

# Career Tech Matters

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Last week I wrote about what a great job so many staff members did at the March 2 SkillsUSA Ohio South Central Regional Championships that we hosted. Fourteen chapter members now advance to state.

Members of the FCCLA chapter competed at the regional level last Saturday and 11 students placed; we're waiting to learn who will advance to state.

Similarly, BPA's state conference started yesterday and we'll learn today if any of our three students will advance to nationals.

But our students often excel outside of academics and CTSO events.

Dominick Smith, a junior in Ashley Wilburn's Interactive Digital Arts program, is one such example.

He entered two pieces of art in the Best of Ross



Dominick Smith, above, won best of show for his graphic design *Good Times*, left. Dominick is a junior in IDA.

## SkillsUSA Regional winners

### First place:

Wyatt Banik, PWT, Welding; Bryce Bruce, ACR, Collision Repair Technology; Abigail Mascari, HST, Related Technical Math

### Second place:

Chase Davis, Christopher Ogdin, Kaden Skaggs, PWT, Welding Fabrication; Garrett Murta, ACR, Automotive Refinishing Technology; Shawn Salisbury, ELE, Electrical Construction Wiring; Tucker Stulley, MAC, Extemporaneous Speaking; Landon Vanhooose, LPS, Criminal Justice; Victoria Wintersheimer, COS, Cosmetology

### Third place:

Cicillia Newton, Kennedy Steele, COS, Esthetics; Tessa Rodgers, HST, First aid/CPR

## FCCLA Regional winners

### First place:

Faith Abner, ECE, Focus on Children; Katelynn Drum, ECE, Career Investigation; Autumn Forcier, ECE, Illustrated Talk; Bre Hess, ECE, Focus on Children; Payton Young, ECE, Focus on Children

### Second place:

Kahlynn Lambert, ECE, Illustrated Talk; Kaitlin Edwards, ECE, Teach & Train; Glenda Hill, CFC, Entrepreneurship; Hannah Currier, CFC, Food Innovations; Destany Graves, ECE, Early Childhood Education

### Third place:

Kara Collett, ECE, Job Interview

County art show that was held at the Pump House in Chillicothe last month and won best of show for his graphic design, *Good Times*.

Dominick said Japanese propaganda posters, comic books and anime inspire his artwork. His artwork is also a way that he deals with anxiety.

"All of my art is very personal, me getting my emotions out on a page," he said. "I write down what I'm feeling, then I create a character based on my emotion."

For example, in his winning graphic design, a red character pulls at his face and other colors show beneath it. Dominick said that is his view of his anxiety hiding his creativity and the character is releasing it.

Dominick says he has been an artist as long as he can remember. In addition to painting, drawing and graphic design, Dominick is also an actor in the drama club at his home school, Unioto. He will be the Cat in the Hat in the school's upcoming production of *Seussical the Musical*.

He wants to continue to study art after high school, possibly at Ohio University, and for now is making every effort to get his name out in the community. He credits his art teacher at Unioto, Ann VanVoorhis, with helping him connect to artists in Columbus. He hopes to put on his own show next year, either in Chillicothe or Columbus.

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