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"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"

"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"

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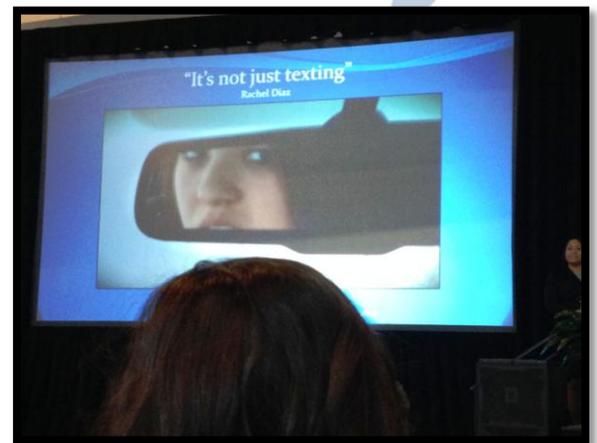
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Television Production students were honored at the Chicago Auto Show by Drive Safe Chicago for coming in first (Rachel Diaz/Portage) and second (Ryan Malerik/Portage) in their safe driving public service announcement contest.

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJa3YJ1Dd_o&sns=em



Rachel and Ryan's families are pictured at left watching the press conference announcing our award winners.

Pictured are our Health Occupation students at their Valparaiso Care and Rehabilitation Center clinical location. Pictured students, left to right, are: Kaitlyn Bell – Wheeler; Ashly Thalmann – Hebron; Genna Tolari – Wheeler; Belle Rochon – Chesterton; Karlee Guerrero – Wheeler; and Erica Penner – Morgan. Wendy (in blue) is the staff training coordinator at the Care and Rehab Center.



Porter County Career and Tech programs is proud of our most recent state data for school reporting standards. Our District ranks 2nd in the state on overall state performance:

- Program Completion Rate: **100%**
 - Placement in work, college, or both: **94.6%**
 - Technical Skill attainment: **96.3%**
 - H.S. Graduation: **97.5%** (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 86.4%)
- In addition, program participants earned **4431** college credits last year

Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom."

-- George S. Patton,
U.S. Army general





Pictured at left are Mr. Guinee’s CAD students who passed the difficult Solidworks certification test. (L-R) Carrie Prohl, Abbey Spicer, and Bob McEwen) Bob even earned a perfect score.



(L-R) Daniel Jones, Rob Gass, and Alexis Marquart shown at right, also passed the industry standard Solidworks exam.

Pictured below are Mrs. Marcus’ students who volunteered to help on the “Save a Kid a Smile” day at the new HealthLinc facility.



Saba Ahmed and Lindsey Nigro are pictured playing with the children at HealthLinc.



Meaghan Spalla and Alicia Abeyta are staffing the coloring station.

“Life’s challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they’re supposed to help you discover who you are.”

- Bernice Johnson Reagon

Pictured below are PCCTE ambassadors talking with Portage 8th grades about the options they will have in high school. Our students are great representatives of our programs.



Challenges are what make
life interesting ~
Overcoming them is what
makes it meaningful

Members of Portage High School's CTE department attended Porter County Career & Technical Education 21st annual faculty dinner on Tuesday night which was held at the Old Town Banquet Center in Valparaiso. Everyone enjoyed a relaxing evening with outstanding colleagues.



**TOGETHER
WE EXCEL!**

CTE Education and Early Childhood Program & South Haven Elementary "Kindness Letter" Project

Students attending the Portage CTE Education & Early Childhood program located at South Haven Elementary help staff member, Mrs. Wasiele and Ms. Iddings organized the "Kindness Letter" project where over 1,100 letters were collected. Every student and staff member of South Haven Elementary received kindness letters from fellow classmates or staff members on Friday, February 13th. "It's a big undertaking," Ms. Iddings; instructor of the CTE Education & Early Childhood program stated, "making sure everyone is accounted for, but it is well worth it." [Students pictured: Liz Cruse, Paige Bedoy, Adryana Morales, Shannon LaBroi, Miriam McWaters, Kaylie Littell, Elizabeth Moreno, Ariel Dover, Christian Gonzalez, Morgan Dooley and Krystal Olson.](#)



Smile, ...let everyone think that you are stronger than you were yesterday!

Kohl's is awarding scholarships up to \$10,000 (nationally) and \$1,000 (locally) for 6-18 year old students through Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program who volunteer in the community. The person nominating needs to be 21 or over so a student cannot nominate themselves or another student.

<https://kohls.scholarshipamerica.org/>

Are You Getting Ready for What You Will Do After High School?

Trip To College Alerts will send you 3-4 age-specific text messages each month. These tips will help you plan for your education after high school.

Go to: <http://www.triptocollege.org/default.aspx#o>

To register, please complete the form at the link above with your mobile phone number and zip code as well as selecting your high school graduation year. Students must be 13 years or older to participate. Standard text messaging rates apply. All students should ask their parent's permission before registering.

*Attention Male Students: all men must register with the selective service when they turn 18 or they can be denied financial aid for college! Learn more @ bit.ly/SelServSys



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, 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/Page/1> Go to "School Closing Information" on the left side of the screen. Click and then you can register your phone with the School Messenger Information link.
- WLJE Radio 105.5 FM
- WAKE Radio 1500 AM
- www.cancellations.com



Calendar

- February 20, Career Center Trip to Chicago Auto Show
- Indiana Awards for Excellence Program in Indianapolis, Feb. 26
- February 27, PCCF Multi-scholarship Application Due Date
- District Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, April 23, 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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