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## Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!







Front row, L to R: Ashley Smith, Jess Gerstner, Kayla Nelson, Clare Sanders, Alexandra Janiga, Victoria Paxton, Nicole Kogler. Back Row, L to R: Diamond Redding, Steven Becker, Ashton Balch, Colleen Kuczwara, Lisa Boytim, Arielle Cummings, Courtney Sisson, Melissa Steinburg, Rachel Hartigan. Not pictured HOSA Advisors, Lynn Wilson, Rhonda Doane, Kate Sorensen

The Portage High School HOSA Chapter, comprised of students enrolled in the Porter County Career and Technical Education Medical Terminology and Dental Health Classes, had 16 students attend the HOSA State Leadership Conference, which was held April 18-20 in Indianapolis, Indiana. At HOSA conferences, students are involved in general sessions, leadership training, educational workshops, and competitive events. The top three finishers in each competitive event advance to the HOSA National Leadership Conference, which will be held June 23-26 in Anaheim, California.

HOSA, Health Occupations Students of America, is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S Department of Education and the Health Science Education Division of ACTE. HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary and postsecondary students. Since its inception in 1976, HOSA has grown steadily reaching 110,000 members through 47 state associations.

#### **2011 PHS HOSA State Conference Results**

#### Ashton Balch (Chesterton High School)

- Top 10 Dental Terminology
- Lisa Boytim (Washington Township High School)
- Top 10 Dental Terminology and Top 10 Dental Assisting and Top 10 Medical Photography
- Arielle Cummings (Portage High School)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place HOSA Bowl (National Qualifier)

#### Jessica Gerstner (Portage High School)

3<sup>rd</sup> place Dental Terminology (National Qualifier) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Medical Photography (National Qualifier) and Top 10 Dental Assisting

#### Alexandra Janiga (Portage High School)

2<sup>nd</sup> place HOSA Bowl (National Qualifier)

#### **Colleen Kuczwara (Portage High School)**

2<sup>nd</sup> place HOSA Bowl (National Qualifier) and Top 10 Dental Terminology and Top 10 Dental Assisting

#### Kayla Nelson (Washinton Township High School)

Top 10 Dental Terminology and Top 10 Dental Assisting

#### **Diamond Redding (Portage High School)**

 $2^{nd}$  place Dental Spelling (National Qualifier) and  $2^{nd}$  place HOSA Bowl (National Qualifier)

#### **Clare Sanders (Portage High School)**

Top 10 Dental Assisting and Top 10 Medical Photography

#### **Courtney Sisson (Chesterton High School)**

3<sup>rd</sup> place Medical Spelling (National Qualifier)

#### Ashton Smith (Portage High School)

3<sup>rd</sup> place Dental Spelling (National Qualifier)

"Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens."

Kahlil Gibran

"The definition of forgiveness is to let go of your bad feelings for others when they hurt you. You develop real character when you learn how to forgive others. Forgiveness is a great, positive power. When you can forgive, then the quality of your life will improve immensely."

## Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

- 1. Free your heart from hatred.
- 2. Free your mind from worries.
  - 3. Live simply.
  - 4. Give more.
  - 5. Expect less.



## **National Financial Capability Challenge**

# Four More Porter County Career Center students scored in the top 20 percent of students nationwide!

- Stephanie Bouche'
- Teresa Davila
- Michael Rodriquez
- ✤ Jacob Steinhilber

Congratulations Mrs. Commers, your students were well prepared for this national exam!



Students in Ms. Iddings' Early Childhood Careers morning and afternoon classes helped prepare South Haven Elementary for their Spring Egg Hunt. Pictured are Ericka Garneau and Jessica Taylor (both of PHS).



On Friday, April 15, 2011, the students from the morning section of Medical Terminology/Anatomy & Physiology class (pictured at left) attended a presentation in Purdue University North Central's Cadaver Lab. The afternoon class will attend the presentation on Friday, April 29, 2011.

On Thursday, April 14, 2011, the students in the Emergency Rescue Technology class attended a presentation in Purdue University North Central's Cadaver Lab.



**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!



Our Sports and Entertainment Marketing class taught by Mrs. Commers and represented by student Andrew Sharp of Morgan Twp received a kind donation from the Porter County Business League to support our successful DECA program. Pictured above are (L-R) Jeff Albertson, Judy Commers, Andrew Sharp and Michael Lipp at the Porter County Business League check presentation.



### Portage Student Built Home is Well Built

Instructor, Mr. Navarro, attributes a lot of hard student work being done to get this year's house built. The student built home will be completed by next year's students and ready for sale in Spring of 2012. Mr. Navarro emphasizes quality construction and good workplace skills with his students.



Career Center Health Occupations students are pictured preparing for their HOSA competition in Indianapolis.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can." - John Wesley



Jonathan Hood, Chesterton HS 2009 alumnus, just announced his graduation from Ohio Technical College. Jonathan excelled in our Diesel Technology program at Portage HS while in high school. He successfully completed the Ohio Technical College program in only18 months and received a Diploma in Diesel Equipment Technology. Jon plans on working on diesel generators after graduation.



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 or race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in enrollment procedures or access to programs.

#### Calendar

- May 6, Career Center Blood Drive
- May 14, Career Center Cruisers Car Show (rain date, May 21), 9 am to 3 pm
- Congressman Visclosky visiting Career Center alternative energy project, noon May 17
- May 18, Technical Honor Society Induction Program at Wheeler High School, 7 pm

## Career & Technical Education: Training Tomorrow's Workforce "Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"

#### 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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