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Remembering Jim Butz!

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On Friday, March 2, John and Mary Ann Butz, joined us at the Career Center to commemorate the life of Jim Butz, who died in combat on 9/28/011. Jim was a Career Center student and graduated from Chesterton HS in 2009. He was a football player and wrestler at CHS and a Health Occupations student at the Career Center. He enlisted in the Army after high school and became an airborne medic. The ceremony held here was to commemorate the memorial plaque now posted in our foyer.



(photos, by student Megan Leetz)



The plaque reads as follows:

Recognition of a Hero

**Jim Butz, Health Occupations, '08-09, CHS,
26 July 1990 – 28 Sept 2011**

Spec. James A. Butz, 21, of Porter, died September 28, 2011 in Helmand province. Jim is a 2009 graduate of Chesterton HS and a former Health Occupations student

at the Career Center. He was a serious and sensitive young man, who was excited to become an EMT and later become an airborne medic. Jim was doing his medic job rushing to treat injured soldiers when an IED was exploded. He was serving in the 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, N.C.

His awards include the Purple Heart, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, a NATO Medal, a Combat Action Badge and a Parachutist Badge.

The Career Center is proud of Jim and his service; he died a hero to his country. He will be missed by many.

Jim is the first PCCTC graduate known to have given his life in combat for our country. The ceremony included comments by his father, and our principal Mr. Groth (also a veteran), and another Career Center veteran, Tony Avalos, who teaches Auto Technology. Also attending was our Health Occupations students and one student, Toni Greco (active duty, National Guard), who is the sister of one of Jim's '09 Health Occupations graduates.



Please view this video tribute to Jim prepared by our Media Productions students, Precious Pabon (Hebron) and Kyle Gilbert (Chesterton).

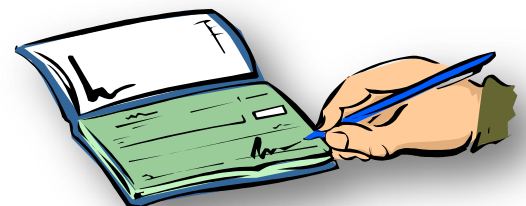
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFId2YHDggI&hd=1>

The Career Center's Disaster Relief fundraising efforts netted \$200. The money will be sent to the Henryville School Relief Fund. Funds were raised through student goodwill donations and matched by the PCCTC Faculty.

Marketing Students Excel on National Assessment

Mrs. Commers' Marketing Internship students completed the National Financial Literacy Exam in March. Of the 16 students who took the test, 14 scored higher than the national average of 70%. Students enrolled in the Marketing Internship Program receive credit for Personal Finance from Ivy Tech. Last year, over 84,000 students in the nation took this test. We will learn later how our students ranked in the nation. Below are those who scored in the outstanding category:

- Scott Snider (Morgan) 100%
- Tyler Scott (Valparaiso) 95%
- Justin Sloboda (Wheeler) 93%
- Alec Immordino (Wheeler) 93%
- Kyle Jimenez (Chesterton) 90%
- Mitchell Stevenson (Wheeler) 90%



TV/Media Productions Students Bring Back Awards from State Contest



Although, many students participated on several of the award winning projects submitted to the Indiana Student Broadcasters Association, the following students won individual acclaim:

- First Place- Sarah Jackett (CHS) - News Package Category - "Pines Village Art Gallery"
- First Place- Kara Barney (CHS) - Copywriting - "Clothing Commercial Script"
- First Place- Hayley Bradford (PHS) - Spot Production - "Stay in School PSA"
- Third Place- Max Hill (BGHS) & Josh Mekola (VHS) - Other Live Category - "Fall Fantasia"
- Third Place- Jon Sheets (MTHS) - Entertainment Category - "Soap"

Congratulations to the students and their teacher, Mr. Phelps!



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."
--Benjamin Franklin

Sarah Jackett Receives Indiana Award for Excellence as Outstanding Student

Sarah Jackett, CHS senior, and TV/Media Productions student was recently recognized in Indianapolis by the Indiana School Superintendent, Dr. Tony Bennett as one of the top CTE students in Indiana. It was only appropriate that Sarah received this award one day after receiving a first place in the Indiana Student Broadcasters Association for a news category. Sarah is a talented student, whom Mr.



Phelps feels has all the necessary skills to make a great future in television news or media

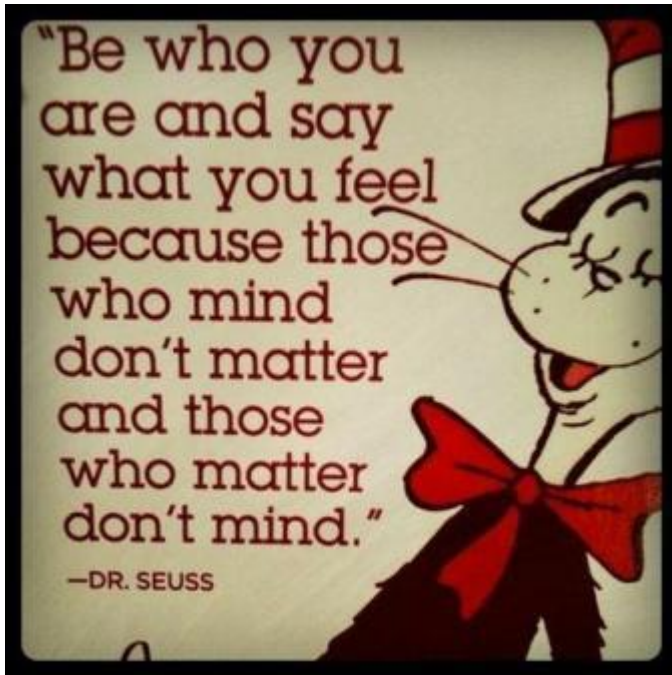


productions. Sarah is well liked by everyone and has been a Career Center star for two years. Mr. Phelps, Mrs. Ellis, and numerous family members were able to join Sarah in Indianapolis for the receipt of her award. She was recognized at a luncheon and later in a formal presentation in the auditorium of the Indiana Government Center. We are all proud to know her and we look forward to hearing about her future life accomplishments.



Parents -- Drug Test Kits Are Available

Low cost drug test kits are available from Ms. Sharon Cawood from the Porter County Substance Abuse Council. Ms. Cawood's organization sells drug testing kits to parents who wish to test a child 17 years or younger. The kits are \$5 and parents can purchase up to 4 of these kits at a time. Credit cards are not accepted, **cash only**, no checks, **just cash**. These kits will test for marijuana, heroin, cocaine and ecstasy. The Substance Abuse Council also has advice for parents on how to get your kids to say "No!" when it comes to using drugs. She also can help direct you to places in Porter County for help if your kid is already using. Ms. Cawood is not always in her office and so she asks that you call and make an appointment with her, do not just show up unexpected. She can be reached at (219) 42-0946.



This website looks like it has good information on the growing trends in substance use. There are some links to webinars too.

<http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/>

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=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5ncmVlbmFscC5SZWFsdGltZVRyYWNRZXliXQ..

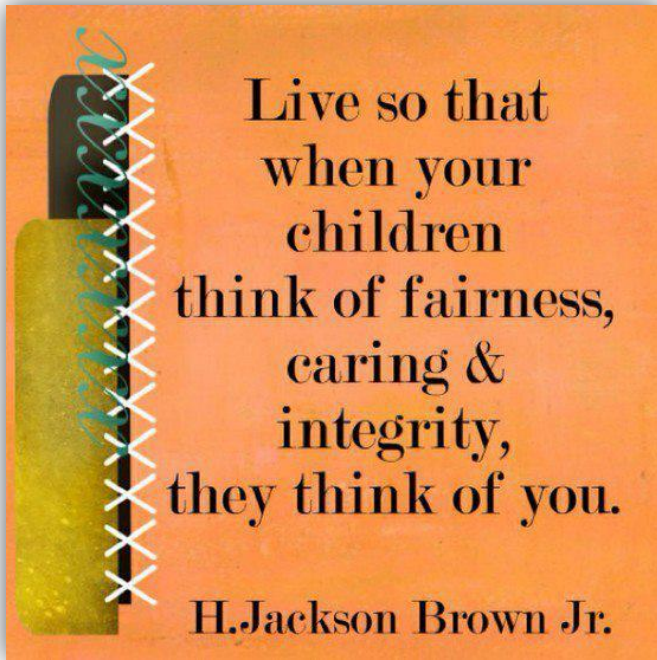
Here is another app that can track more than one person.

https://market.android.com/details?id=com.fsp.android.g&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5jll0..

This app will also display sex offender residences.

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



Calendar

- April 12, 3:30 pm, District Advisory Committee Meeting at the PCCTC
- May 8, 7 pm, Technical Honor Society Induction, Wheeler HS Auditorium

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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