



# 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"*



## Health Occupation Students Conducted a Successful Holiday Food Drive



Our food collection was sent to the Immanuel Lutheran and the Methodist Church Food Pantries. Donations came from every class at the Career and Tech Center.



**Tenacity (defined) by Winston Churchill:**  
*Success is going from one failure to another without a loss of enthusiasm!*

**Porter County Career & Technical Center  
Outstanding Students/Shining Stars  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
2017-2018 School Year**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>Nathan Lewis</b>	<b>Valparaiso</b>	<i>Auto II – AM – Wester</i>
<b>Chris Mills</b>	<b>Chesterton</b>	<i>Auto II – PM – Wester</i>
<b>Joe Vessely</b>	<b>Valparaiso</b>	<i>Auto I – AM – Garcia</i>
<b>Kayla Cadle</b>	<b>Chesterton</b>	<i>Auto I – PM – Garcia</i>
<b>Cory Krieter</b>	<b>Boone Grove</b>	<i>Bldg Trds – AM – Biernat</i>
<b>Jacob Dobrowski</b>	<b>Boone Grove</b>	<i>Bldg Trds – AM – Biernat</i>
<b>Ruben Niaves</b>	<b>Wheeler</b>	<i>Bldg Trds – PM – Biernat</i>
<b>Sean Murphy</b>	<b>Morgan Twp.</b>	<i>Bldg Trds – PM – Biernat</i>
<b>Sara Timmons</b>	<b>Portage</b>	<i>Entrepreneurship/Sports &amp; Ent Mkt – AM – Ammons</i>
<b>Kyler Gudeman</b>	<b>Kouts</b>	<i>Strategic Marketing Internship – PM – Ammons</i>
<b>Myles Davis</b>	<b>Portage</b>	<i>CAD – AM – Guinee</i>
<b>Cody Maxwell</b>	<b>Morgan Twp.</b>	<i>CAD – PM – Guinee</i>
<b>Nick Marrell</b>	<b>Valparaiso</b>	<i>Electronics and Computer Tech – AM – Thormahlen</i>
<b>Lukas Mergenthaler</b>	<b>Kouts</b>	<i>Electronics and Computer Tech – PM – Thormahlen</i>
<b>Enedey Mario Solis</b>	<b>Portage</b>	<i>Health Occ. – AM – Edwards</i>
<b>Brock Pappas</b>	<b>Wash. Twp.</b>	<i>Health Occ. – PM – Edwards</i>
<b>Everardo Zuniga</b>	<b>Portage</b>	<i>Health Occ. – AM – Marcus</i>
<b>Savanna Cain</b>	<b>Boone Grove</b>	<i>Health Careers – PM – Marcus</i>
<b>Matt Wirth</b>	<b>Valparaiso</b>	<i>Machine Trades – AM – Carmack</i>
<b>Josh Bencie</b>	<b>Morgan Twp.</b>	<i>Machine Trades – PM – Carmack</i>
<b>Isaac Sum</b>	<b>Wash. Twp.</b>	<i>Machine Trades – PM – Carmack</i>
<b>Zachary McGuire</b>	<b>Valparaiso</b>	<i>Video Productions – AM – Phelps</i>
<b>Jonas Wald</b>	<b>Wash. Twp.</b>	<i>Video Productions – PM – Phelps</i>

“Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality.”  
Abraham Lincoln



### Afternoon Stars



### Morning Stars



## Construction Photo Update



*"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again... who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly." - Theodore Roosevelt*

## Hannah Baldwin celebrating her "Perfect Score" on the industry standard, Solidworks Certification (CSWA) test.

CAD instructor Mr. Guinee reports that the following students all passed the rigorous CSWA exam:

- Kyer Kneifel - Kouts
- Mackenzie Taulbee - Kouts
- Mitchel Smith - CHS
- Cameron Chapman - Morgan
- Jacob Wells - Morgan
- Hannah Baldwin – Wash Twp HS \*Perfect Score!\*





Regional Finalists Announced for Chicago Auto Show PSA Contest  
Cheyanne Montozzi, Boone Grove; Haynen Johnson, Wash Twp;  
Lauren Royter, Kouts

The Chicago Auto Show named 3 finalists for the Drive Safe Chicago Public Service Announcement Contest. All three finalists were from our Video Productions class taught by Mr. Phelps. All will be competing for the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize of \$2000. All of their videos will be shown at the Press Conference for the Opening of the Chicago Auto Show.

A professional production team from New York flew here to work with our students to shoot and produce all three videos. Please congratulate these three hard working students!



*"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." Dalai Lama*

Congratulations to Haynen Johnson (above left), the winner of the Drive Safe Chicago PSA Contest, Cheyanne Montozzi (above right) was the runner up, and Lauren Royter (below left) was the second runner up. For the official press release from the go to:

<http://www.nrsf.org/sites/default/files/press-releases/Drive-Safe-Chicago-2018-winner.pdf>



In a special presentation, Mr. Phelps was also honored by the Drive Safe Organization for teaching our students and for his students' success in multiple years of competition.



**Culinary Students -- Kerigan, Joshua, and Andrew can be seen making breakfast sandwiches for the café at Valparaiso University's Student Union.**



Sara Gernenz and her healthy and delicious Fruit Pizza. Yum!

**Porter County Career and Tech program is proud of our most recent state data (2016-017 School Year). Our District was one of the only three districts to exceed all required core standards:**

*Program Completion Rate: 99.7%*

*Placement in work, college, or both: 96%*

*Technical Skill attainment: 89%*

*H.S. Graduation: 95% (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 86.4%)*

*In addition, students earned 4,457 college credits last year*



## Celebrating our Early College Partnership with Vincennes University

Vincennes University President Chuck Johnson visited the Career Center to see our new Precision Machining Lab. In addition to meeting with faculty and area employers, President Johnson brought a commitment to contribute over \$300,000 in equipment to our new lab. Pamela Mishler-Fish is our local Early College Director.

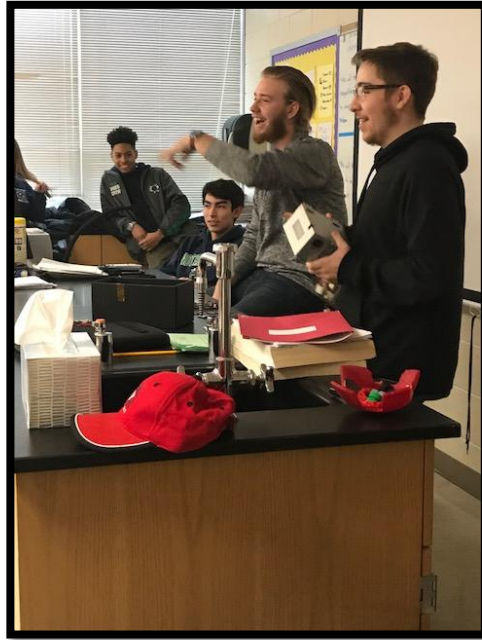
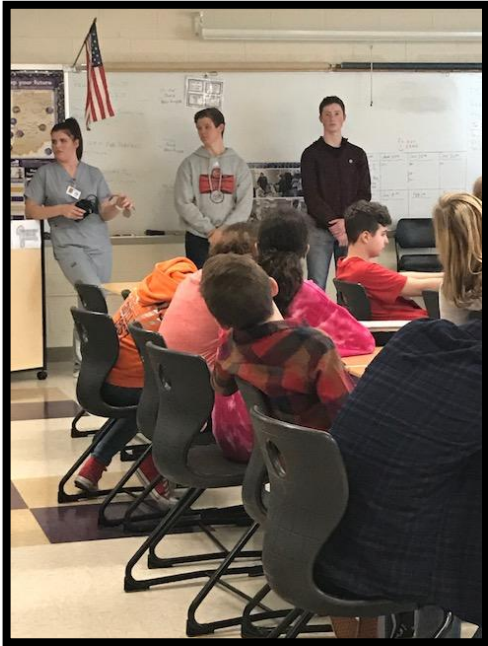


Pictured below is instructor, Greg Carmack, alongside the father of one of our students who was selected for a Next Generation Vincennes Scholarship.



At left is Professor Bill Schoech and Stew McMillan, Task Force Tips CEO. Mr. McMillan has been a strong supporter of our program and a developer of the Next Generation Scholarship program.

*"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." -- Mother Teresa*



CTE Mentors Go Out to Schools to Explain CTE programs to younger students.

## Safer Internet Day is February 6

This is some great information for a class discussion about social media and the internet. Microsoft started a teen Council for Digital Good about online life and teenagers. Teen members of the council came up with the ideas and recommendations themselves.

*Skills – Some important competencies for life online*

- **Build and repair resilience** to ensure young people can bounce back from unpleasant online experiences.
- **Pause and think** before sending or posting.
- **Your online profile represents YOU** so, be sure to present yourself in the best possible and truthful light.
- **Be a skeptic** and question the actions and motivations of others.
- **Instill morals** and teach children ethics and etiquette online; it will serve them well online and in adulthood.

*Advice – Additional points that highlight the need for “skills” and “perspective”*

- **Wait until you’re 13** and meet the age requirements to use social media.
- **Take off the mask** and be online who you are in real life.
- **Disagree respectfully** rather than by lashing out.
- **Your voice and report [to trusted authorities] matter**, so take advantage of tech companies’ resources for reporting illegal or harmful content and conduct.
- Use the power of the internet to **empower** others.

*Perspective – Thoughts for maintaining a healthy online outlook*

- **Your screen is 2D while real life is 3D** – What’s online can fall flat, so always consider context and other factors.
- **Don’t be a prisoner to your cellphone** by letting online interactions control your life.
- **Posts affect you and your family**, so remember, once you hit send, there’s no taking them back.
- **No, you’re not getting a free iPhone** – If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- **Focus on the life you live** and don’t let technology dominate daily activities.

The teens have offered some great counsel to help everyone lead safer, more productive and more fun-filled lives online.



For more information on NWI apprenticeship programs go to: <http://webuildnwi.com/trade-careers.html>



## Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information

The Porter County Career and Tech Center 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)

Follow on Twitter:  
PCCareerCenter

You may opt-in to the Valpo Schools text messaging service for school closing information by following the directions below:

In order to participate in the new service you must indicate your willingness to receive text messages to your phone. The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete. **Simply text any one of the following words to the number 68453: subscribe, optin, yes.**



## Please Do Not Text and Drive!

### This is our CTE District Initiative – No Texting While Driving

Texting behind the wheel is killing people. Youthful drivers are especially at risk. One in ten teen drivers involved in a fatal crash were distracted, and a quarter of teens send a text every time they drive. Texting while driving is dumb and illegal, but even worse would be explaining how you lost a friend because of your unnecessary texting. Please sign our No Texting While Driving Pledge located in our Career Center Commons Area.

- ✓ Put your phone away while driving (purse or glove compartment)
- ✓ Designate a passenger to do the texting for you
- ✓ Pull over to answer the phone or to type or read a text
- ✓ Don't be the next Distracted Driving victim!

### 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: [www.triptocollege.org](http://www.triptocollege.org)**

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

Visit “Porter County Career Network” on Facebook for job search and resume tips, plus area job openings, and more career advice from Mr. Zimmerman. URL: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/portercountycareernetwork/>

Also “like” our FB page: Porter County Career and Tech Center.

## Attention ALL Seniors

The window is now open for seniors and their parents to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The first step is for both student and parent to get the FAFSA ID at this site. Indiana's deadline to file is **March 10, 2018 (midnight, Central Time)**. It is highly recommended that you fill out the FAFSA **as soon as you can after October 1** to ensure that you do not miss out on available aid!

Families will use income information from 2016 to fill out the form. Direct help is available at College Goal Sunday Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. at sites around the state. See [collegegoalsunday.org](http://collegegoalsunday.org).

## Calendar

Field Trip to Chicago Auto Show, Thursday, February 15

District Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30, Thursday, April 12, 2018

## Our Newsletter

*Porter County Career and Technical Education News* is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our students and staff. 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](mailto:jgroth@valpo.k12.in.us)) with news to be published about you and your students.

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