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

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TAKE ON THE WORLD

## AM Stars



## PM Stars



## Third Quarter Student Stars - 2011-2012 School Year

Name	School	Subject
Steven Holevoet	Valparaiso	<i>Auto - AM - Sickles</i>
David Morales	Hebron	<i>Auto - PM - Sickles</i>
Nicholas Wesley	Hobart	<i>Auto - AM - Avalos</i>
Daniel Sheetz	Hebron	<i>Auto - PM - Avalos</i>
Jose Canchola	Hobart	<i>Bldg Trds – AM - Doane</i>
Thomas Smith	Valparaiso	<i>Bldg Trds – PM - Doane</i>
Robbie Rardin	Kouts	<i>Business Ownership/Sports Mkt – AM - Commers</i>
James Loveless	Wheeler	<i>Marketing Internship - PM - Commers</i>
Coty Buchwalter	Valparaiso	<i>CAD - AM - Guinee</i>
Matt Clennon	Morgan	<i>CAD - PM - Guinee</i>
John Lattea	Valparaiso	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology – AM - Kenning</i>
Ben Brubaker	Kouts	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - PM - Kenning</i>
Arielle Cummings	Portage	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Edwards</i>
Roxy Marthakis	Valparaiso	<i>Health Occ. - PM - Edwards</i>
Jillian Talley	Portage	<i>Health Occ. – AM - Marcus</i>
Alexis Ripple	Hebron	<i>Health Careers - PM – Marcus</i>
Darrian Arch	Chesterton	<i>Health Careeers – PM -Marcus</i>
Devin Jabo	Boone Grove	<i>Machine Trades - AM - Carmack</i>
Alexis Danford	Hebron	<i>Machine Trades - PM- Carmack</i>
Precious Pabon	Hebron	<i>TV Productions - PM- Phelps</i>

### Electronic Students Excel at SkillsUSA Contest

Pictured are Ben Brubaker (Kouts) on the left and Dave Matthys (Washington) is on the right.

Ben Brubaker attended the Indiana SkillsUSA State Conference and Technical Skills Competition over the weekend and finished first in the state in the Electronics Technology contest. By placing in first, he won a one year scholarship to both Vincennes University as well as Ivy Tech State College. Dave Matthys (WTHS) also attended the Indiana SkillsUSA State Conference and Technical Skills Competition over the weekend and finished second in the state in the Electronics Technology contest. He competed against students from all over



the state enrolled in similar technical programs.

## **HOSA Boasts Success at State Competition**

The Portage High School HOSA Chapter, which is comprised of students enrolled in the Porter County Career and Technical's Medical Terminology and Dental Health Classes, had 6 students attend the HOSA State Leadership Conference, which was held April 9-11 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 20-23 in Orlando, Florida.

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.

### **2012 PHS HOSA State Conference Results**

#### **Nakiel Blackwell (Portage High School)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Dental Spelling (National Qualifier)

#### **Bri Cipich (Portage High School)**

- Top 10 Dental Terminology
- Top 10 Dental Science

#### **Lydia Gill (Chesterton High School)**

- Top 10 Dental Terminology
- Top 10 Dental Science

#### **Kayla Mischke (Portage High School)**

- Top 10 Dental Science

#### **Jessie Nyiro (Valparaiso High School)**

- 2nd place Dental Science (National Qualifier)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Dental Terminology (National Qualifier)

#### **Katelyn Wright (Valparaiso High School)**

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



#### **Picture**

**L to R:  
Katelyn  
Wright, Jessie  
Nyiro, Bri  
Cipich, Kayla  
Mischke, Lydia  
Gill, Nakiel  
Blackwell.  
Not pictured:  
HOSA  
Advisors, Lynn  
Wilson,  
Rhonda Doane**

## Culinary Students Learn Emergency Procedures and Become CPR/First Aid Certified

Portage Fire Chief Tom Fieffer taught our Culinary students about CPR/First Aid and fire safety. Every student had hands on practice using a fire extinguisher. Culinary students are now also CPR certified.



## Career Center Students also Participate in School Athletics



**Paige Collins, WTHS Health Occupations student, at the plate against Westville. Paige plays first place and the outfield for the highly ranked Lady Senators.**

### **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.

The following website looks like it has good information on the growing trends in substance use. There are also some links to webinars: <http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/>

*"Many of life's failures are ones who did not realize how close they were to success, when they gave up." (author unknown)*

## *Students - Please be Safe and Smart During this Prom Season*

Our Auto teachers set off air bags to demonstrate their power and to remind everyone that seatbelts need to be worn with airbags or the airbag alone is capable of injuring or killing the occupants. Our Auto Dept also sponsored a wrecked car in the parking lot during Prom Season to remind everyone to be safe and avoid all drugs and alcohol.



**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=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5ncmVlbnFscC5SZWFsdGltZVRyYWNRZXliXQ..](https://market.android.com/details?id=com.greenalp.RealtimeTracker&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5ncmVlbnFscC5SZWFsdGltZVRyYWNRZXliXQ..)

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=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5nIl0.](https://market.android.com/details?id=com.fsp.android.g&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5nIl0.)

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>

*"Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence!" (author unknown)*



Mrs. Marcus and some of her Health Occupations students (l-r, Jillian Talley, Sydney Gotschel, and Krysta Zygowicz, all of PHS) relaxing together after a grueling day of classes.

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THANK THE ONES  
WHO LEFT MY LIFE  
AND MADE IT EVEN  
MORE FANTASTIC.**

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## Calendar

- May 8, 7 pm, Technical Honor Society Induction, Wheeler HS Auditorium
- May 11, Career and Tech Center Fourth and Final Blood Drive of the Year.
- May 19, Car Show, Willowcreek Middle School Parking Lot, 9 am - 3 pm sponsored by our Portage Auto Tech program

## 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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