

# 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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*"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"*

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## Electronic Students Tour Fronius Corporation



Mr. Kenning's Electronic students visited 2013 VHS grad, Paul Bui, at Fronius Corporation's building in the Ameriplex Complex on November 1. The Fronius tour was intended to show our students the state-of-the-art Austrian company that builds inverters for solar collectors, welding

machines, and power generators and located in Portage. Paul started working for Fronius this summer. The students got to see this modern industrial plant that was spotlessly clean, that was employee friendly, with a company picnic area, exercise space, and clean and spacious work areas. The company also utilized "energy pods" which were architecturally significant work pods where small teams of employees could meet or brainstorm. The company had a 60 KwH solar farm on its roof that is about 8 times the size of the solar array on the Career Center roof that Paul helped install while he was a student here.

Ashley Latham (PHS senior, Auto II student) saved this knurling machine for piston skirts from the scrap heap. Mr. Barnes had asked several colleagues who could not identify the machine. Ashley took it upon herself to research its origin.

Ashley discovered that it was manufactured in Indiana and dates to the 1940's. She cleaned it all up, lubed all the moving parts, and made it operational again. Pictured is Mr. Barnes showing Ashley exactly how the machine worked. Ashley is a really neat student who appreciates old stuff. She really works hard at all of her classes to maintain high grades. She also helps take care of her grandparents by checking on them every day before and after school. She also helps her working parents with younger siblings transporting them to their extra activities such as girl scouts and cheer teams. Ashley is an



active, busy, and productive teenager with a hectic schedule!

Culinary I students, Brendon King from Hobart on the left and Ryan Downey from Chesterton on the right. They are participating in real world cooking experiences with chefs at the Valparaiso Harre Student Union Food Service Department.



**"If you Believe it, you can Achieve it"**



### *Portage Construction Class*

Portage Student Builders are starting on a new house building project under the direction of Mr. Brett Dahlgren. Pictured left to right are Alex Jimenez (PHS), Chris Gore (Wheeler) and in red Adam Guerrero (PHS).

### *Students Stay Active in our Sports Medicine class at Hobart*

Mr. Leto's Sports Medicine students learn about injury rehabilitation to include taping, stretching, and various therapies. Pictured is Maresa Williams (PHS) taping up an injured student and Jazmine Lopez (Hobart) is standing at right. In the background can be seen Jonathan Velez (PHS) and seated is Joshua Brewer (PHS) and with her back to the camera is Alyssa Boatner (Wheeler).





### *Welding Students Excel at Ivy Tech*

*Pictured are Elijah Torres (VHS senior) and Andrew Waddell (Portage senior) both 2013 Technical Honor Society inductees. They can be seen working on a welding project in our program at Ivy Tech. Both students will be very close to a welding certificate by the time they finish high school.*

### Portage Dental and Health Science Classes Attended

the Health Occupations Student Organization Leadership Conference in Trafalgar. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Doane took eighteen students to Camp Allendale on October 17 to participate in leadership workshops, challenge education activities, a ropes course, mobile EMT lab, and Medical Evacuation helicopter process, and motivational speakers. Everyone had an eventful and productive experience.





**Porter County Career & Technical Center  
Outstanding Students /Shining Stars  
FIRST Quarter 2013-2014 School Year**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Tyler Sexton</b>	Valparaiso	<i>Auto - AM - Sickles</i>
<b>Quintin Striker</b>	Boone Grove	<i>Auto - PM - Sickles</i>
<b>Timothy Morlock</b>	Valparaiso	<i>Auto - AM - Avalos</i>
<b>Jacob Nix</b>	Kouts	<i>Auto - PM – Avalos</i>
<b>Sean Anderson</b>	Hobart	<i>Bldg Trds – AM - Doane</i>
<b>Austin Owens</b>	Kouts	<i>Bldg Trds – PM - Doane</i>
<b>Rachel Meeks</b>	Morgan	<i>Business Ownership/Sports &amp; Entertainment Mkt – AM – Commers</i>
<b>De’Juan Nelson</b>	Portage	<i>Marketing Internship - PM - Commers</i>
<b>Isaac Foreman</b>	Portage	<i>CAD - AM - Guinee</i>
<b>Miguel Marcano</b>	Hobart	<i>CAD – PM - Guinee</i>
<b>Zackary Walford</b>	Portage	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - AM - Kenning</i>
<b>Tate Kwiecinski</b>	Chesterton	<i>Electronics and Computer Technology - PM - Kenning</i>
<b>Abigail Brubaker</b>	Valparaiso	<i>Health Occ. - AM - Edwards</i>
<b>Spencer Finney</b>	Kouts	<i>Health Occ. - PM - Edwards</i>
<b>Nicole Malouhos</b>	Boone Grove	<i>Health Occ. – AM - Marcus</i>
<b>Elizabeth Rivich</b>	Valparaiso	<i>Health Careers - PM – Marcus</i>
<b>Cody Tratebas</b>	Morgan	<i>Machine Trades - PM - Carmack</i>
<b>William Hartman</b>	Washington	<i>Machine Trades - PM - Carmack</i>
<b>Joshua Wittmer</b>	Morgan	<i>Machine Trades – PM - Carmack</i>
<b>Megan Gulotta</b>	Boone Grove	<i>TV Productions – AM - Phelps</i>
<b>Allie Weiser</b>	Portage	<i>TV Productions – AM - Phelps</i>
<b>Mitch Paxton</b>	Valparaiso	<i>TV Productions – PM - Phelps</i>

## Porter County Career & Technical Education

### 2013 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

#### VALPARAISO PROGRAMS

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

Dec 5, 8-9 a.m.

- Auto Services Technology
- CAD & Animation
- Construction Technology
- Electronics & Computer Technology
- Video Production & Media Studies
- Entrepreneurship/ Sports & Entertainment Mktg.
- Health Careers (HSE I)
- Health Occupations (HSE II)
- Precision Machining
- Strategic Marketing Internship

#### PORTAGE PROGRAMS

Dec. 5, 8-9 a.m.

- Auto Services Technology  
Willowcreek M.S. Rear Entrance
- Construction Technology  
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- Dental Careers PHS-East Door C, Rm. 155
- Health Science PHS-East Door C, Rm. 156  
Education I w/ Anatomy
- Graphic Imaging Tech. PHS-West Door F, Rm. B14

Dec. 5, 1-2 p.m.

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

#### BOONE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

260 S. 500 West, Valparaiso, IN 46385

Dec. 5, 8-9 a.m.

- Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management

#### IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3100 IVY Tech Drive, Valparaiso 46383

Dec 5, 8-9 a.m.

- Welding Technology Main Entrance



#### DON ROBERTS BEAUTY SCHOOL

1354 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso 46385

Dec. 5, 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.5, 8-9 a.m.

- Early Childhood Education Rm. B 8

#### MORGAN TWP. HIGH SCHOOL

299 South State Road 49, Valparaiso 46383

Dec. 5, 1-2 p.m.

- Horticultural Science (In Agriculture Building behind  
the high school adjacent to the fire dept.)

#### WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL

587 West 300 North, Valparaiso 46385

Dec. 5, 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. 5, 8-9 a.m.

- Cisco Networking Fundamentals Front Entrance
- Early Childhood Education Front Entrance
- Emergency Medical Services Front Entrance
- Fundamentals of Sports Medicine Front Entrance





## Register Now . . . Seating is Limited!

### **Parents2Partners - Breaking The Silence**

A Positive Approach to Teen Health, Empower Porter County, Women in Bloom, Inc. and Worthy Recovery Inc dba Worthy Women Recovery Home

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM (CST)

Valparaiso, IN

Register below to attend **Parents 2 Parents, Breaking the Silence** Symposium. Parents and community members unite in BREAKING THE SILENCE about substance abuse & addiction issues.

**Tuesday, December 3, 2013**

**5:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Porter County Expo Center**

**215 Division Road, Valparaiso**

**Hear** from parents and adult children who have overcome and are ready to share their struggles, fears, and hopes for the future.

**Learn** the signs of substance abuse.

**Practice** ways to communicate with your teen about the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

**Become educated, empowered and equipped! Register at:**

[http://www.eventbrite.com/event/8934514373?utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=new\\_eventv2&utm\\_term=eventurl\\_text](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/8934514373?utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=new_eventv2&utm_term=eventurl_text)FREE... refreshments will be served...seating is limited!

## 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/site/Default.aspx?PageID=98> 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)



## Calendar

- November 19, Career Center hosting VCS Board Meeting, 6 pm
- Winter Lights Festival, November 16, Sunset Hill Farm, PCCTC Solar Christmas Tree Light Project will be on display through January 1.
- November 26, Grand Opening of Student Store,
- DECA Business Christmas Party Simulation, December 18, 11:45
- Notre Dame Hockey game, Student Reward Trip, Friday, January 24, 2014
- Chicago Auto Show, Student Reward Trip, Thursday, February 13, 2014
- April 10, Spring Advisory Board Meeting, 3:30, 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) with news to be published about you and your students.

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[www.pccte.org](http://www.pccte.org)



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