

Porter County Career and Technical Education News

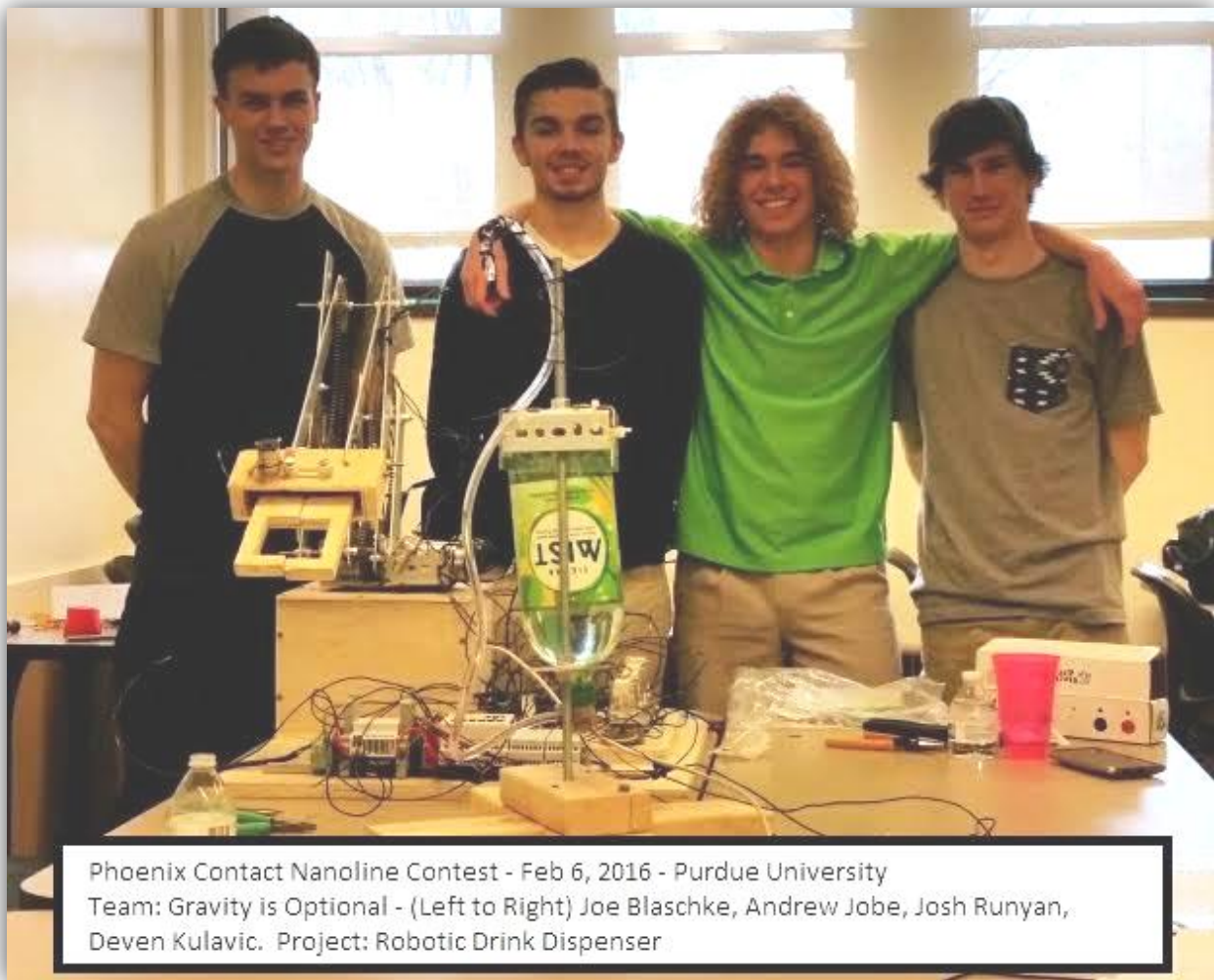
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"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"
"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"



Phoenix Contact Nanoline Contest - Feb 6, 2016 - Purdue University
Team: Gravity is Optional - (Left to Right) Joe Blaschke, Andrew Jobe, Josh Runyan, Deven Kulavic. Project: Robotic Drink Dispenser



Mrs. Wilson's Health Science class got to hear from an alumnus who is now making a difference around the world.

Pictured is Dr. Sophia Guardiola NP, visiting and presenting to our PHS Health Sciences classes. Sophia graduated in 2003 from PHS, Earned her CNA from the Porter County Career and Tech Center, ARN from PNC, BSN from Cambridge College, and her Doctorate from Cambridge. She has been a travel nurse and has worked all over the United States. She has worked several mission work related trips and worked at Rush for 10 years in the Intensive Care Unit. Dr. Guardiola is now moving to Arizona to work in Neurosurgery. She is making a difference around the world and sharing her knowledge, skills, and passion with our present students.

**Indiana Award for Excellence
Best CTE Program in Indiana Award
Goes to the Porter County Career and Tech Center's
Video and Media Productions Class and Instructor, Mr. Phelps**



February 16, our Video Productions program was named the Program Award for Excellence winner in Indiana. Congratulations to instructor Mr. Phelps and his past and present students.

Video Productions instructor, Bob Phelps, is a true professional educator. His experience includes a BA from Ball State in telecommunications and work experience at WNDU in South Bend, Fox 59 in Indianapolis, and WIPB in Muncie. He also won numerous industry awards for his productions and photojournalism work. He continues to maintain

his professionalism by contract work in the field. He is a faculty leader and acknowledged instructional technology expert and serves on the District Technology Committee.

The Video Productions class locally is known for its video productions for non-profit agencies to include the Community Foundation, Opportunity Enterprises, the Women's Shelter, the United Way, and numerous others. The quality of our student work always exceeds expectations. The program is also proud of its designation as Outstanding Student Television program in Indiana as designated by the Indiana Student Broadcasting Association last year. The ISBA has given our class numerous awards over the years. A few years ago, a student won one of the top student awards at the ISBA, even though she was seriously ill and had to be home schooled by Mr. Phelps, who used a variety of advanced instructional technology to facilitate her learning while she was home. The program also does remote work to include live sporting events, musical, and theatrical live streaming.

Program graduates have gone on to tremendous success that includes one working for the David Letterman show, another group of graduates who won the national 24 hour film race, another who is a successful actress, and another group of grads who are operating their own production company in Chicago, Old North Film Company. Our Video Productions program was nominated and unanimously endorsed by our District Advisory Board for the award.

Pictured are Some of Our Outstanding Students of the 2nd Grading Period



Morning Stars



Afternoon Stars

Class Fair Picts



Pictured are PCCTE student mentors out telling and showing Portage middle school students about CTE programs. Our students are terrific ambassadors and spokespersons for our classes.



**Please register to vote if you will be 18 by the next election,
go to the following website to register online:**

<https://indianavoters.in.gov/PublicSite/OVR/Introduction.aspx?Link=Polling>

Indiana offers you the ability to submit your voter registration application online. Specifically, this online voter registration application allows you to apply to register to vote in Indiana, change your name on your voter registration record, or change the address on your voter registration record.

In order to be eligible to register to vote, you must:

- be a citizen of the United States,
- be at least 18 years old on the day of the next general, municipal, or special election,
- have lived in your precinct for at least 30 days before the next general, municipal, or special election (except for certain military voters); and
- not currently be imprisoned after being convicted of a crime.

In order to register online, you must also possess a current and valid Indiana driver's license or Indiana State identification card. The State of Indiana will use your digitized signature on-file with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles as your voter registration signature. Only the voter registration information you provide and your digitized signature will be sent to your county voter registration office upon concluding the online voter registration application process.

Registration Deadline: 29 days before the election

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 2nd in the state on overall state performance:

Program Completion Rate: **100%**

Placement in work, college, or both: **95.8%**

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

Calendar

- Spring Break, March 21-25
- District Advisory Committee Meeting, April 14, 3:30 – 4:30
- May 3, Technical Honor Society Induction, 7 pm, Wheeler HS Auditorium
- May 6, Final Blood Drive of the Year and Bone Marrow Donor Drive at the Career 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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