

# Porter County Career and Technical Education News

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## Students Learn about Value of Seat Belts AND Airbags From Auto Tech Department



Our Auto Tech department picked a nice fall day to demonstrate the power of the supplemental restraint system (SRS) in today's automobile. The SRS is the airbag which deploys with tremendous force and has been designed to always be used along

with the vehicle's seat belt. Failure to use the seat belt and just to rely on the airbag could be fatal to the occupant. Students got to see projectiles thrown a hundred feet into the air from the power of the airbag. Pictured are students observing the demonstration and two students who were selected to set off the airbags.

Carissa Martinez, CHS senior, is pictured at right with Mr. Sickles.





Katie (Boone Grove HS junior) prepares to ignite another airbag.

- “Never let it be said, that you can run faster than you can read.”
- “Everybody has a handicap, everyone has a disability. What everyone needs is a dream.”
- “I refuse to play the victim.”
- “Its not how many times you get knocked down, it is how many times you get back up.”
- “Every time I lost, I became determined to practice harder.”

-- Bob Love (former Chicago Bull)

### Career Center Staff Have Fun with Halloween



Pictured are three of the rescued Chilean miners, a cool hippy girl, Jay Cutler, a witch, the gorilla, Dr. Kate “Medicine Woman”, an “unhappy camper”, and, of course, Howie Mandel.



Morning Career Center star students are pictured at left. These students were selected as the Outstanding Student of the First Grading period by each of their teachers.

**Porter County Career & Technical Center Outstanding Students  
First Quarter, 2010-2011 School Year**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Thomas Blankenbaker</b>	<b>VHS</b>	<i>Auto Tech – AM – Sickles</i>
<b>Casey Richards</b>	<b>Kouts</b>	<i>Auto Tech – PM – Sickles</i>
<b>Andrew Zappetillo</b>	<b>VHS</b>	<i>Auto Tech – AM – Avalos</i>
<b>David Morales</b>	<b>Hebron</b>	<i>Auto Tech – PM – Avalos</i>
<b>Matthew Slack</b>	<b>VHS</b>	<i>Building Trades – AM – Doane</i>
<b>Steven Leonard</b>	<b>Morgan</b>	<i>Building Trades – PM – Doane</i>
<b>Jennifer Settele</b>	<b>Wheeler</b>	<i>Bus Ownership/Sports &amp; Entertainment Mkt – AM – Commers</i>
<b>Ian Rak</b>	<b>VHS</b>	<i>CAD – AM – Guinee</i>
<b>Carissa Martinez</b>	<b>CHS</b>	<i>CAD – PM – Guinee</i>
<b>Joey Kearns</b>	<b>VHS</b>	<i>Electronics and Computer Tech – AM – Kenning</i>
<b>Austin Miller</b>	<b>Kouts</b>	<i>Electronics and Computer Tech – PM – Kenning</i>
<b>Kayla Turner</b>	<b>PHS</b>	<i>Health Occupations – AM – Dick</i>
<b>Gabrielle Glauser</b>	<b>CHS</b>	<i>Health Occupations – PM – Dick</i>
<b>Rachel Stanley</b>	<b>PHS</b>	<i>Health Occupations – AM – Gillespie</i>
<b>Jeremy Reff</b>	<b>VHS</b>	<i>Health Careers – PM – Gillespie</i>
<b>Ryan Trevino</b>	<b>VHS</b>	<i>Machine Trades – AM – Carmack</i>
<b>Steve Warren</b>	<b>Hobart</b>	<i>Machine Trades – PM – Carmack</i>
<b>Matt Mellen</b>	<b>VHS</b>	<i>TV/Media Productions – AM – Phelps</i>
<b>Mitch Ashby</b>	<b>WTHS</b>	<i>TV/Media Productions – PM – Phelps</i>
<b>Krystle Koedyker</b>	<b>VHS</b>	<i>Work Study - Diaz</i>

**Pictured at right are some of our Outstanding Afternoon students at the Porter County Career and Tech Center.**



**2,733 College Credits  
Earned  
Year End Dual Credit  
Report**

Our end of year data shows that Porter County Career and Technical Education students earned a cumulative total of **2,733** credit hours during the last school year. Conservatively, this is equivalent to over **\$250,000** of college tuition saved by the parents of our students. These students completed high school with a developed technical skill, a

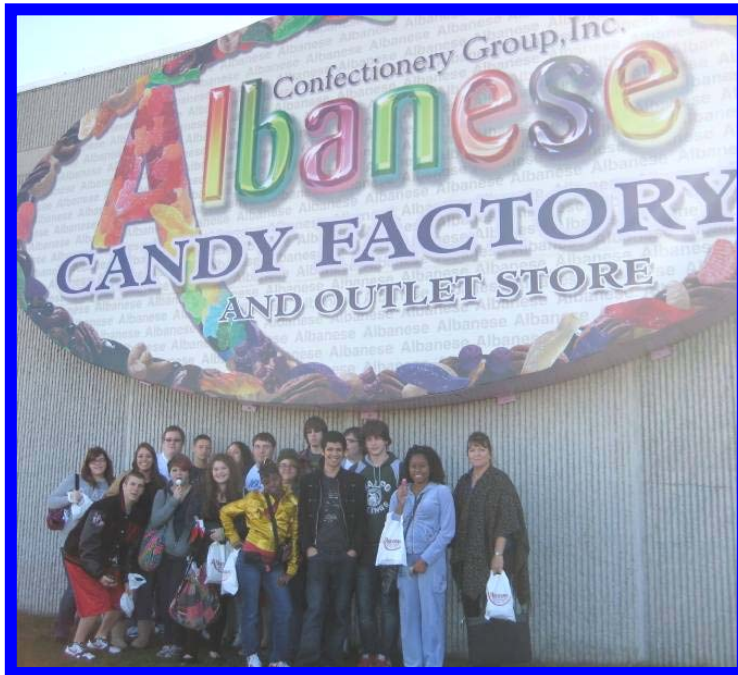
diploma, and a college transcript. Some also graduated with national certifications in such areas as Electronics, Nursing, EMT, Cosmetology, CPR/AED, Computer Networking, Video Editing, Marketing, and Welding.

What is your opinion of the Porter County Career and Tech Center? Parents and students, are encouraged to make their opinions known at <http://www.greatschools.org/>

## Culinary Science Field Trip

Ms. Harbaugh took her morning and afternoon Culinary classes on

a field trip to the Albanese Candy Factory. Students were shown how the different candies are made and packaged.



***The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/school delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the school closing decisions of the host school.***

***All commuting students should drive carefully and use their parent's input and common sense when deciding if it is safe to drive to their CTE location.***

***In the event of severe or inclement weather, school may be delayed or canceled. Please use the following sources to track any weather related delays or cancellations:***

- VCS Alert (The registration procedure is available on the Valparaiso Community Schools homepage (<http://www.valpo.k12.in.us>). You can register your cell phone to receive messages.)
- Radio station 105.5
- Cancellations.com (Students are encouraged to register for cancellation alerts via cell phone or email for both his/her school and the school of his/her career and tech class.)

“Be kinder than necessary, because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.” -- Plato

**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**

- November 23, 2<sup>nd</sup> Blood Drive of the Year at Career and Tech Center
- November 25 - 26, Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- February 11, Notre Dame Hockey Trip

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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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