

Career Tech Matters

by Dennis Franks • March 16, 2018

Senior Holly Ervin, who won first place last week at the state BPA contest in Columbus, will go on to represent Pickaway-Ross and Ohio at the national conference.



Holly, who is in Interactive Digital Arts, won first in Fundamental Desktop Publishing, allowing her to advance to the national contest being held in May in Dallas, Texas.

Competing against about 50 other BPA members from around the state, Holly created a pamphlet, logo, postcard and name tag for a fictitious organization. Each student had the same assignment and was judged on a rubric that included use of color, the assigned elements and following directions.

Students had 90 minutes to create the materials.

“I was the first person out of everyone (in the room) done and that worried me,” Holly said. “I thought, ‘Did I forget something?’ ”

Other chapter members who competed last week were Emily Allen, Michael Boring, Timothy Center-Silbereis, Ryan DeBerry, Mary Lou Hopper, Kayla Lipscomb and Trenton Pettiford.

Emily Allen, a junior in Interactive Digital Arts, took third place in Interview Skills, and Ryan DeBerry, a senior in Network System Technology, finished in the top 10 for PC Servicing and Troubleshooting.

Nolan Badgley, also a senior in NST, and Holly, also received their Statesman Torch awards. At the national event, they will receive their Ambassador Torch Awards, the highest award given in the Torch program.

Emily also will represent Pickaway-Ross at the



No one was more surprised than senior Holly Ervin when her name was called as the first place winner in the Fundamental Desktop Publishing category.

national conference, acting as a voting delegate in the BPA national officer elections.

Congratulations to BPA members and advisors for all of your accomplishments!



Congratulations also to several board members for being honored by the Ohio School Boards Association at last week’s Central Region Spring Conference.



Richard Everman



Jeff Hartmus

Board members Richard Everman, Jeff Hartmus, Todd Stevens and Byron Welch were recognized for 15 years of board service.



Todd Stevens



Byron Welch

Dennis Franks is superintendent of Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center. He can be reached at dennis.franks@pickawayross.com.