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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



Our Video Productions and Media Studies class returned from the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters conference yesterday after being named the Best Student TV program in Indiana. This is the fourth Best School Award in five years collected by instructor, Bob Phelps and his students.

The students worked very hard submitting numerous projects for this award and had about a 12 hour day at the conference in Indianapolis.





Porter County Career & Technical Center Outstanding Students /Shining Stars 3rd Quarter 2018-2019 School Year

Name	School	Class
Ethan Earnhart	Valpo	Auto II - Wester
James Churchill	Wash. Twp.	Auto II-Wester
Matthew McPartlan	Boone Grove	Auto - Furry
Jeremy Rucklos	Chesterton	Auto –Furry
Bobby Wineland	Hobart	Bldg Trds –Biernat
Frankie Lara	Hebron	Bldg Trds – Biernat
Logan Tatalovich	Boone Grove	Entrepreneurship/Sports & Entertainment Mkt -Ammons
Spencer Summers	Chesterton	Strategic Marketing Internship - Ammons
Reed Smith	Valpo	CAD - Guinee
Max Bailey	Valpo	CAD -Guinee
Jared Rossman	Portage	Electronics and Computer Technology - Thormahlen
Noah Rivera	Chesterton	Electronics and Computer Technology - Thormahlen
Mikayla Lydick	Portage	Health Occ S. Phelps
Riley Couch	Wheeler	Health Occ S. Phelps
Peyton Panozzo	Portage	Health Occ Marcus
Allison Betts	Hebron	Health Careers - Marcus
Haley Jackson	Valpo	Health Careers –Marcus
Colton Darman	Wash. Twp.	Machine Trades - Carmack
Austin Balcerak	Wash. Twp.	Machine Trades –Carmack
Todd Madison	Portage	Video Prod –Phelps
Lauren Drang	Kouts	Video Prod –Phelps
Amelia Batistatos	Hobart	Cosmetology - Fitts
Alexis Smith	Chesterton	Cosmetology - Fitts

AM class is shaded

The Porter County CTE District was one of only five districts in Indiana that met or exceeded all eight Indiana CTE performance indicators!

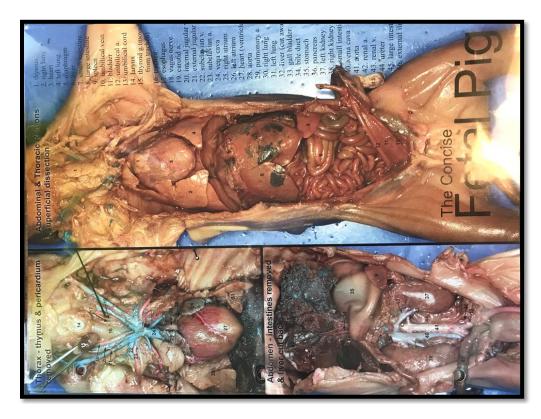


VHS students Miranda Ballesteros (Bldg Trds) and Leiara Lara (Health Science I) both attended a recent Kiwanis meeting with Mr. Groth where they talked to the Club about their work with the Amanda Forum where they are teaching other teens to learn about safe dating.

Health Students were Invited to Ivy Tech for a Dissection Lab Experiment







Mrs Zecevich's Early Childhood Kids Performed the *Cotton Eye Joe* dance at the Flint Lake Elementary School Variety Show on March 21 and did a terrific job.





Mrs. Wilson's Health Science I class can be seen dissecting hearts.

> Anna Presley and Mekela Mercer are pictured at right.

Pictured at left is Zoe Huley, Jesse Mendez, and Jessica Meyer



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

Urschel Labs Announces Next Generation Scholarship Winners:



Mattigan Riley, Chesterton High School Isaac Sum, Washington Twp High School

Mattigan and her family are pictured at left.



Isaac Sum and his parents are pictured at right.

Career & Technical Scholarships



1020 scholarships up to \$2,500 each

The Career & Technical Scholarship Program is funded through the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund and the generosity of Association Chairman Emeritus and Endowment Fund President Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarships are awarded to students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives who wish to pursue a career or technical education at an accredited non-profit post-secondary institution in the United States.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Have completed high school (or earned a high school equivalency credential)
- Will be enrolled in eligible program in Fall 2019
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a career or technical program (up to 2 years) at an accredited non-profit post-secondary institution in the United States
- Demonstrated critical financial need (must be eligible to receive the Federal Pell grant as determined by completion of the FAFSA)
- Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Be under the age of 30
- Be a United States citizen

Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books and supplies. All scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution on behalf of the recipient.

The CTE application is now open, go to:

https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/

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.

Our Beauty School Depot is now soliciting clients for our salon. Students have to perform one thousand services prior to taking their state Cosmetology exam. Check out the prices, times of service, and call for an appointment:



Our Spring Specials until the end of the year are a \$5 haircut and a free trim with any coloring.

Next Level Jobs Opportunity

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. <u>Please sign up here!</u> If you have any questions, please visit <u>NextLevelJobs.org</u> or email <u>NextLevelJobs@che.in.gov</u>

Sincerely, Indiana Commission for Higher Education

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

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 unecessary texting. <u>Please sign our No Texting While Driving Pleage located in our Career Center Commons Area.</u>

- ✓ 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!





How to find out about school closings:

School closings/delays are posted on your school website, your school text messaging service, <u>cancellations.com</u>, or WLJE Radio (and their website at https://indiana105.com/region-cancellations/).

The Career Center follows the Valparaiso School schedule - Any and all students, parents, and guardians in the district may sign up for the Valparaiso Schools Text Messaging service. Simply text "yes" to 68453.

WLJE radio and their <u>website</u> is also a reliable source of official school closing announcements.

The Approved Career Center Policy is as follows:

Students driving to vocational classes should be extra cautious and not drive if his/her parents deem driving to be unsafe. In such instance, they should call off by notifying their CTE teacher. These instances will be considered administrative absences and any missed work will be allowed to be made up with no penalty. "The safest and most reliable transportation is on a school bus"

Calendar:

- April 9, 330-430, District Advisory Committee Meeting at the Career and Tech Center, 1005 N. Franklin Street, Valparaiso
- ❖ Technical Honor Society Induction, April 30, 6:30 pm, Wheeler HS auditorium

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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