



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



**District Initiative A  
 Substance Free Pledge**

All District Career and Technical Education Students, Staff, and Faculty are asked to annually sign a substance free pledge. The pledge is signed and witnessed and says that the signer pledges to his/her employer and community to be and remain substance free. Look for the posted pledge in every teacher's office and/or classroom.



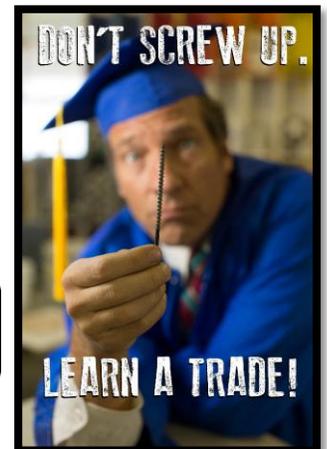
**District Initiative B  
 Please Do Not Text and Drive– No Texting**

**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 the main office and 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!

**"Learn a skill. Learn to do it really well.  
 Work your butt off." - Mike Rowe**





Megan Koebcke, VHS junior, 1<sup>st</sup> year Precision Machining student. This year's Modern Machining class has more female students in it than ever. We also have added a new volunteer to help with the class.

Bob Gaertner is pictured at right. Bob worked as a machinist for 50 years and he enjoys working with our Modern Machining program. His specialty is precision gauge and instrument making. He wants to help young people make positive career decisions to help them have successful lives. Bob's hobbies include fishing, reading, and learning new things. We are all enjoying his friendship, intelligence, and desire to help our students.



*"If you have a chance to make life better for others, and fail to do so, you are wasting your time on earth." -- Roberto Clemente. Hall of Fame Baseball player, reputed to be one of the best hitters in history -- On December 31, 1972, Roberto Clemente died in a plane crash while en route to deliver aid to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.*

## The Depot Project



Mrs. Biernat's afternoon Building Trades students. These guys can build anything.

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."  
— Nelson Mandela*



# Health Occupations Students Support the Popcorn Panic



Thanks to all the volunteers for their commitment to community service.



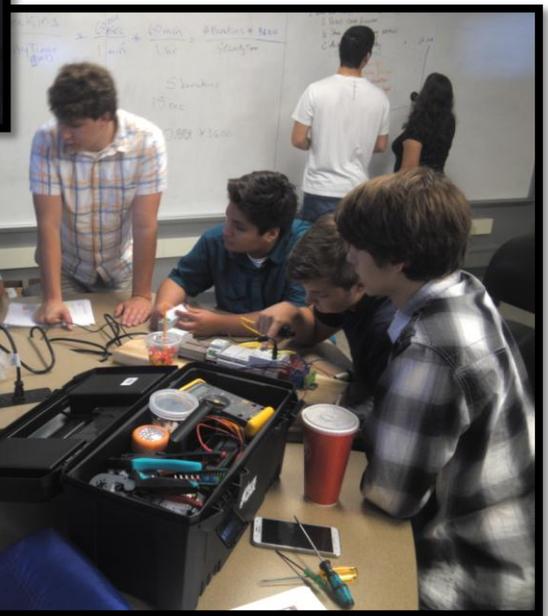
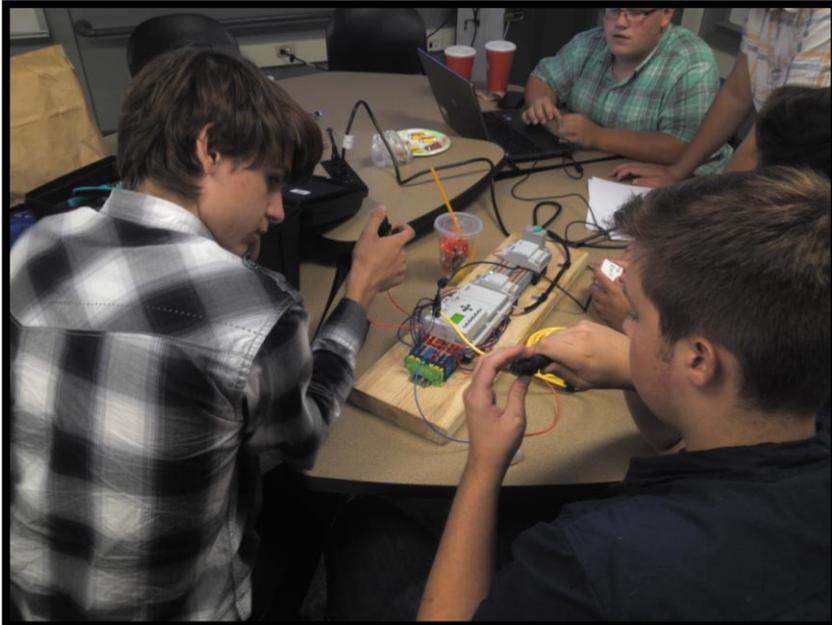


Several local employers and former students showed up to christen the start of construction for our new Precision Machining laboratory.



Alumnus Kyle Gilbert was back to talk with our students about his career in video productions. He currently is working for a large school corporation in Florida that was hit hard by Hurricane Irma.

## Electronic Students Travel to Purdue Lafayette to Start Preparing for the International Nanoline Contest



## **You are Invited National Drive Electric Week Ride & Drives!**

**Sept. 13, 2017 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. EST**  
Studebaker National Museum & History  
Museum  
201 Chapin Street  
South Bend, Indiana  
[Register here](#)

**Sept. 15, 2017 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. CDT**  
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning  
Commission  
6100 Southport Road  
Portage, Indiana  
[Register here](#)

South Shore Clean Cities is partnering with the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) and the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) for two [National Drive Electric Week](#) Ride & Drives to highlight the clean air benefits and cost savings of electric vehicles!

Get behind the wheel or in the passenger seat of a Tesla Model S, Chevy Volt, Nissan LEAF, BMW electric vehicle and more. Auto dealers and electric vehicle owners will be on hand to discuss the benefits of driving electric. Information on the impact of electric vehicles on Northern Indiana's air quality will also be available.

The events are being presented in collaboration with the [Midwest EVOLVE](#) (Electric Vehicle Opportunities: Learning, eEvents, Experience) project.

Register today! For more information about the Ride & Drive events, visit [www.southshorecleancities.org](http://www.southshorecleancities.org) or contact Catherine Yoder at [cyoder@southshorecleancities.org](mailto:cyoder@southshorecleancities.org) or (219) 644-3690.

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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](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 permission before registering.

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

## Calendar

District Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30, Thursday, Oct. 17

Red Cross Blood Drive, November 3, 7:30 - 2pm



## Our Newsletter

Porter County Career and Technical Education News is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our students. 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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