

Career Tech Matters

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Students in our career and technical student organizations are performing so strongly at competitions that a number are advancing to the state and national levels.



Earlier this month, members of the school's FCCLA chapter competed at the Region 3 competition and now six will go on to the state competition in April.

Seniors who competed were Liberty Davis, Caitlin Holdren and Kyanna Knight, all students in the Early Childhood Education program.

Juniors who competed were Commercial Food Careers student Alexis Bane and Early Childhood Education students Kylee Brady, Angel Carpenter, Destany Graves, Hannah Runkle and Sarah Spires.

Winning gold were Kylee, Liberty, Destany and Hannah; winning silver were Kyanna and Sarah. They will advance to the state competition.

Alexis, Angel and Caitlyn won bronze.

Liberty, whose home school is Logan Elm, went to state last year to help Kyanna with her presentation and said she thinks knowing what the event is like will be a big help.

Liberty is competing in the Illustrated Talk event, presenting on the topic of depression.

In her first years of high school, Liberty said she was often sad but didn't know why.

"I didn't know how to tell people what was wrong."

When she was diagnosed as having depression her senior year, she decided to research it for her



Liberty Davis, a senior in Early Childhood Education, shared her FCCLA presentation with the board of education last week. Liberty is one of six students who will represent Pickaway-Ross at the state FCCLA convention in April.

FCCLA presentation.

As part of the FCCLA event requirements, she gave her presentation to some of her peers and said she thinks the culture around depression is changing, with different age groups responding to it in different ways.

"Older generations were taught not to cry, not to talk about your feelings and that can be harder on someone with depression."

After presenting to a classroom, a few students talked to Liberty and the teacher about their own issues with depression.

"A lot of our teachers here do understand," she said.

Liberty has applied to Ohio Christian University and Ohio University Chillicothe and has been accepted to Ohio Christian. She wants to study education and teach math at the middle-school level.

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