

# 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"*



**Porter County Community Foundation  
Jumpstart Your Career Scholarship Winners**







**Students Celebrate the End of the Year with a “Highly Competitive” Kickball Tournament**





**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*

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



## **A Major Teacher Shortage in Indiana is Being Addressed by our Early Childhood Education Programs**

Mrs Bunch announced that she had the largest cohort of students this year to ever pass the Certified Daycare Associate (CDA) Credential. The students mastered all the necessary requirements, passed their CDA exam, and have officially earned their Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential! The CDA is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education and is a stepping stone on the path of career advancement in Early Childhood Education.

CDA recipients were:

**Payton Barragan - Portage**

**Taneika Bell - Portage**

**Lydia Ruiz - Portage**

**Izabella Stranc - Hobart**

**Erika Udoltz - Hobart**

Other students from our Flint Lake Early Childhood program taught by Mrs. Zecevich, who have also achieved their CDA are:

**Makenna Robb - Washington Twp.**

**Allyson Bogunovich - Wheeler**

**Ariana Casaday - Valparaiso**

**Morgan Baros – Valparaiso**

**Faith Durall – Boone Grove**

Mrs. Iddings ECE program at South Haven Elementary School also had great success in helping her students earn the CDA. Students receiving the CDA are:

**Peyton Johnson - Valparaiso High School**

**Alyssa Melendez - Portage High School**

**Akili Jones - Portage High School**

Congratulations to all of these students. You are entering into an honorable profession. It is a profession that makes all other occupations possible. We are proud of you.



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.

### **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.



Pictured below is the Morgan Twp Elementary Courtyard Garden. Our Horticulture program taught by Mrs. Sutherlin designed, themed, and planted all six gardens.



### **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 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

## **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!

### Calendar

- ❖ October 8, 330-430, District Advisory Committee Meeting at the MAAC, 4203 Montdale Park Drive, Valparaiso.

### 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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