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## Portage Auto Tech Students Attend Chicago Auto Show



Senior students in Mr. Barnes' Portage Auto Tech program attended the Chicago Auto Show on February 19. Attending students are pictured above. They all had a wonderful time since many had never been to the Car Show before. Students were required to do a research assignment regarding the show and highlighting a new technology that they learned about at the Show. They must describe the new technology and detail how it will change the auto repair industry. The trip is fun and educational for all.

## Entrepreneurship Week at the Career Center

Marketing students from Mrs. Commers' Business Ownership/Sports & Entertainment Marketing program and the Marketing Internship program had the opportunity to learn from the entrepreneur professionals during the week of February 20 – 24. The Marketing program celebrated the 6<sup>th</sup> annual National Entrepreneurship week by hosting two entrepreneurs panels, February 22, and February 24, and attended the E-Factor workshop at Purdue Calumet on Thursday, February 23.

The professional entrepreneurs who told their entrepreneurial story were:

- Mr. Richard Marrell,  
RLM Tissue Bank & Prosthetics
- Jim Paglia  
Ins & Outs
- Steve Thrash  
Service Concepts
- Diane Sperling  
One Source
- David Gring  
Retired Entrepreneur
- James Tudor  
Tudor Restoration
- Jody Snider  
Jody Snider Custom Homes

Many thanks to these local entrepreneurs for the time they spent telling our students the true story of what it is like to be an entrepreneur.

### **Portage Student Builders Going Through Instructor Transition**



Michael Hammonds is the student pictured on the picnic bench. Michael is enrolled in Construction Technology at Portage. While waiting for a new teacher to come on board, he built this table to donate to the Valpo branch of the Family and Youth Service Bureau. He found the plans, built it, and then sanded and stained it. New teacher, Mr. Brett Dahlgren, will be featured in a future edition. Mr. Dahlgren brings many years of construction experience to our program. There is also a familial linkage as his father, a retired Portage Building inspector, several years ago bought and lives in one of our student built homes. Mr. Dahlgren will have a significant, positive impact on our students and help them become employable and solid citizens of our community.

*"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book and read to a child."*

March 2 was Dr Seuss' 108 birthday. Every year the NEA celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday with a special day of reading. On Friday the SELF Early Childhood class, under the direction of Mrs. Gill, participated in the National Education Association's Read Across America Program. Each student prepared a story for their class and presented a certificate to each student. Dr. Seuss epitomizes a love of children



and learning. His use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful. When we celebrate Dr. Seuss and reading, we are sending a clear message to our children that reading is fun and important.

Pictured is (back row left to right) Katya Foster (VHS), Nickee Nulf (VHS), Abbey Mitchell (VHS), Loren Plummer (BGHS)  
Front row: Amy Swanson (BGHS), seated Celeste Babilonia (BGHS) Paige Rospierski (PHS). Paige is also pictured in her top hat costume.

## PHS Printing Students Design Decals for Portage Fire Dept. Rescue/Firefighting Boat

Our Printing students used their technical skills to help local firefighters and the



community.

Below is a link to a great article about their boat design effort:

<http://www.portagelife.com/index.php/community/government-and-community-resources/6617-pcctc-students-leave-their-mark-on-a-piece-of-history>.



Paige Collins, Health Occupations student from Wash Twp., is pictured at left with the Ass't Chief of the Portage Fire Department during her clinical rotation with the Portage FD ambulance team.

## PORTER COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER'S STATE DECA WINNERS – 2012

Porter County Career and Technical Center's Marketing students had one of the most successful years in their State DECA Competition. Below is a list of those who won and will be competing at the International DECA Conference in Salt Lake City in April.

We appreciate all your support, and encouragement. If you know these students please congratulate them for their hard work. In most cases they had approximately 45 people they competed against. If you would like to help financially, we will be holding a Port-a-pit chicken sale on Saturday, April 14, at the K-Mart parking lot in Valparaiso, selling Fannie May candy bars, and selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookies. Just let us know if you are hungry for any of these food options.

Student	Event	Award(s)	School
Robbie Rardin	Automotive Services	85% competency medallion, 1 <sup>st</sup> Promotion & 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Marketing, and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place Overall	Kouts
Tyler Scott	Hotel and Lodging Management	85% competency medallion, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place in pricing	Valparaiso
Courtney Mason	Human Resource Management	85% competency medallion, 4 <sup>th</sup> place overall	Portage
Emily Lis	Entrepreneurship Written Event - Franchise	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Boone Grove
Kallie Lolkema	Quick Serve Restaurant Marketing and Management	85% competency medallion, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place Product Service Management, and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place overall	Kouts
Mitchell Stevenson	Restaurant Marketing and Management	85% competency medallion, Marketing concepts, 3 <sup>rd</sup> place, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place overall	Wheeler

### Attention High School Seniors

All students should file a FAFSA by Mar. 10 (received) for college financial aid (FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

**Parents: Wouldn't it be nice to know where your child is at all times? Police say that every extra minute a person is missing contributes to a greater possibility of an unhappy ending.** If your student has a smart phone, there are apps available to help. I know a 17 year old may not want parents to follow them every second of the day, but maybe a compromise would be to have them followed by a friend or other relative. That way, in an emergency you would be able to have someone you know who could find out where they are. Following are some sample free apps:

[https://market.android.com/details?id=com.greenalp.RealtimeTracker&feature=search\\_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEsImNvbS5ncmVlbnFscC5SZWFsdGltZVRyYWNRZXliXQ..](https://market.android.com/details?id=com.greenalp.RealtimeTracker&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEsImNvbS5ncmVlbnFscC5SZWFsdGltZVRyYWNRZXliXQ..)

Here is another app that can track more than one person.

[https://market.android.com/details?id=com.fsp.android.g&feature=search\\_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEsImNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5nll0..](https://market.android.com/details?id=com.fsp.android.g&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEsImNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5nll0..)

This app will also display sex offender residences.

[https://market.android.com/details?id=com.fsp.android.c&feature=search\\_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5jll0](https://market.android.com/details?id=com.fsp.android.c&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5jll0).

Here is an Iphone app called "Find My Friends": <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/find-my-friends/id466122094?mt=8>

## Calendar

- March 26 – 30, Spring Break
- April 12, 3:30 pm, District Advisory Committee Meeting at the PCCTC

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



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