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# Porter County Career and Technical Education News

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Pictures may download slowly in electronic versions of this newsletter.

#### **Award for Excellence Nominees Announced**

At left is Mr. Bill Guinee helping a student in his Computer

Assisted Design and Animation Class. Mr. Guinee's popular class was nominated for an Indiana Award for Excellence as one of the best CTE programs in the state.

Pictured at right is Adam Engle during his introduction to the Porter County CTE Advisory Board, who nominated Adam for an Indiana

Board, who nominated Adam for an Indiana Student Award for Excellence. Adam is a VHS student who is excelling in our CAD program.





Pictured below left is Nate Wise (PHS – Health Occupations program) Nate was nominated for an Award for Excellence by his teacher, Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Ellis. He is a very strong dedicated student and also a class leader.

Mrs. Tuttle and instructor, Mrs. Iddings, nominated Megan Jercha (pictured at right), PHS student from our Early Childhood Education program for an Award for Excellence.



Please forward this newsletter to parents, students, advisory committee members, and other interested parties.



Mrs. Tuttle said that the children at South Haven Elementary School love Ms Megan.

Kristen Cox (PHS - Electronics) is pictured at left. Kristen was nominated for an Award for Excellence based on her success at state skill competitions and her great work ethic and attitude in Mr. Kenning's Electronics program.

### **Criminal Investigations Class**

http://www.union.k12.in.us/LECA/index.html





Above are Mr. Iler's Criminal Justice System students for this school year. Please visit the Law Enforcement Careers Academy website: <a href="http://www.union.k12.in.us/LECA/index.html">http://www.union.k12.in.us/LECA/index.html</a> . It is one of the best CTE program websites in Indiana.

#### Dr. Victor DeNoble Visited at PCCTC on October 12

Dr. Victor DeNoble, a former research scientist at Philip Morris Co. and a key witness in the case against tobacco companies, was at the Career and Technical



Center on October 12 and discussed the addictive nature of nicotine and other drugs.



Above, Dr. Denoble is showing students a brain that was chemically altered by the use of nicotine. The assembly was sponsored by the Tobacco Education & Prevention Coalition.

#### **HOSA Students Go to Leadership Camp**

The following are pictures of the kids participating in the HOSA Fall Leadership Conference: Training the Agents of Healthcare. The students from Dental, AP/MT, Health Careers and Health Occupations were joined with other students from around the state including Evansville, and Indianapolis. They participated in challenge education activities and participated with a motivational speaker who instructed the students on positive leadership skills. Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Doane escorted the two groups to Rainbow Camp in Converse, IN.



The picture on the previous page consists of back row, L-R: Krista Nebel (PHS-AP/MT), Christine Hernandez (PHS-AP/MT), Ashley Matuska (VHS-Dental), Justin Allen (Hobart-CTE Alumni), Lisa Whitworth (PHS-CTE alumni), and Mrs. Wilson,

Front row, L-R: Lauren Scott (PHS-AP/MT), Brittany Felker (PHS-AP/MT), Erin Strang (PHS-AP/MT), Mrs. Doane, Sarah Davis (VHS-Dental), Mrs. Tuttle, Tiara Neal (Hobart-AP/MT)



Sarah Davis (VHS-Dental) makes her ascent up the rock wall with the assistance of fellow campers. (L-R) Unidentified student, Justin Allen (Hobart-CTE alumnus), Christina Posey (PHS-Health Careers), and Elizabeth Alvea (Hebron-Health Careers)

Pictured at right are Erin Strang (PHS-AP/MT), Krystle Sanchez (PHS-Hlth.Occ), Julia Rios (PHS-Hlth.Occ), and a student from Indianapolis. Attempt to get their golf ball from one end of the pipeline to the other without dropping or touching it. This is one of several teamwork building activities



experienced at the camp.



Back Row L-R: Rachel Wyatt (PHS-HO), Christina Posey (PHS-HC), Kayla Hellman (VHS-HC), Elizabeth Alvea (Hebron-HC), Julia Rios (PHS-HO), Jessica Lucas (Hebron-HO), Mark Galetti (VHS-HC).

Front Row: Krystle Sanchez (PHS-HO), Sierra Tipton (CHS-HO), Kaitlyn Cabanas (PHS-HC)



We Have Discovered What is At the End of the Rainbow...

# **Work Study Students Decorate Pumpkins for a Community Service Project**



Mrs. Diaz' class chose to decorate pumpkins for a local nursing home as a community service project. The students found the residents very happy to receive their timely

Halloween time gifts. Mrs. Diaz and five students delivered them to Valparaiso Care & Rehabilitation Center. The residents were so excited. The activities director decided to use them for Bingo prizes that afternoon! They were even matching up the residents' personalities to the pumpkins.

Pictured below is the entire class of students with their creative gifts decorated for the elderly.





# Liz Arizpe Leaves For Valpo U

Liz Arizpe, our school secretary, celebrated her last day with us on October 6. Liz worked at the Career Center for nine years becoming the "Best School Secretary in History" during that time. Staff presented her with the prestigious "Worked Her Butt off Award" before leaving. Liz is moving on to a coordinator's position with the Office of Institutional Advancement at Valparaiso University. We all wish her and her family continued good health and good fortune.

Our new school secretary is Deana Smith. Deane is working very hard and learning fast. We all welcome her to our staff and wish her a wonderful start in her new position.

#### Announcing Winter Car Check on November 4

Our Career Center Car Club will conduct a Winter Car Check on November 4, from 8 am to noon. This vehicle check is especially designed for the elderly, women, and the disadvantaged. The check will be held at the Porter County Career and Technical Center, 1005 N. Franklin Street. Vehicle fluids, air pressure, and lights will be checked and references will be available for any repair items. We want to help everyone start winter with a safe vehicle.







#### Web Resources

Site for girls and about girls. http://www.girlsinc.com/

www.Dollardiva.com DollarDiva.com is the site for Y-Gen women who are on a quest to find their voice, establish their own style, and create a financial base for themselves that will allow them to make their dreams come true.

www.independentmeans.com Independent Means Inc (IMI) is the leading provider of financial education products and programs in the United States. We provide on-the-ground programs, camps, seminars, books, newsletters, games, and other activities for kids, parents and mentors, and the companies that serve them. Since 1992, IMI has created and successfully delivered

financial education experiences for over 100,000 kids and 10,000

parents worldwide.

## **Quote for the Day**

"He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander." - Aristotle

#### Calendar

October 19, 6 – 7:30 pm Back-to-School Night at Porter County Career and Technical Center November 4, 8 am to noon, Winter Car Check for the Elderly, Women, and the Disadvantaged at the Porter County Career and Technical Center

November 6, all day, the National Guard Rock Wall will be in our parking lot presenting a physical challenge for our students. Parent permission is required.

# Career & Technical Education: Training Tomorrow's Workforce

#### Our Newsletter

Porter County Career and Technical Education News is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our staff and 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@mail.valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.

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