

# 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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## Governor's Visit to the Porter County Career and Tech Center Governor Pence Visits the Porter County Career and Tech Center

Immediately after addressing the Indiana Education-Workforce Innovation Conference in Indianapolis, Governor Pence travelled to Valparaiso to visit the Porter County Career and Tech Center. Governor Pence campaigned on a goal to improve access to Career and Technical Education classes for every high school student in Indiana.

Governor Pence provided a short address to the students and guests. In response to a Media Studies student interview question: Can you tell us about the importance of Career Tech and Ed? The Governor responded as follows:

"I really do believe that all honest work is honorable work and that our Schools ought to work for our kids, regardless

of where they want to start in life. And while we want to encourage every Hoosier child to go to college, we also want our schools to work for young

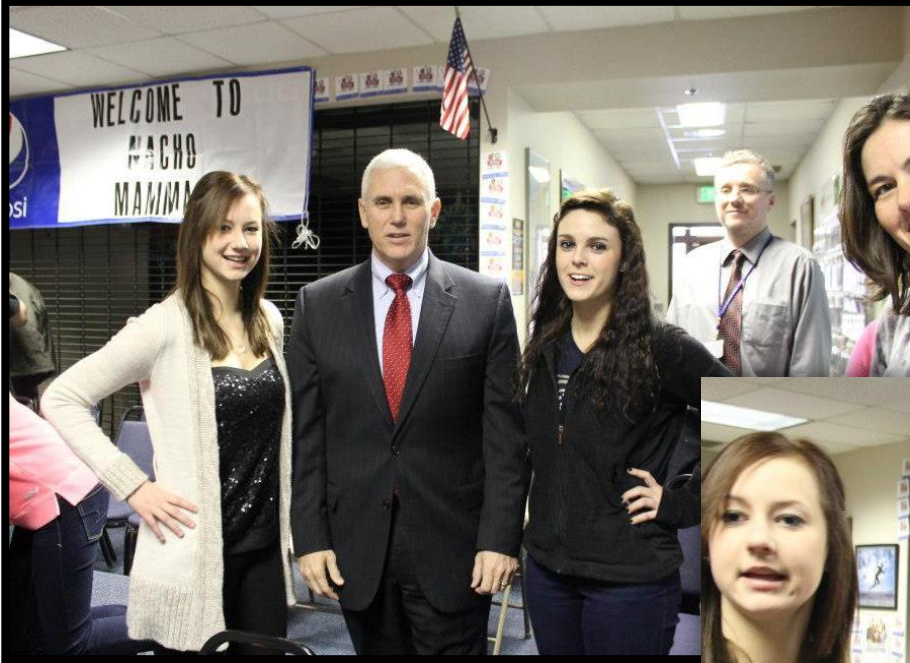


Learning that works  
for America



people to start their careers right out of high school. And maybe continue their education down the road at another time.

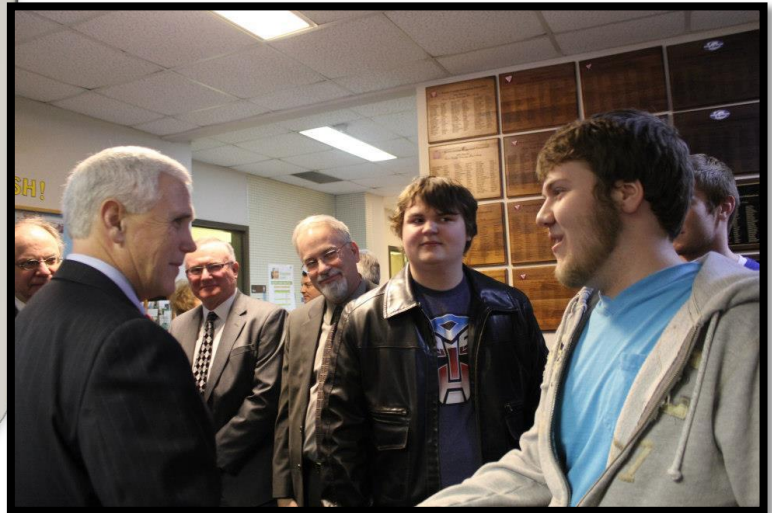
And that's what makes the Porter County Career Center so important because it's really been setting the pace here in the state of Indiana for creating career pathways for young people just like you."



Governor Pence was able to meet with many current students, teachers, three of our graduates (all working full time and attending college), and several of our employer partners. A short video (produced by Megan



Leetz and ready for distribution within one hour) of his visit can be seen at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iH1dSgEgUyw>



## Career Center Star Students Attend Notre Dame Hockey Game



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**Porter County Career & Technical Center  
Outstanding Students /Shining Stars  
Second Quarter, 2012-2013 School Year**



<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1. Nicholas Wesley	Hobart	<i>Auto - AM - Sickles</i>
2. Eric Barzycki	Morgan	<i>Auto - PM - Sickles</i>
3. Jake Millsap	Hobart	<i>Auto - AM - Avalos</i>
4. Kayla Bowman	Portage	<i>Auto - PM - Avalos</i>
5. Dalton Baker	Valparaiso	<i>Bldg Trds - AM - Doane</i>
6. Matthew Fredericks	Valparaiso	<i>Bldg Trds - PM - Doane</i>
7. Jessica Lawton	Boone Grove	<i>Business/Sports &amp; Entertain. Mkt - AM - Commers</i>
8. Katelyn Stocker	Valparaiso	<i>Marketing Interns - PM - Commers</i>
9. Ryan Fortney	Morgan Twp	<i>CAD - AM - Guinee</i>
10. Matt Schmitt	Washington Twp.	<i>CAD - PM - Guinee</i>
11. Dan Malouhos	Boone Grove	<i>Electronics and Computer Tech. - AM - Kenning</i>
12. Riley VanEerd	Boone Grove	<i>Electronics and Computer Tech. - PM - Kenning</i>
13. Takea Mack	Valparaiso	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Edwards</i>
14. Armandina Torres	Portage	<i>Health Occ. - PM - Edwards</i>
15. MaCahlia Reyes	Portage High	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Marcus</i>
16. Michaela Miller	Portage High	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Marcus</i>
17. Karsen Rhein	Valparaiso	<i>Health Careers - PM - Marcus</i>
18. Grant Sanders	Boone Grove	<i>Machine Trades - AM - Carmack</i>
19. Jacob Schultz	Hebron	<i>Machine Trades - PM - Carmack</i>
20. Kenneth Cohen	Hobart	<i>TV Productions - AM - Phelps</i>
21. Megan Leetz	Chesterton	<i>TV Productions - PM - Phelps</i>

"There comes a time in your life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh. Forget the bad, and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right, pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is a part of life, getting back up is living." José N. Harris - A Story of Faith, Hope and Love

## Solar Project Ribbon Cutting



If you missed the Ribbon Cutting for our new solar project, you can watch the 2 minute video developed by Megan Leetz of our Video Productions class. She produced this within 24 hours just like a professional news broadcaster.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtTmt-1Jqx0>



Project students cutting the ribbon with Nipsco President O'leary

Photo above provided by ValpoLife

*“All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.” -- Dr. Martin Luther King*



Mr. Kenning introduced his students to the press conference.

Maya Angelou said, ...our leaders should be “tough but tender, ...smart, fierce, and KIND.”

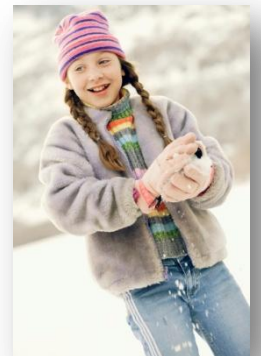
### **Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information**



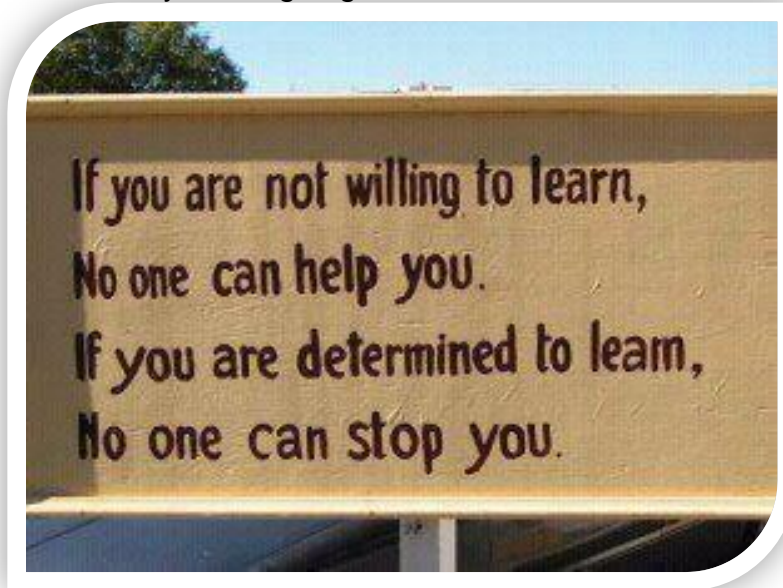
The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the closing decisions of the hosting school. All commuting students should drive carefully and use common sense and their parent’s input when deciding if it is safe to drive to their CTE 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:

- VCS Alert (The registration procedure is available on the Valparaiso Community Schools homepage <http://www.valpo.k12.in.us> ). Go to “School Closing Information” on the left side of the screen. You can register your cell phone to receive a message through this process.
- WLJE Radio 105.5 FM
- WAKE Radio 1500 AM
- [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com)



You don't get to choose how you are going to die, or when. You can only decide how you are going to live. ~ Joan Baez



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## Calendar

- Feb. 11-14, Valentine Gram Week, Fundraiser for Charity to be selected
- Feb. 14, Trip to Chicago Auto Show, leave at 3:30
- April 11, County Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30, Career 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) with news to be published about you and your students.

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