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"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"

"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"



**Porter County Career & Technical Center
Outstanding Students
3rd Quarter, 2017-2018 School Year**



Name	School	Class
Josh Gaskin	Boone Grove	Auto II - AM – Wester
Joe Klein	Kouts	Auto II– PM – Wester
Ben Stewart	Wash. Twp.	Auto - AM – Garcia
James Churchill	Wash. Twp.	Auto – PM – Garcia
Jacob Evers	Valpo	Bldg Trds – AM Biernat
Colin Burton	Wash. Twp.	Bldg Trds – PM – Biernat
Corrine Martin	Wash. Twp.	Entrepreneurship/Sports Mkt – Ammons
Josie Crider	Kouts	Strategic Marketing Internship - PM - Ammons
Andrew Spores	VHS	CAD - AM - Guinee
Hannah Baldwin	Wash. Twp.	CAD – PM - Guinee
Ridhwan Adisa	Boone Grove	Electronics & Computer Technology - Thormahlen
Philip Betts	Hebron	Electronics & Computer Technology - Thormahlen
Cailee Hodges	Portage	Health Occ. - AM - Edwards
Austin Chas	Hebron	Health Occ. - PM - Edwards
Molly McLaughlin	Chesterton	Health Occ. - AM – Marcus
Taylor Bowser	Chesterton	Health Careers. - PM - Marcus
Michael Ball	Wash. Twp.	Machine Trades - AM - Carmack
Austin Balcerak	Wash. Twp.	Machine Trades – AM – Carmack
Carl Mullins	Hebron	Machine Trades – PM Carmack
Jay Edwards	Valpo	Machine Trades – PM - Carmack
Hunter Pritchard	Wash. Twp.	TV Productions – AM – Phelps
Zach Collins	Kouts	TV Productions – PM – Phelps



Tenacity (defined) by Winston Churchill:

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



Joe Baker

Congratulations to Mr. Joe Baker for receiving the prestigious Porter County United Way Spirit Award for volunteerism. Joe was one of 8 community volunteers selected. Joe was the first inductee into our Career Center Volunteer Hall of Fame and does a number of important things in our building from mentoring students in electrical construction, substitute teaching, and helping all faculty and students at the Career Center. Joe is also an active Kiwanian and a volunteer with Scouting and the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum. Joe was elected as an officer for the Porter County Building Trades Corporation which oversees our student building projects.

Joe was also nominated for the Valparaiso Kiwanis Club Volunteer of the Year and recognized by that Club for his tremendous volunteerism.

"Leave the world a better place than you found it."
Abraham Lincoln and others



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

- John F. Kennedy

Health Careers Students Visited the Ivy Tech Dissection Laboratory



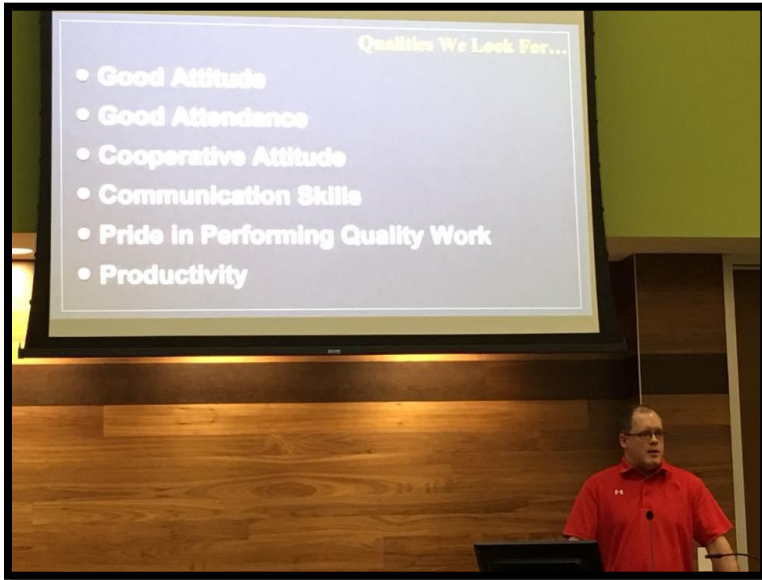
Mrs. Marcus' Health Careers students are shown visiting the Ivy Tech Dissection laboratory.

Urschel Scholarships are Announced

Daniel Kohler (left) and Josh Bencie, both of Morgan Twp. are pictured after being

announced as the winners of the Urschel Next Generation Scholarship awards. The scholarships include a full ride to Vincennes University and a full time job at Urschels during the summer and school breaks. They are both joining a progressive and dynamic local company. Pictured with them are Plant Manager Jason Martin (in red), instructor Mr. Carmack in the center, and Tracie Lopez of the human resources department.





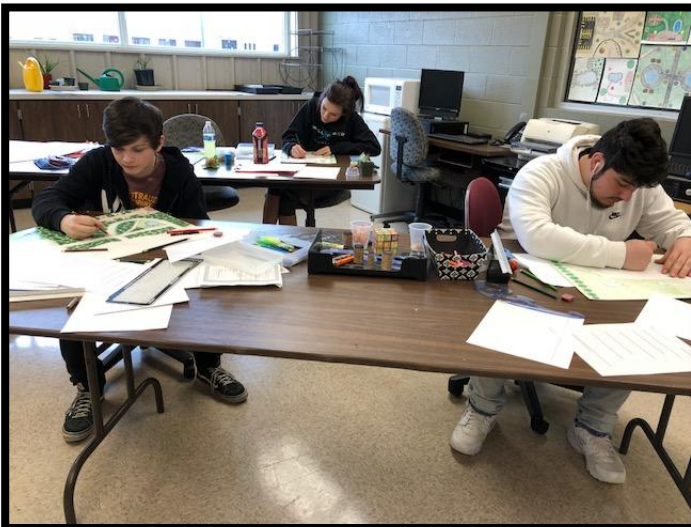
In case anyone wants to know what employers are looking for in today's workforce; please check out the list to the right.

"The greatest thing we can do for someone is to let them know they are loved and capable of loving."

According to **Mr. Fred Rogers**, who was an champion for individuals of all abilities.

Horticulture Students Show Off their Creativity and Green Thumbs

Horticulture/Landscape students have been working hard on their landscape drawings. Students learn how to hand draw using scale rulers as well as a computer assisted design program. Horticulture/Landscape students have been enjoying time in the greenhouse this winter. Students have created herb gardens and learned about plant propagation.



Students L-R
Alan Crook (Kouts)
Jaycie Majcher (Hebron)
Josiah Esposito (Valpo)



Casey Morton (Kouts)



Students are also learning about beneficial insects like this recently hatched praying mantis. Praying mantids feed on destructive insects and are a great asset to the home gardener and a safer option compared to insecticides. The praying mantis at left is one week old.

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 87%)

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

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

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.

Calendar

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

Technology Honor Society Induction, May 1, 630 pm at the Wheeler HS Auditorium

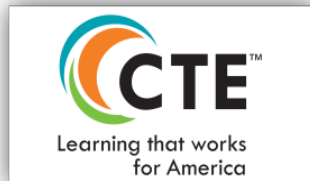
Our Newsletter

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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