



# 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"*

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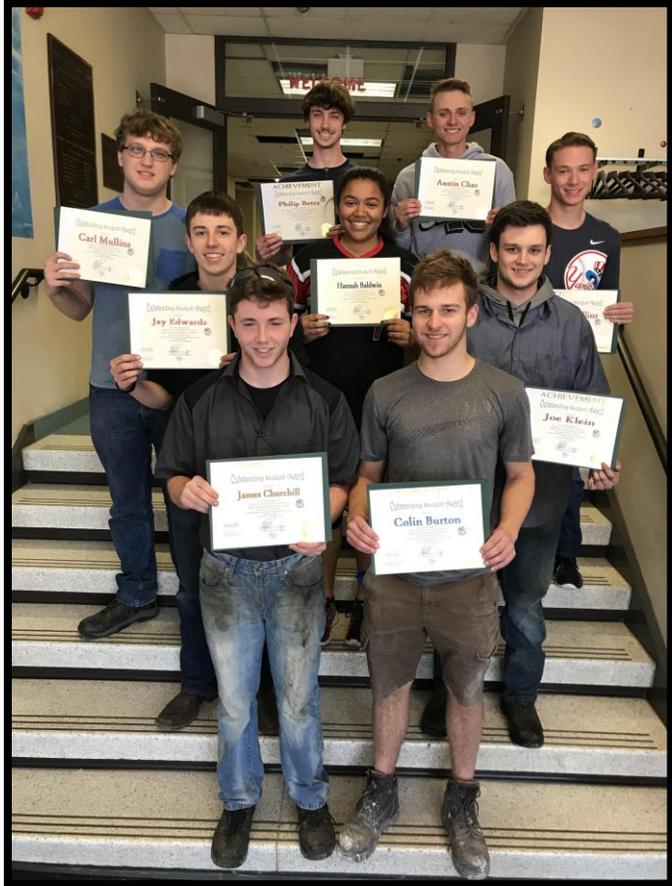
TAKE ON THE WORLD

*If I had to choose one, I would rather be a  
creator than a critic.*

Goerge Couros



Indiana Secretary of Career Connections and former Mayor of LaPorte visited our school and particularly inspired our Health Careers students. She is seen with our students above.



Second year Video Production & Media Studies students recently completed job shadows in the career field they intend to pursue. The students worked with AmeriCorps Career Advisor Mr. Mark Zimmerman to explore careers, create a resume and LinkedIn account, and develop their professional writing skills. With those skills, the students researched and contacted local companies to arrange job shadow opportunities. The students worked with companies like WSBT-TV in Mishawaka, Group Se7en and We Create Media in Valparaiso, and Lakeshore Public Broadcasting in Merrillville. The students shared presentations with their peers that summarized their experiences. We received numerous commendations from the employers about the high quality of our students.

Below is a list of the students and their job shadow placement:

Morgan Silhavy - Group 7even  
 Cheyanne Montozzi - We Create Media  
 Sylvia Badea - Motion Source  
 Emma Pollitt - Old North Film Co. & We Create Media  
 Tyree Jakes - WSBT - TV Station  
 Colin Thompson - WSBT - TV Station

Hannah Christy - Lakeshore PBS  
 Haynen Johnson - Lakeshore PBS  
 Nate Jenkins - ValpoLife / Ideas in Motion Media  
 Aaron Carmichael - Listing Leaders Real Estate  
 Lauren Royter - Makeup Artist Melissa Marshall  
 Tim Whiteside - Everence Financial Services  
 Jonas Wald - We Create Media



*"Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."*  
 - John F. Kennedy

***"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.

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



Mrs Doane's students at Valpo Family Dentistry (Dr. Behrend's office). We currently have four Dental Careers students working clinicals with Dr. Behrend. In the picture at left: Dillan Matthes (Kouts) is assisting Dr. Awadallah, while being observed by Dianne Semento, Certified Dental Assistant. The pictures above feature Aubrey Draves, former Dental Careers and Washington Township student who received her Dental Assisting Certificate from IUSB and is now employed by Valpo

Family Dentistry. In one picture she can be seen opening the sterilizer and the other, she is standing in the sterilization room with Dr. Montanez.

## Health Care is on the Hot Jobs List

St. Mary's Hospital sent over recruiters to speak with and interview our CNA students. They were ready to hire several who are planning to pursue college at a regional campus.

Pictured is Olivia Jewett during her interview.



## Diesel Student Receives Scholarship

Diesel instructor, Mr. Fashing announced recently that Trevor Egolf (pictured on the left), Chesterton HS senior, won a \$4000 scholarship from Lincoln Tech. Diesel mechanics are in very high demand and always command high wages. Trevor has a great future ahead of him.

## 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!

## Next Level Jobs Debut

Starting in the fall of 2018, **ALL** Hoosiers with a high school diploma may be eligible to earn a tuition-free certificate in Indiana's highest-demand job sectors through Governor Holcomb's Next Level Jobs initiative! Eligible job sectors include Advanced Manufacturing; Building & Construction; Health & Life Sciences; IT & Business Services; and Transportation & Logistics (see attached for a full list of certificate options). This is a great opportunity for CTE students who have earned some dual credit while in high school but have not yet been awarded a certificate from a two-year college.

To be considered, students simply need to file a FAFSA. Even students who missed the April 15<sup>th</sup> FAFSA deadline are eligible! To get connected with an eligible program, students should visit [NextLevelJobs.org](http://NextLevelJobs.org) and click on "I'm a Next Level Job Seeker." After completing a short questionnaire, Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University will reach out to the student to help them enroll.

The Commission will be hosting a webinar with more information about the Workforce Ready Grant on Wednesday, May 9th at 9:30 AM EDT. [Please sign up here!](#) If you have any questions, please visit [NextLevelJobs.org](http://NextLevelJobs.org) or email [NextLevelJobs@che.in.gov](mailto:NextLevelJobs@che.in.gov).

Sincerely,  
Indiana Commission for Higher Education

## Health Students Excel in Academics and Sports



**Pictured above playing for the Valparaiso HS softball team are catcher Lexi Burns (on the left) and third baseman Emily Petro (right).**

**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](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.

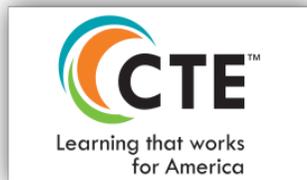
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