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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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**DECA Stars**



**Here are the DECA winners by school:**

**Valparaiso**

- Abbey Thomas (5th in Human Resource Management)
- Evan Cowan (5th in Marketing Management)
- Nick Abreu (4th in Hotel & Lodging Management)

**Morgan Twp**

- Ben Sheets (6th in Principles of Hospitality in Tourism)
- Ben Johansen (5th in Retail Merchandising)
- Kyle Stowers (3rd in Restaurant & Food Service Management)

**Washington Twp**

- Braden Kingery (4th in Financial Services Team Decision Making)
- Nathan Line (4th in Financial Services Team Decision Making)

- Haley Cleveland (3rd in Hotel & Lodging Management)
- Jackson West (1st in Personal Financial Literacy)
- Brooke Regalado (3rd in Automotive Marketing)

**Chesterton**

- Jacob Barnes (6th in Human Resource Management)
- Rachel Vagner (1st in Financial Consulting Event)
- Mekhi Brown (7th in Quick Serve Restaurant Management)

**Portage**

- Jordan Craig (4th in Hospitality Services Team Decision Making)
- Diamond Curry (4th in Hospitality Services Team Decision Making)

Elijah Fleming (1st in Principles of Marketing)  
Jeremiah Sims (7th in Sports & Entertainment Marketing)  
Jeremiah McClain (6th in Sports/Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making)  
Jeffrey Velez (6th in Sports/Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making)

**Kouts**

Jack Higgins (4th in Automotive Marketing)

Lauren Yager (3rd in Hospitality & Tourism Professional Selling)

**Hebron**

Zach Hillestad (2nd in Accounting Applications)

**Boone Grove**

Tyler Pierce (1st in Apparel & Accessories Marketing)  
Christina Gordon (7th in Principles of Marketing)  
Jarred Root (4th in Business Services Marketing)

**Certified CSWA Students**

The following Computer Assisted Design students of Mr. Guinee just passed the prestigious Certified Solidworks Associate exam:

- Emma Awdey, Boone Grove
- Bradley Orgon, Boone Grove
- Natalie Thomas, Boone Grove
- Connor Walls, Valparaiso
- Steven Shields, Boone Grove
- Nathaniel Cunningham, Morgan Twp
- Brett Schneider, Morgan Twp
- Andrew Kohler, Morgan Twp
- Brevin Wittmer, Morgan Twp
- Michael Phillis, Washington Twp
- Lindsey Burgess, Chesterton
- Jen Cacovski, Hebron
- Kyle Krumrie, Hebron



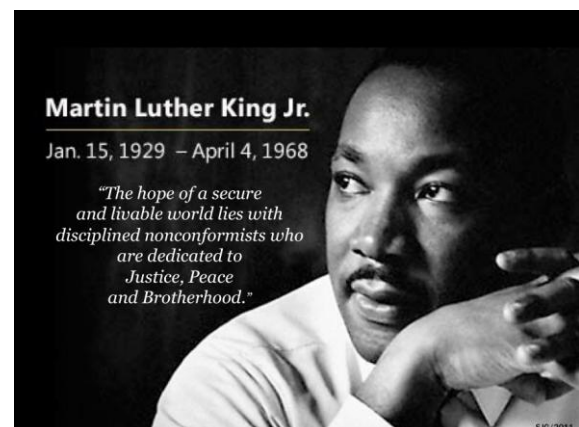
Pictured are Mr. Guinee and four morning, first year students who passed the rigorous, industry certified exam – (l-r) Bradley Oregon, Emma Awdey, Natalie Thomas, and Connor Walls.

## Porter County Career & Technical Center Outstanding Students -- 2nd Quarter 2015-2016 School Year

| Name                     | School      | Class  |
|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| 1. Andrew Charnetzky     | Valparaiso  | <i>Auto II - AM - Sickles</i>  |
| 2. Tyler Roop            | Hebron      | <i>Auto II- PM - Sickles</i>   |
| 3. Justin Stanford       | Hobart      | <i>Auto - AM - Avalos</i>  |
| 4. Angela Alison         | Chesterton  | <i>Auto - PM - Avalos</i>  |
| 5. Leonard Jones         | Hebron      | <i>Auto - PM - Avalos</i>  |
| 6. Jon Hugar             | Boone Grove | <i>Bldg Trds - AM - Biernat</i>                                      |
| 7. Nicholas Conner       | Morgan Twp. | <i>Bldg Trds - PM - Biernat</i>                                      |
| 8. Abbey Thomas          | Valparaiso  | <i>Entrepreneurship/Sports &amp; Entertainment Mkt - AM - Gaulin</i> |
| 9. Ben Savage            | Morgan Twp. | <i>Strategic Marketing Internship - PM - Gaulin</i>                  |
| 10. Emma Awdey           | Chesterton  | <i>CAD - AM - Guinee</i>   |
| 11. Lindsey Burgess      | Chesterton  | <i>CAD - PM - Guinee</i>   |
| 12. Nolan McDonald       | Portage     | <i>Electronics and Computer Technology - AM - Thormahlen</i>         |
| 13. William Albertson    | Chesterton  | <i>Electronics and Computer Technology - PM - Thormahlen</i>         |
| 14. Dienaille Turnipseed | Portage     | <i>Health Occ. - AM - Edwards</i>                                    |
| 15. Morgan Skube         | Chesterton  | <i>Health Occ. - PM - Edwards</i>                                    |
| 16. Jayde Berdovich      | Valparaiso  | <i>Health Occ. - AM - Marcus</i>                                     |
| 17. Ava Devaney          | Valparaiso  | <i>Health Careers. - PM - Marcus</i>                                 |
| 18. Iszak Morgan         | Portage     | <i>Machine Trades - AM - Carmack</i>                                 |
| 19. Bryce Vann           | Boone Grove | <i>Machine Trades - PM - Carmack</i>                                 |
| 20. Johnny Newell        | Boone Grove | <i>TV Productions - AM - Phelps</i>                                  |
| 21. Ben Nielsen          | Valparaiso  | <i>TV Productions - PM - Phelps</i>                                  |

**"Obstacles can't stop you. Problems can't stop you. Most important of all, other people can't stop you. Only you can stop you."**

-- Jeffrey Gitomer, business trainer and writer





## 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:

- WLJE Radio 105.5 FM
- WAKE Radio 1500 AM
- [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com)



## Seniors – It is time to pursue financial aid for college

Seniors (and their parents) should create a Federal Student Aid ID anytime now as the season approaches for filing Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This year, the student and the parent both need personal ID's.

Go to: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Create a username and password. Create a challenge question and answer it. Provide a verifiable email address. If the student is already accepted at a college and already have a college email, they may use that email address.

In January, it will be time for seniors (with parents) to fill out the FAFSA by Mar. 10. The site is [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

Every senior should fill out a FAFSA. It is free and required for many scholarship programs. Many area schools will host financial aid nights. These nights are led by college financial aid experts.

- Valparaiso -- Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m., cafeteria
- Wheeler -- Wednesday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m., auditorium
- Chesterton -- Jan. 21, 7 p.m., cafeteria (entrance #1)
- Boone Grove -- Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m., computer lab
- Portage -- Feb. 24, 6 p.m., PHS East auditorium



## 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.

***Porter County Career and Tech programs is proud of our most recent state data for school reporting standards (2014-015 School Year). Our District ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state on overall state performance:***

Program Completion Rate: **100%**

Placement in work, college, or both: **97.7%**

Technical Skill attainment: **94.9%**

H.S. Graduation: **97.7%** (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 86.4%)

In addition, program participants earned **4,230** college credits last year

# Porter County Career & Technical Education

## 2016 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

### VALPARAISO PROGRAMS

*Porter County Career & Technical Center*

*1005 N. Franklin St., Valparaiso 46383*

**Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Auto Services Technology   ▪ Health Science Ed. I
- CAD & Animation                   w/ Anatomy
- Construction Trades       ▪ Health Science Ed. II
- Electronics & Computer Technology
- Entrepreneurship/Sports & Entertainment Mktg
- Precision Machining
- Strategic Marketing Internship
- Video Production & Media Studies
- **Computer Tech Support -- NEW program @ VHS, but Open House will be at the Career Center**

### PORTAGE PROGRAMS

**Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Auto Services Tech   Willowcreek M.S. Rear Entrance
- Construction Trades   Willowcreek M.S. Rear Entrance
- 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
- Industrial Mechanics 1   PHS - East Door C, Rm. 110

**Feb. 2, 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Diesel Service Technology  
Green Building N.E. of PHS-E
- Early Childhood Education   South Haven Elem. Rm. 25
- Work Study                   PHS East Door C Rm. 306  
(no evening visit for Work Study)

### BOONE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

*260 S. 500 West, Valparaiso, IN 46385*

**Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management

### IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*3100 IVY Tech Drive, Valparaiso 46383*

**Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Welding Technology       Main Entrance

### DON ROBERTS BEAUTY SCHOOL

- Cosmetology               **NEW DATES**

*At PCCTC, 1005 N. Franklin St., Valpo 46383*

**Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

*At Don Roberts, 1354 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso 46385*

**Feb. 20, 1:00-3 p.m. (all candidates should attend)**

### SELF SCHOOL

*750 Ransom Road, Valparaiso 46385*

**Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Early Childhood Education   Rm. F 1

### MORGAN TWP. HIGH SCHOOL

*299 South State Road 49, Valparaiso 46383*

*(In Agriculture Building)*

**Feb. 2, 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Horticultural Science

### WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL

*587 West 300 North, Valparaiso 46385*

**Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Criminal Investigations                   Entrance E
- Criminal Justice System                 Entrance E

### HOBART HIGH SCHOOL

*2211 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Hobart 46342*

**Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Cisco Networking Fundamentals       Front Entrance
- Early Childhood Education           Front Entrance
- Emergency Medical Services         Front Entrance
- Fundamentals of Sports Medicine     Front Entrance
- Strategic Marketing Field Experience   Front Entrance

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## Calendar

- Feb. 2, Open Houses, most are 8 - 9 am, and 6:30-7:30 pm
- February 5, Blood Drive at the Career and Tech Center, 8 – 2
- February 19, Chicago Auto Show Trip
- District Advisory Committee Meeting, April 14, 3:30 – 4:30

## 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.

It is the policy of the Porter County Career and Technical Education Program to comply with all state and federal regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in enrollment procedures or access to programs.

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



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