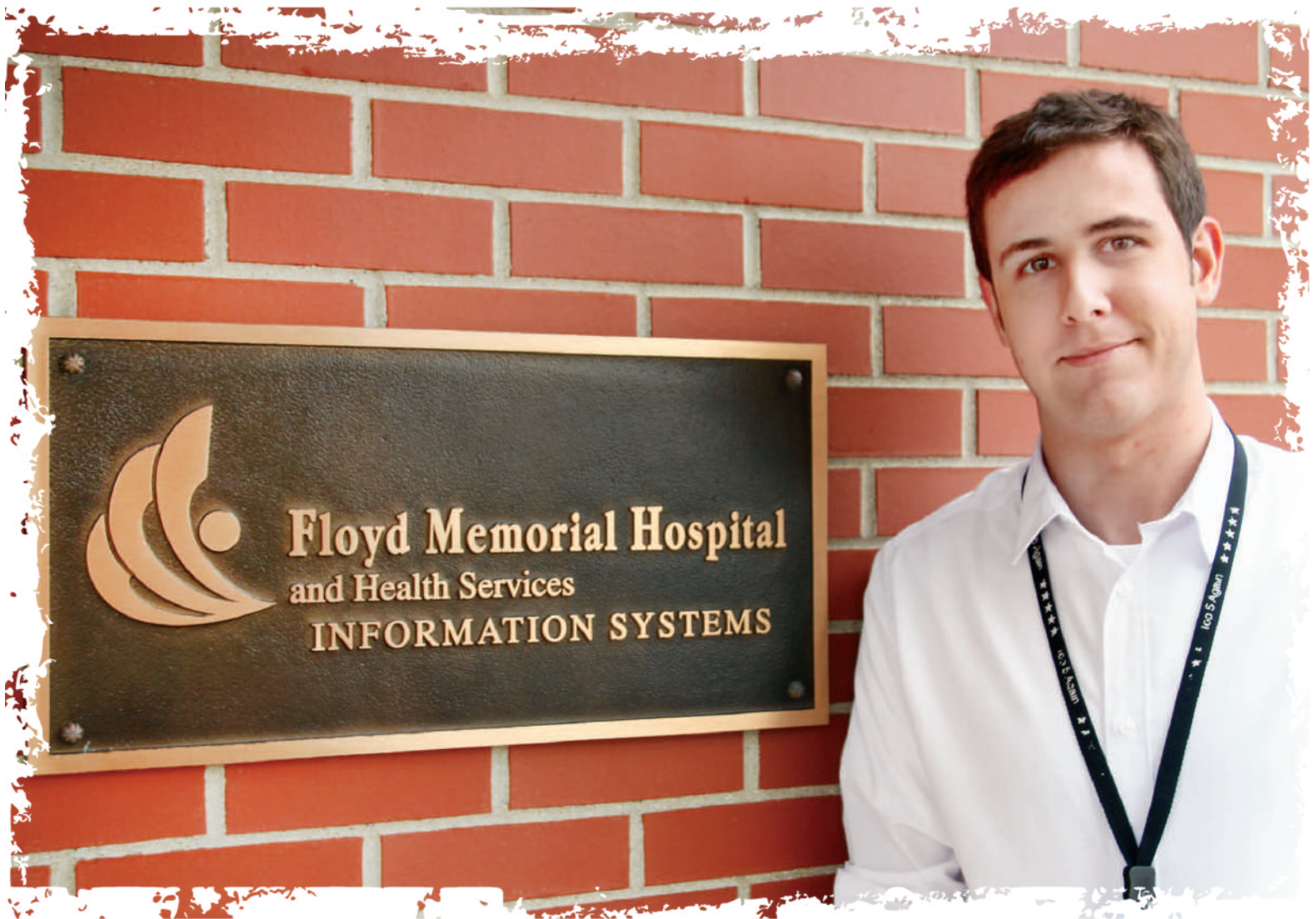


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*“Computer Networking  
Success Story...”*

*Joey Flispart (2005) is the PC Coordinator for Floyd Memorial Hospital.  
Read Joey's story on the next page.*



## SuccessStory: Joey Flispart, 2005

In the last issue of *Explore*, we profiled Douglas Bostock, a 2005 graduate of Prosser and Floyd Central and a 2008 graduate of Purdue University. Doug is now working for Google as part of their Internal Technology Residency Program. He is an example of many Prosser students who use their education to pursue four-year college degrees.

Many other Prosser students successfully take different career paths. Such is the case for Joey Flispart, who currently works as the PC Coordinator for Floyd Memorial Hospital in New Albany. Joey's educational path was unique. He was home-schooled until he attended Prosser. He graduated with honors in 2005. In fact, he earned his A+, Net+, and MCP certifications, scoring 100 percent on his A+. He is the only Prosser student ever to do so. Since then he has continued his education at Ivy Tech and IUS.

A student in the Network Systems Program at Prosser, Joey understands the significance of Prosser's impact upon his life. "What I appreciated most about Prosser," he said in an interview, "was the opportunity I was given to obtain a skill that I may not have had the chance to learn anywhere else. I was able to focus and learn multiple computer skills that I still use every day in my career. Prosser provides a great opportunity to learn trades and skills to prepare you for a successful career."

"Prosser really helped out by teaching me things that applied to an actual, real-world job, not just things you would read and study in a book. I learned that not only do

I work with technology, but I also work with the people who use the technology. A large portion of my job is customer service, and Prosser helped prepare me for that part of my job."

Joey said that Prosser was instrumental in getting his start in his career. "I started out as a consultant and then worked into the PC Coordinator's position." He has been with Floyd Memorial for seven years now.

Joey has some advice for students and those considering attending Prosser: "I cannot say enough good things about attending Prosser," he said. "In my opinion, it is one of the best decisions students can make for their education and future career. There are so many different classes to choose from, so be sure to attend the open house to see all the options you have. My advice for current students would be to take in as much as you can now. Prosser offers a great opportunity to learn skills that you may not get the chance to learn later in life, so pay attention!"

Joey says his hobbies and interests not only include being a "computer nerd," but a "music nerd" as well. "I co-run a music blog and do a lot of band/concert photography. I travel often all over the United States to see bands and music festivals such as SXSW in Austin, Texas, and CMJ in New York City."

The next time you visit Floyd Memorial Hospital, know that Joey Flispart, a Prosser graduate, is utilizing the newest and latest technology so that you will be safe.

## New to the Neighborhood: Prosser Welcomes New Teachers

### Seven New Faces Become Part of the Prosser Family.



**Mrs. Cathy Wheeler** served as Prosser's assistant principal for the past six years and began 2011-2012 as Prosser's principal. With more than 30 years in education, including experience as an English/writing teacher and as high-school guidance counselor, she looks forward to her role as principal. She is excited to collaborate with Prosser's teachers as they highlight the academic standards within the standards of the

career and technical education curriculum. "Emphasizing the connection between CTE and academics helps students to succeed."



**Mrs. Camille Goldman** earned her undergraduate teaching degree from the University of Arkansas and completed her graduate studies at IUS. After teaching 10 years at New Albany High School, she began 2011-2012 as Prosser's Dean of Students. With her educational training and experience in special education, along with her experience as a chemistry and biology teacher, Mrs. Goldman assuredly will assist all students to be successful. She states that she is "glad to be part of a positive culture."



**Mr. Mac Spainhour**, a graduate of Vincennes University and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, recently retired after 27 years as an Indiana Conservation Officer. He is now teaching Prosser's new Criminal Justice course. He will use his experience to "make an impact on young adults."





# Prosser School of Technology Announces State Champions



**Erica Dixon**  
New Albany  
National Champion  
Health Care

Prosser School of Technology is a strong supporter of the career and technical student organization SkillsUSA. The SkillsUSA is a quality co-curricular organization that coordinates local, regional, state and national career-and-leadership skill competitions. This year Prosser had 34 students qualify for the state competition. Of these students, four were crowned **State Champions**. These state champions represented Prosser and the whole State of Indiana at the national SkillsUSA competition held in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 14-24. It is an obvious challenge and quite an honor to participate in a competition made up exclusively of state champions. The outstanding success our students had participating in the week-long national event is a testament to the quality of Prosser School of Technology instructors, programs, and students. We have reason to be proud!



**Brian Sheckell**  
Floyd Central  
1st Place Indiana Winner  
7th Place Nationals  
Precision Machining



**Corey Havens**  
Jeffersonville  
1st Place Indiana Winner  
20th Place Nationals  
Computer Networking



**Taylor Dedrick**  
Floyd Central  
1st Place Indiana Winner  
33rd Place Nationals  
Culinary Arts



**Ms. Gina Pullen** earned her undergraduate degree from IUS and recently earned her Master of Science in Secondary Education from Spalding University. She joined Prosser this school year as instructor of Information Support and Services. Mrs. Pullen begins her high-school teaching career after successful business-world experiences, including working as an accountant, a controller, and as business manager; she also taught business courses for the past 10 years at the college level. "I can offer my students real-life experiences along with real-life advice on how the business world works."



**Mrs. Kim Gosnell** began the school year at Prosser School of Cosmetology and is a licensed cosmetologist as well as a licensed instructor. She earned her cosmetology license at PJ's Cosmetology School, owns a hair salon in Lanesville, and states, "I absolutely love what I do." She is excited to teach at Prosser because of the

integrity of the program and because she assists students "to excel at their future careers."



**Ms. Sandy Wright** also joined Prosser School of Cosmetology this school year and states she is "excited to be part of the team." Ms. Wright also owns and operates a local salon and chose to become an instructor as well. "In sharing my experience and knowledge with the students, I feel I can help prepare them to become successful cosmetologists."



**Ms. Brittany Klein** will help her students obtain valuable experience at local hospitals and long-term facilities. Ms. Klein is a graduate of Galen College of Nursing and has worked as a licensed practical nurse for the past six years. "I am excited to be part of students' learning experiences in nursing and health care."

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## More Student Success

The Numbers Are In ... Prosser's 2010-2011  
student achievements are impressive!

- Students earned more than 3,200 dual high school/college credits.
- Students earned more than 700 industry certifications.
- Approximately 80 students advanced to state-level skills and leadership competitions after successfully competing at local and regional levels.
- Fourteen students competed in program-specific national skills and leadership competitions.



For more information about Douglas Bostock, go to  
[www.prossertech.org](http://www.prossertech.org).

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**facebook.**

## Director's Message Preparing for the Future



It is absolutely an exciting time to be at Prosser School of Technology. As the world around us changes at lightning speed, so does Prosser. We have an unprecedented number of new programs, initiatives and opportunities all developed with the goal of ensuring that our students are successful; and, our students are indeed successful.

In this newsletter you will meet a few of our recent graduates and learn of the career paths they have chosen. You will read about the National SkillsUSA contest and how we stack up against students from across the United States. You will also meet our new staff members, one of whom is Cathy Wheeler, our new principal.

I am confident Mrs. Wheeler's enthusiasm and innovative ideas will lead Prosser to a new level of success. She has already been an integral part of starting our new Criminal Justice and First Responder/EMT programs, expanding our college-credit opportunities, and developing program curriculum that integrates academic standards within our career and technical standards.

The list is long of the positive changes we are making to ensure we provide the best secondary career-training programs available *anywhere* – period! Our students can have confidence Prosser School of Technology is the best and will continue to be the best.