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Trying Out Careers with Virtual Reality



Kyle slips on the virtual reality headset and suddenly he's immersed in a new career in hospitality. His hands gripping the controls, he moves about with purpose in a small section of the computer lab at Noble's **Moving Forward Career Center** as he "pours a drink & hands it to a customer." Working with a few colleagues that only he sees with his headset, he virtually completes several more tasks before he removes the headset & grins. "That was pretty cool!"

This virtual reality equipment is part of our new **KATIE'S Lab**. That stands for the Kinesthetic Augmented Technology for Individual Exploration & Skills, and it offers huge opportunities for adults with disabilities & other challenges to employment. By being able to try out 8 different career paths & over 90 modules, individuals can get an immersive experience in what each career path may be like.

KATIE'S Lab was generously funded by the Laura and Dallas Smith Family Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation in honor of Katie, a woman we've empowered to fulfill her career & life aspirations. The lab features three headsets & controls so several people at a time can "try out" their chosen careers. Interested in learning more?

OPEN HOUSE | COMING SOON!

Be on the lookout for details on an Open House at the Career Center so you can see this new location & try out the awesome VR headsets! If you'd like to learn more in the meantime, contact Director **Kendel Tilton**.

Exhibit at Airport to Feature Noble Artists



The Indianapolis Airport Authority is showcasing the work of Indiana artists with disabilities at its 2025 Art Exhibit - Celebration of Creativity during March at Indianapolis International Airport.

During this 3rd annual exhibition, the creativity of these artists—including six artists served by Noble—will be on full display. It's one of many nationwide events in honor of Disability Awareness Month & the many contributions that people with disabilities make to our community.

On March 7th, an opening reception will unveil the month-long exhibit, which will then be seen by travelers to and from the area. This event is in partnership with Ability Indiana and INARF.

Build a Lifetime of Memories at Camp



We're celebrating our 20th year of <u>Summer Day Camp</u> and hope your school-age child can join us. We'll be "Building a Lifetime of Memories" at this year's camps for youth with and without disabilities. Sessions begin in June, run 9 am - 3:30 pm and offer a host of activities in a 1:4 counselor to camper ratio.

This year's featured camps include:

- Fun and Games Camp
- Music and Dance Camp
- Art Camp
- Discovery Camp

Let's build a lifetime of memories at Noble Summer Camp this year!

Get Your Tickets for Evening in the Garden



Our 29th annual **Evening in the Garden** promises to be a fantastic night, and we'd love to have as many of you and your guests there as possible. This preview gala to the Indiana Flower and Patio Show is a beautiful event filled with great food, live entertainment, a curated Silent Auction & the amazing spirit of our Noble community.

Noble Evening in the Garden

Friday, March 14, 2025 7- 11pm Indiana State Fairgrounds Expo Hall & West Pavilion

Make plans to join us and **get your tickets** today!



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