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Lt Governor Visits the Career and Tech Center



Lt Governor Becky Skillman, AJ Miller, and Electronics instructor, Mr. Dave Kenning stand in front of our alternative energy demonstration showcase during Mrs Skillman's visit to the Career Center.

It is not length of life, but depth of life. Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

Below, the Lt Governor can be seen being interviewed by Media Production students Jon Sheets (Morgan) on camera and Mitch Ashby



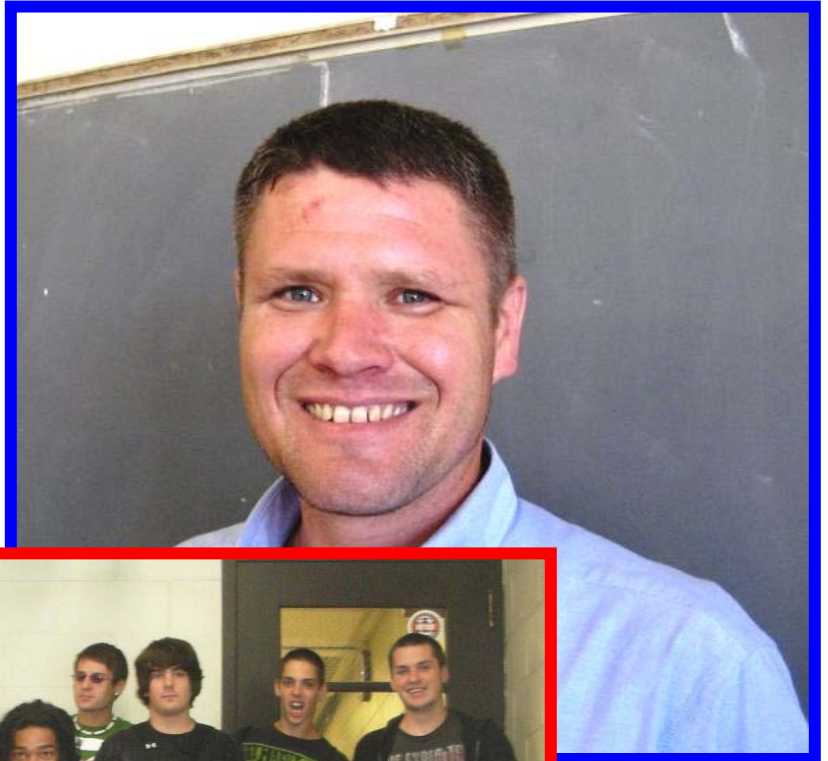
(Wash Twp HS) the interviewer.



Mr. Kenning (in blue shirt) and students are seen showing the Lt Governor our Demonstration Solar and Wind generation project which is located on the roof of the Career and Tech Center.

Welcome Rob Barnes!

Rob Barnes is our new Auto Technology teacher in Portage. Rob's program is located at Willowcreek Middle School. Rob has nearly 20 years of experience in Auto repair service, most recently with Dave's Automotive Repair in Valparaiso. Rob's interests include car restoration and motorcycles. Rob's goals for his students include improving their math



and verbal skills used to write and communicate service work to customers. He intends to promote student

professionalism just like that required out in the workforce. Welcome Rob! Mr. Barnes' afternoon class is pictured above.

Target Store Donation

We are appreciative of receiving our Annual Target Donation, this year for over \$62. This donation comes from those who use a Target REDcard for their purchases and have chosen to direct the Target 1% of the purchases to the Career and Tech Center. Let's all sign up for REDCard!

Career Center Building Trades Afternoon Class



In Partnership with the Porter County Habitat for Humanity Chapter

Students pictured above are attending the Building Trades class at the Career and Tech Center. Instructor, Mr. Doane, is pictured at the far right. This program will be doing something new this year partnering with the local Habitat for Humanity community organization. We have been building a “spec” home every two years for the last ten years. This year we will complete a Habitat home over the course of the school year. Our project house is located only a few blocks from the Career Center at the corner of Morgan and Oak Streets. Students will get to take the project all the way from a foundation to a completed home and be able to participate in handing the keys over to a worthy and grateful recipient.

Career Center Completes First Blood Drive of the Year

The Red Cross report on our recent blood drive showed that we collected 58 pints toward our goal of 60. 33 were new donors and 75 attempted to donate. Good job to students and staff! Our Health students did a great job of administering the event.

College GO! Week Sept. 20-24

College Go! Week is special because many colleges will waive application fees this week. Although many of our local universities do not charge application fees (such as Purdue North Central, Purdue Calumet, and Ivy Tech), it is still a good time to start planning for life after high school.

Seniors who are planning to apply for a college or university should take an ACT and/or SAT Assessment. They should take it early so they have time to retake the test if they did not do very well compared to national averages. Juniors can generally wait until winter or spring after studying as much Algebra 2 as possible.

The first SAT is Oct. 9, and the online deadline is this Friday, Sept. 10. The next ACT is Oct. 23, and the online deadline is Sept. 17. A student who gets free/reduced lunch can get a waiver for the fee from his/her home school counselor.

Debbie Heitmann
Porter County Career and Technical Center

An understanding heart is everything in a teacher, and cannot be esteemed highly enough. One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.

Carl Jung (1875 - 1961)

Students, Graduates, and Supporters are all invited to become a Fan of “Porter County Career and Tech Center” On Facebook

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.

Calendar

- October 14, District General Advisory Committee Meeting at Career and Tech Center, 3:30 - 4:30
- Manufacturing Jobs Summit, October 20, Radisson Hotel, 430-830, Field Trip for Selected Students

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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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