

# Porter County Career and Technical Education News

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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

## Electronic Students Explore Earth Friendly Home in Our Neighborhood

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An area neighbor, Dave Welch (center foreground in brown sweater), invited Mr. Kenning and his Electronics students to visit his home and see his recently installed solar power system (solar array is visible on the roof of his home). Mr. Welch's home was remodeled using eco friendly products and intelligent design. He uses plantings and gardens to protect his home, provide fruit and vegetables, and beautify the surroundings. His electricity is produced by a recent roof mounted solar array. He heats his home with a wood stove and he has done an extensive amount of insulating that allows for great comfort with the thermostat set at 62 degrees. We learned a lot from Mr. Welch and took advantage of a nice fall day for an educational field trip.

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

If you follow the crowd, you will likely get no further than the crowd. If you walk alone, you're likely to end up in places no one has ever been before. Being an achiever is not without its difficulties, for peculiarity breeds contempt. The unfortunate thing about being ahead of your time is that when people finally realize you were right, they'll simply say it was obvious to everyone all along. You have two choices in life. You can dissolve into the main stream, or you can choose to become an achiever and be distinct. To be distinct, you must be different. To be different, you must strive to be what no else but you can be.

Unknown wise person

### **Culinary Students Explore High Volume Meal Preparation**

Students in the Culinary Program at Boone Grove High School have started their field placement experiences at Valparaiso University under the guidance of VU's Chef Jim Galligan.



Rochelle Hatchett and Claudia Persons (at left), both from Portage High School, work together in the catering section at VU.

Randy Ridge, Washington Township High School, and Jessica Scrivnor, Hebron High School (at right), work together in the Bakery at VU.



***“I am only one, I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.”***

**– Edward Everett Hale**



***Attend a CTE Open House Before Enrolling***  
***– Find out if it is the right place for you!***

**Dec 6 Open House Schedule**

**VALPARAISO PROGRAMS**

*Porter County Career & Technical Center  
 1005 N. Franklin St., Valparaiso 46383*

**Dec 6, 8-9 a.m.**

- Auto Technology
- Computer Aided
- Design & Animation Technology
- Construction Technology
- Electronics & Computer Technology
- Health Careers
- Health Occupations
- Marketing Internship
- Modern Machining
- Sports & Entertainment/ Business Ownership
- Video Production and Media Studies

**PORTAGE PROGRAMS**

**Dec. 6, 8-9 a.m.**

- Auto Technology Willowcreek M.S. Rear Entrance
- Construction Technology Willowcreek M.S. Rear Entrance
- Dental Health PHS-East, Rm. 155
- Industrial Mechanics PHS-East, Rm. 110
- Medical Terminology/ Anatomy/Physiology PHS-East Rm. 156
- Printing Technology PHS-West, Rm. B14

**Dec. 6, 1-2 p.m.**

- Diesel Technology Green Building N.E. of PHS-E
- Education and Early Childhood Careers South Haven Elem. Rm. 25
- Work Study J Lab near media center

**BOONE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL**

*260 S. 500 West, Valparaiso, IN 46385*

**Dec. 6, 8-9 a.m.**

- Culinary Science

**IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*3100 IVY Tech Drive, Valparaiso 46383*

**Dec 6, 8-9 a.m.**

- Welding Technology Main Entrance

**DON ROBERTS BEAUTY SCHOOL**

*1354 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso 46385*

**Dec. 6, 8-9 a.m.**

- Cosmetology
- This open house will be at the Career Center,  
 1005 N. Franklin St., Valparaiso**

**SELF SCHOOL**

*750 Ransom Road, Valparaiso 46385*

**Dec. 6, 8-9 a.m.**

- Education and Early Childhood Careers Rm B 8

**MORGAN TWP. HIGH SCHOOL**

*299 South State Road 49, Valparaiso 46383*

**Dec. 6, 1-2 p.m. Behind School**

- Landscaping/Horticulture (*In Agriculture Building*)

**WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL**

*587 West 300 North, Valparaiso 46385*

**Dec. 6, 8-9 a.m.**

- Criminal Investigations Entrance E
- Criminal Justice System Entrance E

**HOBART HIGH SCHOOL**

*2211 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Hobart 46342*

**Dec. 6, 8-9 a.m.**

- Cisco Networking Front Entrance
- Education and Early Childhood Careers Front Entrance
- Emergency Rescue Technology Academy Front Entrance
- Fundamentals of Sports Medicine Front Entrance

**Duneland Building  
Trades House For Sale  
858 Whitestone, Jackson  
Twp.**

**Property Details**

- **Price:** \$299,000
- **Beds:** 3 Bed
- **Baths:** 2.5 Bath
- **House Size:** 2,280 Sq Ft
- **Lot Size:** 1.65 Acres
- **Year Built:** 2011



**Great News!!!**

- Touchstone Energy rated our house at a 5 Star Plus, their highest energy efficiency rating! They have estimated total annual energy costs at \$2585 (heating, cooling, appliances, lighting, and service).
- This rating comes with a Home Heating and Cooling Guarantee from REMC that annual heating costs will not exceed \$752 and cooling costs will not exceed \$117. Any excess over those amounts will be reimbursed to the homeowner at 50% of the overage. This guarantee is good for 12 months after the closing date.

Call Rick Hokansen of Boulder Bay Realty to request a showing, (219) 508- 3241.

Congratulations to the Chesterton High School Building Trades students and instructor, Mr. Jeff Larson, for this achievement.

Never continue in a job you don't enjoy. If you're happy in what you're doing, you'll like yourself, you'll have inner peace. And if you have that, along with physical health, you'll have more success than you could possibly have imagined. Roger Caras

The strongest oak tree of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It is the one that stands in the open, where it is compelled to struggle for its existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun. Napoleon Hill

## Soap – Jon Sheets

Jon at his Film Festival Awards Program, October 2011



Picture 1) Jon wearing his credentials around his neck which were required to get into all Film Fest events. Jon's Mom is also seen enjoying the event.

Picture 2) Jon stands in front of the AMC theater, answering questions from the audience. He was unperturbed and did it with grace and a smile on his face.

Picture 3) Jon and Brother David (another former Career Center star) wearing the free tuxedos they were given to attend the Black Tie Gala dinner at the Murat Theater in Indianapolis where Jon was recognized for his short film. He won \$500, a very nice gift for a poor college student!

Jon and his parents called to thank his teacher, Mr. Phelps, who encouraged Jon to enter the Film Fest and taught him lots of important things which helped him do well in his work.

More so than any other film in the competition, [Soap](#) is an integral part of director Jon Sheets' personal life. The courage exhibited by the main character is paralleled with the courage the filmmaker must muster day to day. As a young man dealing with OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder), Jon knows firsthand the struggles that are inherent with the disease. *Soap* starts off lighthearted enough, but it's quickly realized that not all is as it seems. What appears to be an innocent first date is quickly derailed by the main character's inability to leave the bathroom due to his OCD. Of course, all the fear and insecurity that mounts is solely in his head. When in reality, his date is none the wiser of his disorder. It's a fun and quirky short which ironically conveys a serious undertone.

*Jon Sheets attended the Porter County Career Center in Valparaiso, Indiana during high school. He now attends Ball State University for Telecommunications but would like to go into the music industry for performance. He has dealt with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, which makes his film "Soap" closer to non-fiction than fiction to him.*



Jon Sheets

*"What is the recipe for successful achievement? To my mind there are just four essential ingredients: Choose a career you love, give it the best there is in you, seize your opportunities, and be a member of the team." Benjamin F. Fairless*



## Afternoon Student Stars



## Outstanding Students First Quarter 2011-2012 School Year

Name	School	Subject
1. Adam McCarty	Hobart	<i>Auto - AM - Sickles</i>
2. James Myers	Kouts	<i>Auto - PM - Sickles</i>
3. Joe Seaman	VHS	<i>Auto - AM - Avalos</i>
4. Eric Barzycki	Hebron	<i>Auto - PM - Avalos</i>
5. Matthew Slack	VHS	<i>Bldg Trds - AM - Doane</i>
6. Robert Ross	Washington Twp.	<i>Bldg Trds - PM - Doane</i>
7. Drake Devereux	Boone Grove	<i>Business Ownership/Sports &amp; Entertainment Mkt - AM - Commers</i>
8. Raegan Werner	Washington	<i>Marketing Educ - PM - Commers</i>
9. Cassie Malkowski	Boone Grove	<i>CAD - AM - Guinee</i>
10. Mike Kleist	Washington	<i>CAD - PM - Guinee</i>
11. Devin Corneil	VHS	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - AM - Kenning</i>
12. Harrison Draves	Washington	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - PM - Kenning</i>
13. Ali Johnson	PHS	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Edwards</i>
14. Sally Fowler	CHS	<i>Health Occ. - PM - Edwards</i>
15. Brittney Ziemniak	Boone Grove	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Marcus</i>
16. Victoria Pigg	CHS	<i>Health Careers - PM - Marcus</i>
17. Chris Ireland	PHS	<i>Machine Trades - AM - Carmack</i>
18. Steve Warren	Hobart	<i>Machine Trades - PM - Carmack</i>
19. Josh Mekola	VHS	<i>TV Productions - AM - Phelps</i>
20. Melissa Flores	CHS	<i>TV Productions - PM - Phelps</i>

**Morning  
Career  
Center  
Outstanding  
Students**



**Porter County Step Ahead Council Visits Career Center**



Porter County Step Ahead held a meeting in our building and then toured our facility. Devin Corneil and Elizabeth Buth (pictured at right) are shown serving as mentors. Myles Reid is seen in the picture on the left demonstrating Computer Assisted Drafting software.

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.

## Career Center Student Attends Veterans Day Program



Toni Greco (CHS senior), Health Occupations student is on active duty in the National Guard. She has completed her Basic Training and she attends once a month weekend Guard training activities. This summer she will attend her advanced occupational training. Toni hopes to get into ROTC and continue her work toward an RN. She is pictured above (far left) attending the Kiwanis Veterans Day program in the company of Army vets, Tony Avalos and Jon Groth, and Marian Dick, recently retired Health Occupations teacher, who taught Toni's older sister, Angelina two years ago at the Career Center. Toni has a solid occupational and personal career plan in place for her future. ....

## ECE Students Recognize Community Veterans

Mrs. Iddings' Early Childhood Education students helped recognize "Home Town Heroes" for the Veterans day program at South Haven Elementary School by designing a board to honor all of our family members and friends who have served or are currently serving in the military. Students pictured are (l-r) Kaitlyn Jarrard, Jessica Meyer, Lizz Oprisko, Becky Stalbaum, Nikkie Wimberley and Danni Johnson.





**The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/school delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the school closing decisions of the host school.**

***All commuting students should drive carefully and use their parent's input and common sense when deciding if it is safe to drive to their CTE class location.***

**In the event of severe or inclement weather, school may be delayed or canceled. Please use the following sources to track any weather related delays or cancellations:**

- Go to the Valparaiso Community Schools homepage (<http://www.valpo.k12.in.us>). Select "School Closing Information" from the left-hand column and then register with VCS Alert to receive school closing/delay messages on your cell or home phone.
- Valpo or PortageLife: <http://www.valpolife.com/> or <http://www.portagelife.com/>
- Cancellations.com (Students are encouraged to register for cancellation alerts via cell phone, home phone, and/or email for both his/her school and the school of his/her career and tech class.)

### **From Sen. Ed Charbonneau's e-newsletter:**

### **National Emergency Test - ednesday, Nov. 9**

Disaster kits, plans help Hoosiers better prepare for the unexpected. A national Emergency Alert System (EAS) test is scheduled to take place at 2 p.m. EST on Wednesday, Nov. 9, serving as a good reminder to all Hoosiers that now is a better time than later when it comes to being prepared for a possible disaster. Indiana Department of As federal, state and local governments prepare for and test their capabilities, this event serves as a reminder that it's a good idea to establish personal emergency preparedness kits and plans.

Ideas for other helpful items include:

- Wrench to shut off gas and water;
- Manual can opener;
- Eating utensils;
- Paper cups, plates and towels;
- Flashlight;
- Battery-powered radio;
- Fire extinguisher;
- Extra batteries; and
- Blankets.

IDHS officials suggest emergency preparedness kits include at least one gallon of water per day for each person in the household and a three-day supply of non-perishable foods, like protein bars, canned meats, dry cereal and peanut butter. First-aid goods are also essential for these kits, including items like latex gloves, scissors, tweezers, Band-Aids, sterile dressings, hydrogen peroxide, antibiotic ointment, thermometers and pain relievers.



It is also important to create emergency plans - including contact information and meeting locations for friends, family members and co-workers - to help keep those involved in unexpected situations as calm, organized and safe as possible. For more information, visit [www.getprepared.in.gov](http://www.getprepared.in.gov).

## Calendar

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- November 18, Second Blood Drive Day at Career and Tech Center, 8 – 2:30
- November 24 and 25, Thanksgiving Break
- December 6, First CTE Open Houses for prospective students, 8 - 9 am
- December 9, Counselor Tours of Portage Programs, 7:30 – 10:30
- January 13, Career Center trip to the Hockey game.
- 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@mail.valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.



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