

# 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

Pictured are BFMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders during a visit observing part of our alternative energy project on the roof of the Career Center.



Indiana Superintendent of Public Schools, Glenda Ritz, enjoyed meeting with various students who were representing every Valparaiso school while she was visiting the Career and Tech Center.



Pictured at right, (l-r) are Jon Groth, Glenda Ritz, Juanagene Nietert (VTA Pres.), and VCS Superintendent Mike Berta.



It Takes a SELFless Village to Raise a Child pictured (At left): Ashley Prichard (CHS), Miranda Whah (CHS), Cara Jarvis (VHS), Katie MacArthur (CHS), Jacob Workman (WHS), Kayla Sawyer (CHS), Austin Schweikert (CHS).



At right, AM Class Spring Fruit Festival for the Preschoolers. Pictured are Taylor Clarich (BGHS), Zach Harms (VHS), Arika Lovall (PHS), Claudia Cooper (BGHS), Sarah Linderman (PHS), Paige Rospierski (PHS), Cora Surber (PHS), Jocelyn Crawford (VHS), Rachel Stover (WHS), Emily Albee (PHS)



At left is PM Class Spring Fruit Festival Pictured are Cassie Gaylord (WHS), Austin Schweikert (CHS), Lexi Zaborowski (Morgan)



First Place Winner for bulletin board contest  
 Pictured are Claudia Cooper (BGHS), Emily Albee (PHS), Rachel Stover (WTS)

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

#### ASK Performance Criteria

The following Mrs. Commers' Marketing students received above 70 exceeding the criteria of the national ASK Business Concepts certification test. Congratulations to all!

Name of student	Score Achieved	School
Chris Panayi	87	Valparaiso
Katelyn Stocker	84	Valparaiso
Brian Smrekar	83	Washington Township
Jessica Lawton	80	Boone Grove
Joe McHugh	78	Portage
Chaz Steeves	77	Washington Township
Jenna Wong	76	Valparaiso
Kelsie McDaniel	71	Morgan

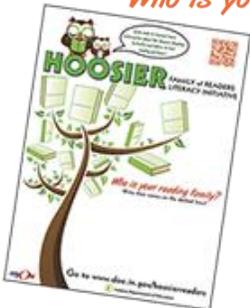
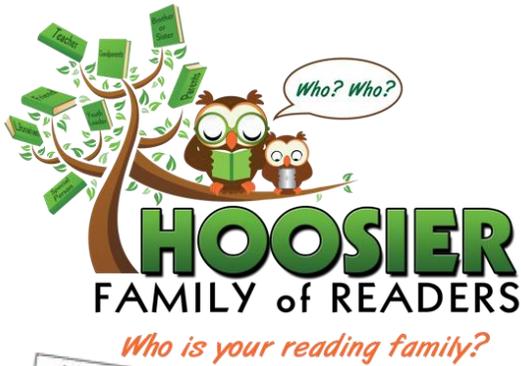
*Tough times never last, but tough people do.*  
 - Robert H. Schuller

- You never know how strong you really are until being strong is the only choice you have.
- Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together.
- You cannot change what you refuse to confront.

## Hoosier Family of Readers

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A Message from  
Glenda Ritz, Indiana



Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dear Parents and Community Supporters,

Welcome to our first-ever Hoosier Family of Readers summer reading opportunity! I strongly believe that a reader is not simply someone who *can* read; a reader is someone who *does* read. Therefore, I am very pleased to invite you, your children, and your community to join our statewide efforts to develop a culture of readers in Indiana. *Hoosier Family of Readers* establishes a unique, fun collaboration between our families, our schools, and many community partners. The goal for the initiative is for adults and children to identify their Hoosier Family of Readers and read each day throughout the summer. A reading family can be any combination of caring adults and children. IDOE is partnering with over

175 organizations including libraries, Boys & Girls Clubs, scout troops, schools, faith-based organizations, United Way and other non-profits state wide. Organizations are being empowered to include reading within their summer programs. Our USDA Summer Food Service Program sites will feature an “Eat & Read” opportunity in many locations.

We are encouraging all of our “reading families” to read anything that interests them –including graphic novels, non-fiction books, magazines, and newspapers – whether online or in print. We suggest that they:

- Read *with* someone
- Read *to* someone
- Share with someone what he/she has read
- Listen to someone read
- Help others read
- Read independently

We have some special partners who will be making appearances on our website, in posters and at media events throughout the summer. These include award-winning Young Adult novelist John Green, Indiana Fever player Briann January, and Clifford the Big Red Dog! We are also fortunate to partner with my ON Books, a complete digital library with English and Spanish texts that is being made available to all participants. Follow our links to learn more, and let us know what **you** are reading this summer! (Supt. Ritz is pictured above flanked by VCS students)

Glenda Ritz, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

## Former Star Student Brian Kingsbury's Mom Visits Career Center Memorial to Her Son



Pictured is Brian's former teacher, Modern Machining instructor, Mr. Greg Carmack and Gail Kingsbury. 11/18/92 - 3/29/013 RIP Brian.

Brian was a life-long resident of Valparaiso, member of St. Paul Catholic Church, student at Vincennes University in Precision Manufacturing, employee of Custom Machining, and 2011 graduate of Valparaiso High School. Brian had a passion for working on cars and trucks and will be remembered as a Career Center star.

**“One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.” Carl Jung (quote courtesy of Superintendent Mike Berta)**

## Blood Drive #4 at the Career and Tech Center



Career Center faculty are pictured donating their blood to the Red Cross.

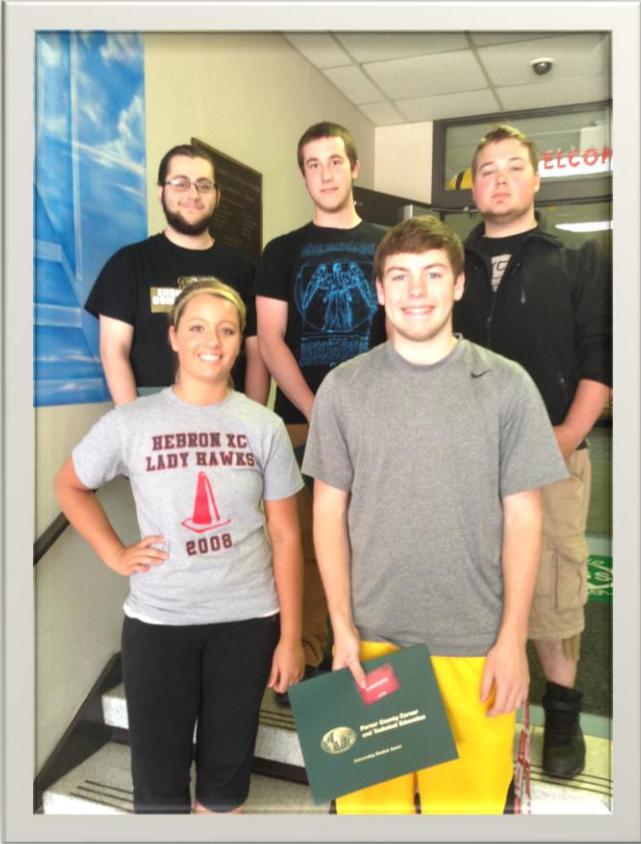


**Everyone recognizes Rupert, on the left, from the David Letterman show. On the right is Taylor Hirstein of Morgan Twp and a graduate of our Video Productions class. Taylor is now working on the Letterman Show after graduating from Ball State. He is a Career Center star.**

### **Career Center Student Mentors Are Always Ready to Provide Tours**



**Many Career and Tech Center students receive leadership training to perform as student mentors and program representatives to the community.**



**These are just some of our “Stars” who received 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Recognition as Outstanding Students.**



Kayla Bowman, Auto Tech graduate, headed to Northwest Ohio Technical College, can be seen above right with instructor, Mr. Avalos at her graduation from SELF School, where she was also a Commencement speaker.



Afternoon Career Center students can be seen at left who earned a “Perfect Attendance Certificate”

## To Obtain Your Ivy Tech College Transcripts:

Go to: <http://www.ivytech.edu/registrar/transcripts.html>

Other admissions questions may be directed to:

Nicholas J. Felder, MBA

Ivy Tech Community College - Northwest

3100 Ivy Tech Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383, 219-476-4705; [nfelder@ivytech.edu](mailto:nfelder@ivytech.edu)

## To Obtain Your Vincennes University College Transcripts

Following are the required steps to obtain a Vincennes University transcript:

Each student will need to complete the [Transcript Request Form](#) which is located on the [website](#), and either fax or mail the form to the VU Registrar's Office. Please contact the VU Dual Credit Office if you should have any questions at: Becky Ice, Dual Credit Office Coordinator, Project EXCEL, Vincennes University, 1002 North First Street, YB Room 212, Vincennes, Indiana 47591

Telephone: (812) 888-4344; Toll Free: (800) 670-1230. Please visit our website: [vinu.edu/excel](http://vinu.edu/excel)

## Calendar

- Film and Animation Showcase, Ivy Tech, Valparaiso Campus, June 3, 6 pm
- Last official teacher day, June 7, 2013
- Fall County Advisory Committee Meeting, October 17, 3:30-4:30, Porter County Career and Tech Center

## 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](mailto:jgroth@valpo.k12.in.us)) with news to be published about you and your students.

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