

# Career Tech Matters

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Pickaway-Ross fielded a large number of contestants in the recent BPA Region 14 competition, with more than half placing in the top 10 of their events.



BPA co-advisors Tony Eallonardo, Holly Smith and Ashley Wilburn took 58 members of the career and technical student organization to the contest, held Feb. 2 in Columbus.

“Fifty-eight is more than half of our membership so it is commendable that so many of our students participated,” Tony said.

Students competed in judged and non-judged events that allow them to demonstrate their abilities in such business activities as network administration, PC servicing and troubleshooting, word processing and interview skills.

Many of the categories are judged by written test, but others, such as desktop publishing, requires entrants to create a design with elements presented to them by the judges.

In most non-judged contests, those determined by a written test, the top three finishers advance to state. In judged contests, only the first-place winner advances. Pickaway-Ross will be sending eight contestants to the state competition March 8-9, plus Nolan Badgley will be attending as a regional officer.

Other students who will be representing the school are Kayla Lipscomb, who took first place in Advanced Interview Skills, and Emily Allen, also a regional officer, who took first in Interview Skills. In the Interview Skills category, Pickaway-Ross had three students who placed in the top 10.

Also earning first place awards were Holly Ervin in Fundamental Desktop Publishing and Mary Lou Hopper for Fundamental Word Processing. Holly, also a regional officer, also earned a second place in Graphic Design Promotion, a category in which Pickaway-Ross had four of the top 10 winners.



BPA students who will represent Pickaway-Ross at the state contest next month are, top from left, Emily Allen, Nolan Badgley, Michael Boring, Timothy Center-Silbereis, Ryan DeBerry, Holly Ervin, Mary Lou Hopper, Kayla Lipscomb and Trenton Pettiford

In PC Servicing & Troubleshooting, Pickaway-Ross students swept the category, taking six of the top 10 honors. Going to state for earning first through third, respectively, are Trenton Pettiford, Ryan DeBerry and Timothy Center-Silbereis.

In Network Administration using Microsoft, Michael Boring took third.

Other commendable efforts by chapter members were in the Computer Network Technology category, in which Nolan Badgley and Cameron Cramer placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

And in the Video Design category, Pickaway-Ross' three-person team placed ninth.

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