

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



District CTE Student Stars

The following students were selected out of 1200 eligible students as our Outstanding Students of the Year:

"Hard work pays off," in the words of **Hannah Christy**, Boone Grove High School senior. Two years of Video Production and Media Studies have helped Hannah gain confidence. The 18-year-old is looking at Indiana University or Loyola University to continue in a media-related field.

Besides producing athletic and other events, she served as queen in the Madrigals dinner this year and has been active in school drama activities since freshman year.



Making connections and helping people inspire **Brock Pappas**, 17. The Washington Township senior would like to become a physicians's assistant or earn a master's degree in nursing. He has studied Health Science Education 1 and 2 at the Career Center.

The three-sport athlete counts Student Council, National Honor Society and DECA among his school activities. Career and Technical Education has shown him all different options for the future, he added, and will let him jump right into college studies.



Forensic psychology interests **Austyn Pryatel** after a year of Early Childhood Education and a year of Criminal Investigations. The Morgan Township senior will combine a double major of Criminal Justice and Psychology at Trine University.

Career and Tech Ed class has helped this 17-year-old shape what she'd like to do after high school and also helped her meet new people and make friends who have common interests. Her long list of school activities includes four years of Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and FFA.

Megan Stilwell, Portage High School senior, will use skills learned in Health Science Education 1 and Dental Careers to become certified as a chair side dental assistant while studying to become a teacher. She might even become a career and tech ed teacher. She counts Indiana University among possible destinations.

Her activities have included Natural Helpers, both as a member and staffer, Student Council and National Honor Society. CTE classes have given this 17-year-old more of a sense of responsibility and a sense of what exactly to expect in college.

All four students will have a permanent plaque with his/her name and picture on the wall of the Career and Tech Center. They are to be commended for being exemplary students and representing Career and Technical Education at the highest level.



Tenacity (defined) Winston Churchill:

Success is going from one failure to another without a loss of enthusiasm!



Meet Naomi Dobrowski



Before joining the Culinary Arts program at Boone Grove, Mrs. Dobrowski worked for Valparaiso Community Schools. She fulfilled the extra requirements for Culinary Arts upon her most recent teaching license renewal. Mrs. Dobrowski is passionate about baking and reading and enjoys spending her free time with her husband and kids. She would love to spend more time at the beach. She enjoys the students she is meeting through the Culinary Arts program. Her favorite dessert to bake is cheesecake and she has many of her own special recipes.

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.



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

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

“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.” Mother Teresa

“You can’t put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the further you get.” Michael Phelps

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:

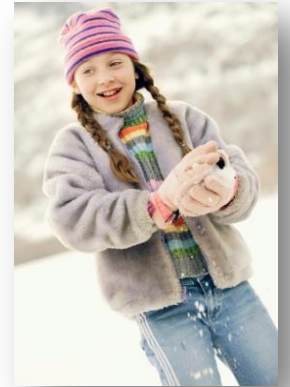
- WLJE Radio 105.5 FM
- WAKE Radio 1500 AM

www.cancellations.com

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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

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

Porter County Career and Tech program is proud of our most recent state data (2015-016 School Year). Our District was one of the only ten districts to exceed all required core standards:

Program Completion Rate: 100%

Placement in work, college, or both: 100%

Technical Skill attainment: 93%

H.S. Graduation: 98.7% (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 86.4%)

In addition, students earned 4,960 college credits last year

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. 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.

Calendar

International Safer Internet Day, February 6

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) 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.

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