

Career Tech Matters

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It was an exciting week for Pickaway-Ross last week, as more than 50 students represented our school in Columbus, on campus and in competition.



On Thursday, four students accompanied Shara Cochenour, Tea McCaulla, Donna Patrick and Susan Schwalbauch to the statehouse for the 2017 ACTE Student Showcase.

Students Taryn Austin, Emma Bretz, Caitlyn Holdren and Collin Smith were available at the event to talk about Tea's Veterans History Project. The group also brought with them Chester Collins, a World War II Navy veteran who Taryn interviewed for the project. Taryn's interview spurred Chester to co-write, with Tea's husband, Steven Denomme, a book about Chester's time in the Navy.

While staffing their table, the group was visited by Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, R-Clarksburg, who said in a Facebook post about talking with the students, "For Ohio to keep moving forward and succeed, we must invest our time and resources into these young people at career and tech schools."

On Friday, about 50 students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society during the annual tapping ceremony.

Students are chosen for this honor based on many factors, including their grade point average, attendance and a recommendation letter from a teacher. Students are expected to model the seven attributes that define the NTHS: leadership, scholarship, skills, honesty, citizenship, service and responsibility.

And on Saturday, Pickaway-Ross hosted the FCCLA Region 3 competition and several students placed.

Students who won gold were Liberty Davis and Kyanna Knight for Illustrated Talk; Lasci Oyer for Life Event Planning; and Haley Wright for Focus on Children. Madelynne Diebert won silver for Career Investigation.

Pickaway-Ross' satellite program at Paint Valley, taught by Susan Pauley, competed in Focus on Children and Katie Algeo, Kami Krivak and Marissa Skaggs won silver.

The event, which serves 22 districts across central and southeastern Ohio, was organized by Missy Brown, Amy Groff and Kevin Krebs.

These are just a few examples of the great things our students do with your support and guidance.

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ABOVE, LEFT: Emma Bretz, left, Donna Patrick, Chester Collins, Collin Smith, Tary Austin, Caitlyn Holdren and Tea McCaulla attended the ACTE Student Showcase. **ABOVE, CENTER:** The 2017 inductees of the National Technical Honor Society. **ABOVE, RIGHT:** FCCLA winners, back row, from left, Lasci Oyer, Kyanna Knight, Madelynne Diebart; front row, left, Haley Wright and Liberty Davis.