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## Career and Technical Education

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



Pictured are a few of the students who attended our Skating Party.

Horticulture students held a Christmas plant sale for Career Center students this year. Many moms and dads will be happy to get these creative and thoughtful living gifts.



Career Center social worker, Kelli Ellis, challenged our students and staff to perform 20 random acts of kindness in the 20 school days before Christmas. Each act will form a paper link in a colorful holiday paper chain. One of our students has the Loeys-Dietz syndrome. We are selling and delivering candy canes to special friends to raise money for the Loeys-Dietz Research Foundation.

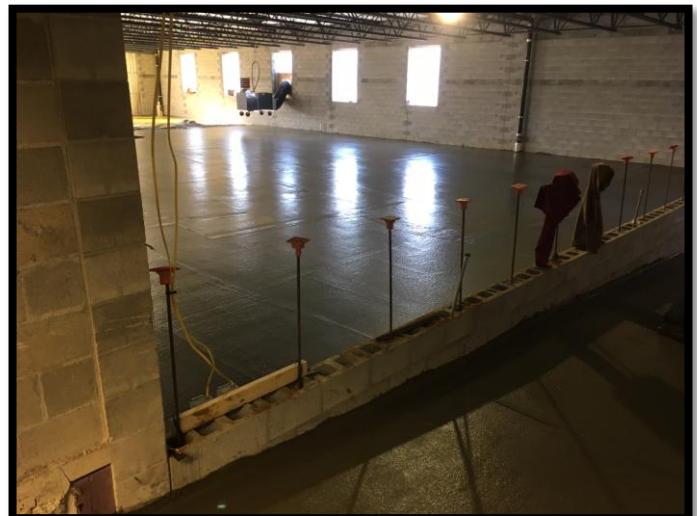
Pictured are VHS seniors attending the Career and Tech Center.

(L-R)  
Tyree Jakes (Video Prod)  
Jorge Apolo (Electronics)  
Katherine Gray (Health Occupations)

## Construction Continues at the Career and Tech Center



Nov. 27



November 30



December 9



VHS senior, Colin Thompson, can be seen doing the play-by-play for a Washington Twp/Boone Grove doubleheader basketball game. Colin has discovered a way for his passion for sports to become a career aspiration.



## 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
- Follow on Twitter:  
[PCCareerCenter](#)  
[www.cancellations.com](#)



## 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](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

**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**

## **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](http://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](http://collegegoalsunday.org).



*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

Notre Dame Hockey Game, January 19

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.



[www.pccte.org](http://www.pccte.org)

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