

# Porter County Career and Technical Education News

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## HOSA Students Travel to Indianapolis for Pacer Day



Health Occupations Student Association members from Mrs Dick and Mrs Gillespie's classes along with PHS teachers, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Doane travelled to Indianapolis for a special health careers program put on by the Indianapolis Pacers. The highlight of the trip was the opportunity to also attend a Pacer game.

Cold and flu season is upon us so it is time to remind everyone to cover our coughs and sneezes and practice good hand washing. Be sure to cough/sneeze into tissues or your elbow. To remain healthy, wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, and do not share drinks or food with others. Thanks and have a healthy winter!

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



## Dental Students Active in Community Service



The Dental Health Careers class, along with Instructor, Rhonda Doane, Kate Sorensen, and Kelli Ellis, took the train into downtown Chicago and delivered over 750 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste to Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights. This organization helps people living in poverty or danger improve their lives through its comprehensive programs, integrating housing, health care, economic security, and legal protections. The Heartland Center for Oral Health operates three locations in Chicago to provide oral health care to patients who are homeless, as well as, HIV-positive. In the spring, the dental students will have the opportunity to volunteer as dental assistants in these free clinics.

- "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)*

## **Terrific Tuesdays at the Career and Tech Center**

The Marketing Internship and Work Study senior students at the Porter County Career and Technical Center combine class every “Terrific Tuesday”. These classes cover curriculum needed to earn Ivy Tech dual credits in Personal Finance. Other special topics are covered. Recent Terrific Tuesday events were:

- ✚ Speaker on Security in the Workplace - Mr. Raymer discussed how to protect yourself on the job from money scams, shoplifters, robberies, and thefts. He brought security cameras and explained how businesses secure their stores. The students really enjoyed his stories.
- ✚ Career Options Panel - Representatives from a 4 year college, 2 year/technical school, military, apprenticeship, and full time employment presented all the options open to students as they graduate this year.
- ✚ Work Ethic Roundtable - Twelve business people and eight Valparaiso University students joined our students to participate in a roundtable discussion about “Ethics in the Workplace”. Students were able to work in groups with the guests to discuss and solve ethical situations that may happen while working. The students liked meeting and interacting with the business people and VU students. Ethics is an important topic in the workplace.



**More Terrific Tuesday Events will be coming soon!**

## Students Broadcast Final Four Football Game



Pictured at left is the broadcast team that travelled to Indianapolis to broadcast the Valpo/Fishers final four football game. (l-r) Gabe Myers (PHS), Mr. Guinee, Mike Zmija (PHS), Mr. Phelps, Scott Poisel (WTHS), Mitch Ashby (WTHS)

Over 2,100 viewers were online at Valpolife.com watching the exciting game. Sponsors for the telecast included: Cartronix, Ray's Shrimp House, Dairy Queen Grill and Chill, & Shoe's Pizza.

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/>

***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.)

**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**

- January 27, 8-9 am, Open Houses at most\* CTE Programs for prospective students,
- February 9, 8-9 am, Open Houses at most\* CTE Programs for prospective students.
- February 9, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Evening Open Houses at all\* CTE Programs for prospective students.  
\*see our website for the complete schedule of Open Houses or visit your guidance office.
- 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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