



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



Horticulture students were busy preparing floral arrangements for Valentine's Day.

Pictured below left, are Casey Morton (Kouts) and Brianna Nolan (Washington Twp.)



Jaycie Majcher (Hebron) and her HUGE pumpkin plant.



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

Phoenix Nanoline Contest



Pictured is our student automated child safety seat which was entered a national Phoenix Nanoline Contest. The project won the Entrepreneurial award as the most marketable project. The student idea was to create safety features into the child seat that would assure child safety in the event they were accidentally locked in a car. The contest was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The students are all 2nd year Electronics students in Mr. Thormahlen's Electronics class.

(l-r, Joseph Funk, Wash Twp.; Jorge Apolo, Valpo; Lukas Mergenthaler, Kouts; Will Corneil, Wash Twp.; Mitch Trcka, Chesterton; Jacob Becker, Morgan Twp.)

"Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."

- John F. Kennedy



Our Video Productions class (teacher, Mr. Phelps) returned from the Indiana Association of Student Broadcasters (IASB) contest last night where they were named the #1 Television Broadcasting School in Indiana. This the 3rd time in four years and the 4th such award in Mr. Phelps' 12 year teaching career. He has built a dynasty!

Program Award – Porter County Career and Tech Center, *Television School of the Year!*

Individual Winners:

- Emma Pollitt (Valpo) - *Television News Anchor Finalist*
- Jason Gladney (Valpo) - 3rd Place, *Television Copywriting*
- Alexis Creviston (BGHS) - 3rd Place, *Television PSA Production*
- Tyree Jakes (Valpo) - 1st Place, *Television Package*
- 1st Place, *Videography*
- Haynen Johnson (WTHS) - 2nd Place, *Videography*
- 2nd Place, *In Depth Video*
- Sylvia Badea - (Hobart), *Show Video Open/Close*
- Cheyenne Montozzi - (BGHS) - 2nd Place, *Sound Design*
- Payton Ball (Wheeler) & Hannah Christy (BGHS) - 3rd Place, *Live Telecast*
- Hannah Christy (BGHS) - 1st Place, *Video Magazine*





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

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

Pictured are two of our students who were invited to sit on a roundtable discussion with US Senator Todd Young talking about their successes in Career and Technical Education. (L-R, the students are Haley Clark (CAD student from Wash Twp) and Courtney Milzarek (Health Careers student from Chesterton).

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!

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

February 2018 Press Release

Vincennes University invests in precision machining program

VALPARAISO, Ind. - A 2016 partnership between Porter County Education Services and Vincennes University introduced the Early College program to the Porter County Career and Technical Center. Through Early College, high school students are offered a higher education experience that prepares them to simultaneously earn a certificate or an associate degree while earning a high school diploma.

Now, students seeking careers in precision machining will benefit from the completion of a new addition to the Center and an equipment grant from Vincennes University that provided more than \$300,000 in new CNC equipment, manual/conventional equipment, tooling, cabinets, benches, and tables. The Center's Next Generation Scholarship program annually provides qualified students with full-ride scholarships to continue their education at VU.

The development of the program came about when executives from Urschel Labs, Task Force Tips, and the Center for Workforce Innovations visited the Vincennes University campus to tour VU's Precision Machining facilities. Discussions with VU President Chuck Johnson and area businesses centered on ways to improve the connection between the school, students, and regional employers.

"Vincennes has been a major contributor in helping us solve our local workforce shortage in qualified manufacturing candidates," said Jon Groth, director and principal for Porter County Career and Technical Education.

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY - Indiana's First College

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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

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

Calendar

Spring Break, March 26-30

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.

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