

# 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"**

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The Entrepreneurship/Sports and Entertainment Marketing class joined with the Strategic Marketing students for the First Annual DECA Day. Students attended the special event all day to complete team building exercises, practice DECA exams, and complete their first role play for their upcoming competition in January. Special thanks to Mrs. Heitmann, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Sorenson, Mr. Brad Dolezal, and Mr. Jim Paglia for taking the time to help throughout the day.



**Porter County Career and Tech programs is proud of our most recent state data for school reporting standards. Our District ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



These are pictures from Porter County Sunset Hill Park “No-Can-Do Pond”. The pond is the location where our Computer Assisted Design students under the direction of instructor, Mr. Guinee, will help the park department by designing a pier. The dock will be used by visiting elementary students to do water quality testing of the pond water.

Pictured is Mr. Guinee and Sofia Munguia-Arias (PHS Senior), who is one of the students who will be working on the project, which is funded by an ArcelorMittal grant to the County Parks Foundation. Mr. Guinee and Sofia were invited to the press conference which announced the award of the grant. Walter Lenckos, Park Superintendent, said that the partnership will benefit our students and the 3,500 students who annually visit the park to study the “No-Can-Do-Pond”. This project is funded by a grant from the Arcelor Mittal Corporation to the Porter County Parks Foundation.





## Ivy Tech Welcomes Student Visitors



Students from our Horticulture/Landscape class traveled to Guse Tree Farm in Wanatah (below) to learn about varieties of Christmas trees and the tree industry. Mrs. Sutherlin's class also took a tour of Ivy Tech. An admissions counselor discussed with our students how their college credits would transfer, gave insight into college planning, and discussed financial aid. The students also met the head of the Technology Department. Our students will receive Ivy Tech credit this year. They were greeted by an elf on their visit.



**You've got to go out on a limb sometimes because that's where the fruit is."**

-- Will Rogers, American performer and humorist



**Caroling at Millers Manor**



Being strong isn't always standing your ground and fighting the battles. Sometimes it takes more strength to walk away from the nonsense others create in your life. ~ by Dave Hedges



Pictured below are Mrs. Marcus' Health Careers students during a field trip to ITT Technical Institute.



*"Have a great day and make good choices!"*

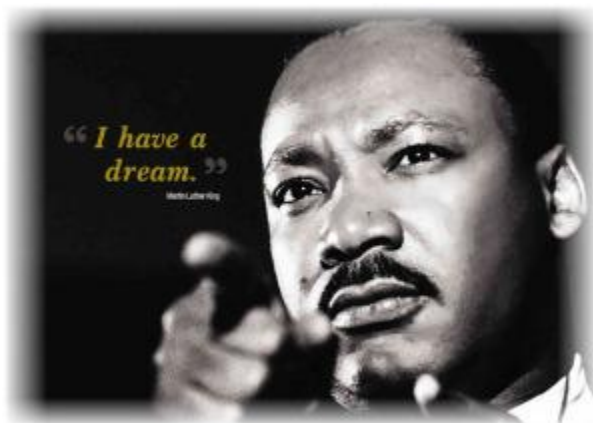
## Valparaiso Area Apprenticeship Advisory Council and the Porter County Career and Tech Center Partnership

The Career Center is the new home for the Valparaiso Area Apprenticeship Advisory Council (VAAAC) apprentice programs.

The VAAAC provides US Bureau of Apprenticeship Training certified programs for Machinists, Millwrights, and Welders. The VAAAC represents over 35 participating employers from across northwest Indiana. Over 100 students attend these programs while working full time for area manufacturing employers. This year, the classes have moved to the Porter County Career and Tech Center in order to share our technical facilities and to promote the collaboration between our two groups.

Apprenticeship programs are a long established system of training skilled employees of a professional trade. Apprenticeships involve on-the-job training and accompanying classroom work. Apprenticeships enable practitioners to develop skills in a well-paid profession while working for a participating employer who helps the apprentices learn their trade through paid on-the-job training. People successfully completing an apprenticeship achieve the journeyman level of competence which is an internationally recognized, portable skill certified by the U.S. Department of Labor.

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is an [American federal holiday](#) marking the birthday of [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around the time of King's birthday which is January 15.

King was the chief spokesperson for [nonviolent](#) activism in the [civil rights movement](#), which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after [his assassination](#) in 1968. [President Ronald Reagan](#) signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later.

President Clinton said, "Dr. King's time with us was too brief. But his vision was so great, his moral purpose was so strong that he made us believe that we could be better than we are and that someday we would be able to walk hand in hand together into a brighter tomorrow." He said, and I quote, "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others?" Today we can say with some pride we have given all Americans a better chance to work together and to help others. This celebration of Dr. King will now be a celebration of his vision of community, his vision of service. And his life proves that it will work for all Americans and for our country.

The strongest oak tree of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It is the one that stands in the open, where it is compelled to struggle for its existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun.

Napoleon Hill

## **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.



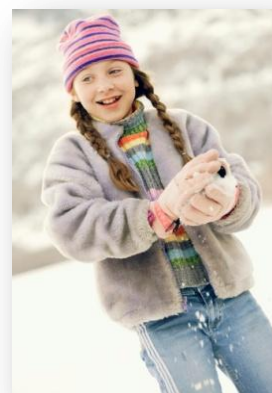
### **Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information**

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/site/Default.aspx?PageID=9>)
- 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)



## **Indiana Lifeline Law**

### **A Reminder to Young Hoosiers: Make the Call. Get Help. Save a Life.**

The Lifeline Law provides immunity for the crimes of public intoxication, minor in possession, minor in consumption, and similar laws, to persons who identify themselves to law enforcement while seeking medical assistance for a person suffering from any medical situation or emergency, including alcohol or drug-related issues.

- The Lifeline Law provides immunity from criminal prosecution for public intoxication, or for a minor possessing, consuming or transporting alcohol, to a person who requested emergency medical assistance for an individual who reasonably appeared in need of medical assistance due to alcohol consumption. It also provides immunity for a person who acted in concert with another person who requested emergency medical assistance.
- To receive immunity, the reporting individual must demonstrate that they are acting in good faith by completing ALL of the following:
  - Provide their full name and any other relevant information requested by the law enforcement officers
  - Remain at the scene with the victim until emergency medical assistance arrives
  - Must cooperate with emergency medical assistance personnel and law enforcement officers at the scene

The Indiana Lifeline law will not interfere with law enforcement procedures or limit the ability to prosecute for other criminal offenses such as providing alcohol to minors, operating vehicles while intoxicated, or the possession of a controlled substance.

The law already gives immunity to callers under 21 years old who are looking for help for someone who has had too much to drink. Senate Bill 227- which took effect July 1, 2014 – extends the law to other medical emergencies, such as when someone falls or has a concussion. It would also protect victims of a sexual assault or those who witness and report a crime from being charged with underage drinking.

## Calendar

- CTE Open Houses, January 22, 8-9 am
- CTE Open Houses, February 5, 8-9 am, and evening Open Houses (at most locations) at 6:30 pm
- February 20, Career Center Trip to Chicago Auto Show

## 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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