

Career Tech Matters

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The past few weeks have been busy for students competing in contests held by their career and technical student organizations and in other academic arenas.



Kyle Kaiser placed first in Collision Repair Technology; Hunter Green placed second in Automotive Service Technology; and Laura-May Wheeler placed third in Customer Service.

On March 5, Pickaway-Ross hosted the FCCLA Region 3 Star Events, opening up the lion's share of our campus to about 200 chapter members who competed in dozens of competition categories, including interview, chapter display, education and community service.

In mid-February, Pickaway-Ross hosted about 40 students from District 7 FFA chapters for the Ag Sales competition, in which students took part in customer relations practicum and sales demonstrations.

FFA students competed in other contest categories at other sites. Maggie Hovermale, a senior from Westfall in our Veterinary Science Technologies program, is advancing to state, having placed third in public speaking. Zane Trace FFA chapter members Zach Wheeler and Kevin Daubenmire competed in the Industrial Diagnostics CDE and also placed third.

At the SkillsUSA regional competition, held at the end of February, three students advanced to compete at state, which will take place April 26.

Students advancing to FCCLA state are Cloe Blazer, Commercial Foods, Leadership; Jacob Shuman, Unioto chapter, Illustrated Talk Senior Division; Ali Stewart, Early Childhood Education, Life Event Planning Project; and Calli Uhrig and Molli Walter, Huntington FCCLA, Chapter Service Project Display.

Nikki Howard and Kalyna Pringle will represent the Westfall BPA chapter in Small Business Management. Matt Beachy-Pace, Jordin Blakeman, Katie Camp, Michael Camp, Brent Cox, Nick Keaton, Dalton Lynn, Jake Mancini, Sarah Rice and Kyna Wright from our Marketing program at Circleville High



School will represent DECA.

March 5 was also Ohio History Day and Tea McCaulla had two students participating in the 2016 Region 9 Ohio History Day contest.

Kaleb Ramsey, above left, and Kylee Neace competed in the Senior Group Documentary category, placing in the top two for their documentary *What's the Big Deal about the New Deal?*

They will advance to the state competition to be held April 30 at Ohio Wesleyan University.

All of these students – and their advisors – are to be congratulated. Good luck at state!

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Above left: students and co-advisor Mrs. Patrick at SkillsUSA regionals; center: Zane Trace FFA chapter members Zach Wheeler and Kevin Daubenmire; far right: Jacob Shuman and Unioto FCCLA advisor Lisa Corcoran Detty.