

# Porter County Career and + Technical Education News

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*"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"*  
*"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"*



## Congressman Visclosky Joined with Our Students Sign the No Texting While Driving Pledge

Congressman Pete Visclosky stopped in to visit students at the Porter County Career and Tech Center on April 25. Career and Tech Center students have started a campaign to get every student

and visitor to sign a "No Texting While Driving" pledge. Students strongly understand the related dangers connected to texting while driving. They are suggesting that students put their phones away while driving or identify a passenger as a designated "texter". Pictured is Congressman Visclosky signing the pledge while Career and Tech ambassador, Sam Miller (VHS Video Productions student) observes. Student mentors along with principal, Mr. Groth, chose to pursue this safety effort in order to help remind students to make good choices as the end of the school year, prom, and graduations are all imminent. Our students appreciated the Congressman's visit and his inspirational words given during a school assembly.





**Josh Bleill**

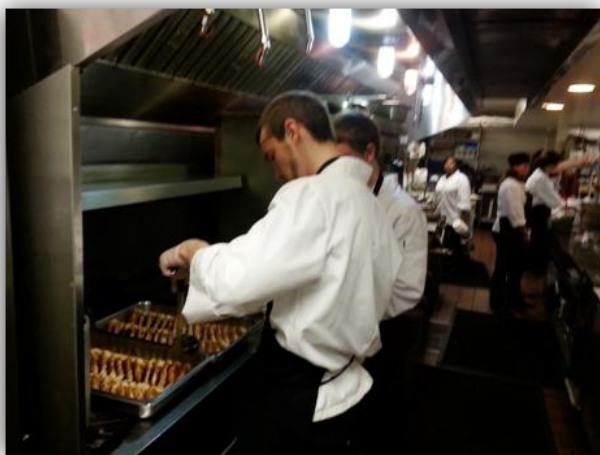
Josh Bleill, Iraq war veteran and double amputee spoke with our students about maintaining hope and overcoming adversity. He said, “falling down is not hard, but deciding to get up is.”



## Students Help Pines Village Residents



Mrs. Marcus' Health Careers students can be seen refurbishing over 55 wheelchairs for Pines Village residents. Besides the good feeling of community service, our students enjoyed their interaction with the elderly residents.



Pictured above are Mr. Buford's Culinary I students also helping at Pines Village. These students helped serve and cook a volunteer thank you breakfast.

Sawyer Kekelik, Hebron (2013 Health Careers grad) now with Superior Ambulance service stopped by the Career Center to tell us how excited he was to have his EMT certification and a job he enjoys.



Carissa Fladeland (Chesterton High School, pictured at left), in Ms. Iddings Early Childhood Education program at South Haven Elementary

School, recently received notification that she was awarded her CDA credential. She is the first student in Porter County to receive this credential while still in high school. Ms. Iddings stated that she is very proud of Carissa and everything she had to do to get this credential.

## HOSA Students Excel in Indianapolis



Pictured are our Health students attending the Health Occupations Student Association Conference and Competition in Indianapolis. These students all qualified for the competition and they brought back numerous awards after competing against over 800 students from across Indiana. We are proud of all of them.

Pictured are (not in order) Ceara Trcka, Dennis Donahue, Jake Krischke, Paige Smith, Ashley Staley, Brianna Nelson, Tierra Williams, Brianna Leuck, Luke Soliday, Liz Rivich, Julia Dalton, Liz Follis, Belle Rochon, Ashly Thalmann, Nikki Vidojevic, Kelly Lyp, Genna Tolari, Jon Nugent, Taylor Segally

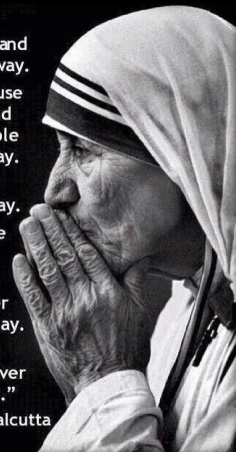
## Porter County Career & Technical Center 3rd Quarter - Students Stars

Name	School	Subject
Hunter Penzato	Hobart	<i>Auto - AM - Sickles</i>
Seth Brimberry	Chesterton	<i>Auto - PM - Sickles</i>
Clinton Welton	Valparaiso	<i>Auto - AM - Avalos</i>
Andrew Vecchi	Valparaiso	<i>Auto - PM - Avalos</i>
Jonah Bello	Hobart	<i>Bldg Trds - AM - Doane</i>
Zachary Minchuk-Bielawski	Kouts	<i>Bldg Trds - PM - Doane</i>
Lorenzo Venturella	Boone Grove	<i>Entrepreneurship/Sports &amp; Entertainment Mkt - AM - Commers</i>
Matt Williams	Morgan	<i>Strategic Marketing Internship - PM - Commers</i>
Mark Wotell	Portage	<i>CAD - AM - Guinee</i>
Brandon Adkins	Washington Twp.	<i>CAD - PM - Guinee</i>
Sam Pauk	Boone Grove	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - AM - Kenning</i>
Jeff Hofferth	Valparaiso	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - PM - Kenning</i>
Stephanie Gonzalez	Portage	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Edwards</i>
Ceara Trcka	Chesterton	<i>Health Occ. - PM - Edwards</i>
Lauryn Thompson	Portage	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Marcus</i>
Brianna Leuck	Morgan	<i>Health Careers - PM - Marcus</i>
Jack Kelly	Portage	<i>Machine Trades - AM - Carmack</i>
Josh Lewis	Wheeler	<i>Machine Trades - PM - Carmack</i>
Kyle Jendrzeczyk	Kouts	<i>Machine Trades-PM- Carmack</i>
Ian Fortney	Valparaiso	<i>TV Productions - AM - Phelps</i>
Alex Riley	Morgan	<i>TV Productions - PM - Phelps</i>

**SURROUND YOURSELF  
WITH THE DREAMERS  
AND THE DOERS  
THE BELIEVERS  
AND THINKERS  
BUT MOST OF ALL  
SURROUND YOURSELF  
WITH THOSE WHO SEE  
GREATNESS  
WITHIN YOU**

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta



### **Ashley Hoeckelberg -- Work Study, Student Manager at Culvers**



Culvers provides opportunities for professional, personal, and financial rewards that go above and beyond many of the local restaurants here in Portage, IN. Culvers encourages team members to aspire to ever higher levels of leadership in the restaurant industry. They also actively assist in developing the skills necessary for growth. can also mean furthering one’s education. As part of the True Blue Crew, Ashley brings her “A” game to every shift. She delivers fresh, delicious food, and a welcoming smile for every guest. Her hard work and dedication to Culver’s has paid off.

(article provided by Ms. Gannon)

### **Mr. Truelove’s Work Study Class at Chesterton**



## Calendar

- May 1, 1:30 Press Conference Regarding Depot Repurposing Effort
- May 3, Brick Stacking at old Depot location in preparation for move, 9 am
- May 6, Technical Honor Society Induction, Wheeler HS Auditorium, 7 pm
- May 9, Final Blood Drive of the Year
- May 23, Student Reward Trip to Railcat Game

## 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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