



February 2025 Report

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CTE Month

February is recognized as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, a time to highlight the importance and impact of CTE programs on students, communities, and industries. As we observe this month, we reflect on how our district's CTE programs are equipping students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in a rapidly evolving workforce. From hands-on training in high-demand fields to the integration of real-world experiences, our CTE programs continue to foster career readiness and success. Here are just some of our ongoing efforts, student achievements, and future goals as we celebrate the role of CTE in preparing students for both college and careers.



FFA District Leadership Contest

On 01/30/2025, our Ionia FFA students demonstrated exceptional leadership at the FFA District Contests. Their performance was outstanding, reflecting their hard work and dedication. We are extremely proud of their achievements and encourage them to continue striving for excellence.

FFA Contest Results

Ag Issues -Silver- Kenzie Everett, Jalynn Beckhorn, Addison Dahms, and Rylee Miller

Demonstration -Gold- Addison Hall and Robin Ward

Demonstration -Gold- Winnie Harder, Mecah VanOosten, and Selena Stump

Demonstration -Gold- Addison Bishop, Madison Probyn, and Tessa Charles

Demonstration -Silver- Cole Rensberry, Conner Rensberry, and Braeden Schneider

Ext. Speaking -Silver- Rylan Johns

Job Interview -Gold- Louis Smith

Job Interview -Silver- Anastasia Sidelman

Public Speaking -Gold- Autumn Robertson

Public Speaking -Silver- Kennedy Prins

Continuing to Regionals - Kenzie, Addison, Jalynn, Rylee, Louis, Autumn, Addy and Robin



Hands on

learning in Criminal Justice

Deputy Director Heinlein of the Ionia Department of Public Safety spent time with our Criminal Justice students, providing valuable insights into fire services and emergency response practices. His session offered an in-depth look at the critical aspects of fire safety. The following day, students participated in a simulated smokehouse rescue, equipped with full fire gear to apply their skills in a controlled, realistic scenario. Officer Skorka assisted in this hands-on experience, further enhancing the students' practical training in emergency situations.



Cultivating Connections

Mr. Griffith and Mrs. Brooks had the honor of presenting at the Michigan Career Education Conference. They showcased their innovative approach to integrating Plant and Animal Science with Culinary Arts in the classroom. Throughout their session, they highlighted a series of engaging cross-curricular lessons, including projects like "Farm to Table," "Milk to Cheese," "All About Apples," and "Exploring Fruits." These lessons emphasize the successful fusion of agricultural knowledge and culinary education, providing students with a hands-on, comprehensive learning experience. Their presentation not only illustrated the value of interdisciplinary teaching but also demonstrated how these projects inspire creativity and deepen student understanding in both fields.



Ionia County Chamber Awards Dinner

Our Culinary Arts and Machine Tool programs had the opportunity to showcase their talents while supporting the community at the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce Dinner & Awards Ceremony. The Culinary Arts students crafted a variety of delicious desserts, impressing attendees with their skills and creativity. The Machine Tool Program contributed by designing and creating a custom sign for the event, demonstrating their precision and craftsmanship. This collaboration not only provided valuable real-world experience for our students but also highlighted the impact of Career & Technical Education in our community. We are proud of their hard work and dedication!



Welcome Mrs. Valdez

Help us give a big, warm welcome to the newest member of the Ionia County Career Center Team!



The graphic features the Ionia County Career Center logo in the top left corner. The main heading "Welcome to the Team!" is written in a large, elegant cursive font. Below this, a paragraph of text introduces Mrs. Valdez as the new Administrative Assistant. To the right of the text is a circular photograph of a family: a man in an orange polo shirt, a woman in a white top and patterned skirt, and a young boy in a plaid shirt. Below the photo is a dark blue rectangular box with the text "MRS. VALDEZ" in white capital letters. The bottom section of the graphic lists Mrs. Valdez's background and interests, each preceded by a small icon.

Ionia County Career Center

Welcome to the Team!

We're excited to introduce Mrs. Valdez as our new Administrative Assistant at the Ionia County Career Center! Mrs. Valdez brings her infectious positivity to our school, and we know she'll make a big impact here.

Mrs. Valdez is:

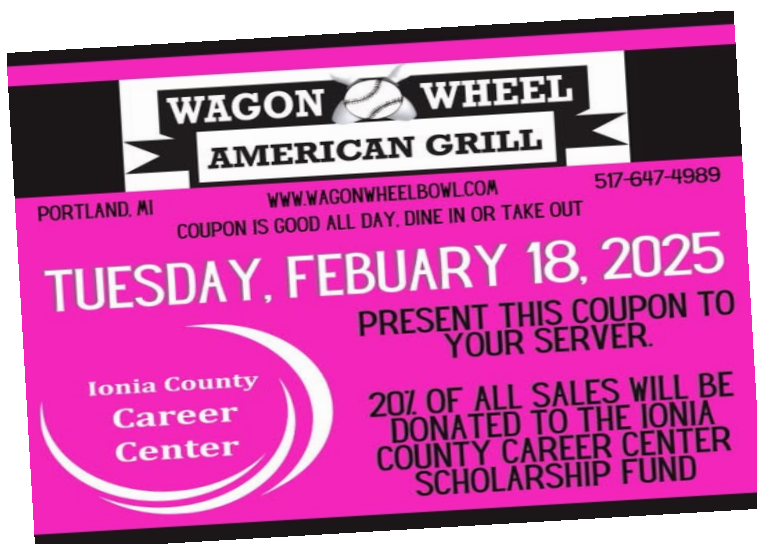
- ♥ A proud Ionia High School graduate
- 🎓 A current student at Grand Rapids Community College
- 💍 Recently married—congrats to the happy couple!

Outside of work, she loves:

- 👨‍👩‍👦 Spending quality time with her two Roys (her husband and son)
- 🏃 Running—she's training for a 10k and half marathon this year!
- 📖 Reading, cooking, and all things Disney 🏠
- 🏕️ Camping, beach days, BBQs, and making memories with family and friends

MRS. VALDEZ

Wagon Wheel Fundraiser



The coupon is for "WAGON WHEEL AMERICAN GRILL" in Portland, MI. It is dated for Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The coupon includes the website www.wagonwheelbowl.com and the phone number 517-647-4989. It states that the coupon is good all day for dine-in or take-out. The main offer is that 20% of all sales will be donated to the Ionia County Career Center Scholarship Fund. The Ionia County Career Center logo is in the bottom left corner.

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Join us at The Wagon Wheel on February 18, 2025, and help support the Ionia County Career Center Scholarship Fund! Show the coupon on your phone or bring a paper copy with you, and 20% of your bill will be donated to the scholarship fund. If you'd prefer a paper coupon, please stop by the Ionia County Career Center office to pick one up.

We look forward to seeing you there!!