Joseph Kearns	Valparaiso	<i>Electronics and Computer Tech. - Kenning - PM</i>
13. Katalina Rivera	Portage	<i>Health Occ. - Dick - AM</i>
14. Ashley Steininger	Hebron	<i>Health Occ. - Dick - PM:</i>
15. Courtney Bonta	Boone Grove	<i>Health Occ. - Gillespie - AM</i>
16. Rebecca Starkey	Wheeler	<i>Health Careers - Gillespie - PM</i>
17. Ryan Trevino	Valparaiso	<i>Machine Trades - Carmack - AM</i>
18. Steve Warren	Hobart	<i>Machine Trades - Carmack - PM</i>
19. James Forrester	Hobart	<i>Video Prod. & Media Studies - Phelps - AM</i>
20. Scott Poisel	Washington Twp.	<i>Video Prod. & Media Studies - Phelps - AM</i>
21. Anthony Sarille	VHS	<i>Work Study - Diaz</i>

Each of these students was selected by his/her teacher as the Best Student of the grading period. Each student received a certificate and movie pass.

Outstanding Morning Career and Tech Center Stars



Outstanding Afternoon Student Stars



What is your opinion of the Porter County Career and Tech Center? Parents and students, are encouraged to make their opinions known at <http://www.greatschools.org/>

Justin Suggs, Award for Excellence Student Recognition



Portage HS senior, Justin Suggs, was selected as one of the Top Ten CTE students in Indiana. Justin was selected out of over 40,000 eligible students. Justin attended Mrs. Wilson's Anatomy and Physiology class and is presently enrolled in Mrs. Doane's Dental Occupations program. Justin plans to attend dental school and become a pediatric dentist. He was inducted into the Technical Honor Society last year and he performed over 1,000 volunteer hours at a local nursing home. Justin is a great representative of our entire student body. Justin is pictured above (center) along with his extended family who joined him for the Award presentation in Indianapolis.

Terrific Tuesday Students Perform Community Service



Terrific Tuesday- Marketing and work study students made Valentines for the residents of the Life Care Center, Valparaiso and Valentines for Veterans to be sent to the Jesse Brown VA

Hospital/Medical Center in Chicago, IL. That is where any injured veterans from Northwest Indiana would be

located. Students have discovered that service to others is personally very meaningful.

*******Teacher Recognitions*******

Classroom Superheroes

They don't have the cape or the flashy tights, but educators are rising to a superhero challenge every single day. Often, we take them for granted. But few people have such an impact on all of our lives, and the lives of our children, as educators. ClassroomSuperheroes.com is a project of the National Education Association. It allows parents, students, and community members to show educators the support they deserve.

*******Challenges*******

Doodle 4 Google

Doodle 4 Google is a competition where we invite K-12 students to use their artistic talents to think big and redesign Google's homepage logo for millions to see. At Google, we believe that dreaming about future possibilities leads to tomorrow's leaders and inventors, so this year we're inviting U.S. kids to exercise their creative imaginations around the theme, "What I'd like to do someday..." Whether students want to find a cure for cancer or take a trip to the moon, it all starts with art supplies and some 8.5" x 11" paper. And, one lucky student artist will take home a \$15,000 college scholarship and \$25,000 technology grant for their school, among many other prizes.

Registration closes at 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT) on **March 2, 2011**, and entries must be postmarked by **March 16, 2011** 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT). The winning doodle will be featured on our Google.com homepage on **May 20, 2011**. http://www.google.com/doodle4google/#utm_source=sem&utm_medium=google&utm_campaign=BKWS

National Robotics Challenge

National Robotics Challenge began as the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Robotic Technology and Engineering Challenge in 1986, under the guidance and inspiration of Tom Meravi, Associate Professor from Northern Michigan University and the late Dr. James Hannemann. The competitions developed into one of the premier robotics and engineering events in the nation. The mission of the National Robotics Challenge is to provide robotics competitions that will foster an environment where students can develop the creativity, engineering, problem-solving and leadership skills they will need in the world of tomorrow.

*****For more information go to:** <http://www.nationalroboticschallenge.org>

*******Grants*******

NEA: The NEA Foundation Grants

Awards Given Three Times a Year

There are two primary grant categories open to public education professionals: [Student Achievement Grants](#) and [Learning & Leadership Grants](#). Applications for both can be completed online. Please read the grant descriptions below and watch our instructional video to help you with your grant application.

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application>

Lockheed Martin Education Grants

from Lockheed Martin Corporation Foundation. Grants given primarily in areas of company operations supporting programs designed to promote education; community outreach; and customer and constituent relations. Monies allocated mostly for general/operating support and program development. **States**

Eligible: California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia.

<http://www.lockheedmartin.com/aboutus/community/philanthropy/index.html>

Program Development Grant from Society of Women Engineers

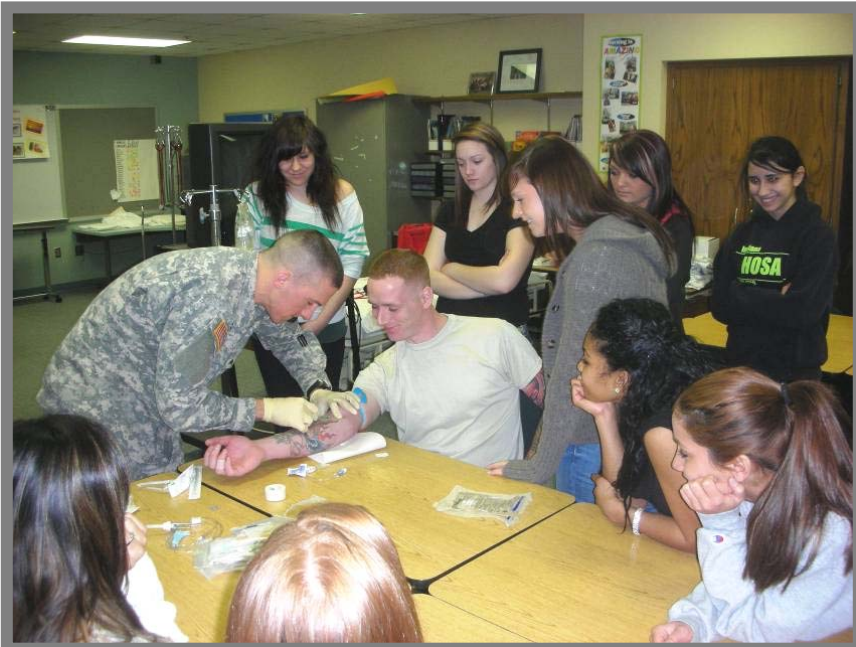
A grant opportunity for teachers to encourage girls to pursue engineering and technology studies. Proposals must be new, innovative programs. <http://www.swe.org/SWE/ProgDev/index.html>

American Honda Foundation Grants

Organizations working in the areas of youth and scientific education may be eligible for grants from the American Honda Foundation. Our policy is to seek out those programs and organizations with a well-defined sense of purpose, demonstrated commitment to making the best use of available resources and a reputation for accomplishing their objectives. http://corporate.honda.com/images/banners/america/AHF_brochure.pdf

(Above courtesy of Kelli J. McGregor, *Engineering & Technology Education Specialist, Indiana Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education*)

Army Combat Medic Guest Lectures to our Health Occupation Students



Students learned about army medical training and received a real intravenous demonstration from an army trained combat medic.



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!*

No person can become rich without enriching others.

Andrew Carnegie

Career Center Students Enjoy a Notre Dame Hockey Victory



Our students had a great time at the ND hockey game; it was the first time at Notre Dame for many and the first hockey game for most of our 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.

“Alone, we can do so little... Together we can do so much.”

— Helax Keller

Calendar

- February 11, Notre Dame Hockey Trip
- February 17, 4 pm, Trip to Chicago Auto Show
- February 25, Career Center Blood Drive
- April 14, 3:30, District Advisory Board Meeting at Career and Tech Center
- May 14, Career Center Cruisers Car Show (rain date, May 21)

Career & Technical Education: Training Tomorrow's Workforce

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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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