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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"



**Ribbon Cutting
October 30 at 4:30
All are Welcome**



Our renovation and new addition at the Career Center has been selected by the Valparaiso Chamber for a Community Improvement Award. These awards have been given out to businesses in and around Valparaiso since 1967!

There will be an awards ceremony on **Tuesday, October 23, 2018**, at Valparaiso University. A ribbon cutting for the school will be on **Tuesday, October 30 at 4:30**. The public is welcome to attend.

Please join our Facebook page "Porter County Career and Tech Center", and join "Porter County Career Network", that is the page where we post jobs from employers looking for our students and alumni.

Indiana Landmarks Award



Indiana Landmarks recently announced its 2018 Servaas Memorial Awards for historic

preservation. This year's winners include the Porter County Building Trades Corp. and Wabash Marketplace Inc.

The Porter County Building Trades Corporation (fiscal entity for our Bldg Trds program) is being honored for addressing a skills gap in training tradespeople in repairing and restoring historic structures. The organization raised money to move and re-purpose the historic 1912 depot, which was set for demolition, and move it to the school. Once there, students spent three years re-purposing it into a Cosmetology School.



Sullivan University Award for our Culinary Program



Mr. Buford and Mrs. Dabrowski's program is recognized by the nationally acclaimed Sullivan University.

Dual Credits Earned by Porter County Career and Tech Students, 2017-18

Boone Grove	304.5
Chesterton	597.5
Hebron	221.5
Hobart	452.0
Kouts	338.5
Morgan	255.0
Portage	1118.0
Valparaiso	738.0
Washington	248.5
Wheeler	127.5
Total	4062.5

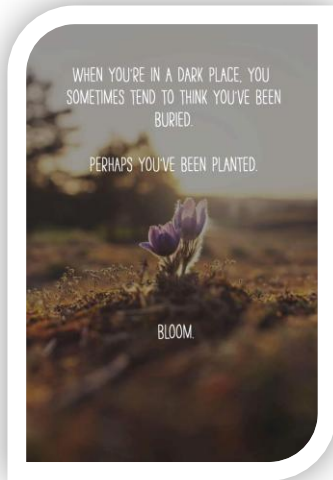
Ivy Tech 2018-19 tuition is \$137.85/credit. The credits above conservatively represent a savings of over \$560,000 to our students and their families.

Fire and Rescue Students are already Performing Community Service



Six of our students went to help the Portage Fire Department at their open house. They assisted at many of the events around the station. The crews and chiefs at the PFD had great things to report back about them. These young adults are going to do amazing things!!!!

“I see possibilities in everything.”
- Michael J. Fox



Parents may Purchase Inexpensive Drug Test Kit

Parents may purchase drug tests for only \$5.00. Call 219-462-0946 to make an appointment to pick up a kit.

The Porter County Substance Abuse Council address is 57 S. Michigan, Suite 203, Valparaiso, 46383. You can now enter from either the front or rear of the building.

Depot Beauty School to Open Soon

Look for announcements of the opening of our new Cosmetology students' learning laboratory. Their lab will be in the historic, re-purposed 1912 Grand Trunk Train Depot. Construction trades students have made the re-purposing possible. It is a beautiful facility for learning and visiting. Pictured below are our Cosmetology students on their moving day to the Depot.



WEAR PURPLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Kiwanis and Key Club support the March of Dimes all year by hosting service projects, raising funds and educating communities about preterm birth. How can you get involved? Wear purple on November 17, Prematurity Awareness Day, to support March of Dimes.

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 15th FAFSA deadline are eligible! To get connected with an eligible program, students should visit 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 or email NextLevelJobs@che.in.gov

Sincerely, Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Visit "Porter County Career Network" on Facebook for job search and resume tips, plus area job openings.

URL: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/portercountycareernetwork/>

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

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 permission before registering.

Calendar:

October 30, 4:30, Ribbon Cutting at Career and Tech Center

January 11, Reward trip to Notre Dame Hockey Game.

April 16, 330-430, District Advisory Committee Meeting at the Career and Tech Center,
1005 N. Franklin Street, Valparaiso

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.

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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