

Career Tech Matters

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In my past few columns I have been singing the praises of the accomplishments of students in our career and technical student organizations.



But so many of our students and staff members excel outside of their CTSOs. Join me in recognizing them.

Last month, four of Donna Patrick's Cosmetology students passed their state boards.

This means (from left) Emma Bretz, Dailyn Bobb, Mychalia Lowe and Jessica Swanson now are licensed and can work in a salon.



In fact, Dailyn, Mychalia and Jessica are on job placement at salons in Chillicothe. Emma, who is president of our SkillsUSA chapter, is on campus working on the chapter's project for nationals and finishing College Credit Plus to prepare for attending Wright State University this fall.

Congratulations to this group of seniors. Another group will test May 2.



On Thursday, April 19, Pickaway-Ross will host Express Yourself, an art show featuring the work of students and staff members.

This event was the brainchild of Katie Hewitt, who came up with the idea after working with her English students on a poetry lesson. The idea of bringing in a poet to present to the students

snowballed into this art show with more than 50 entries.

In addition to the art displayed in the commons, some students have signed up to recite poems and short stories, which will take place in the library. Poet Fayce Hammond from Columbus also will present poetry that night.

Mark Johnston's seniors are building a display wall and Student Council members will be greeters. In addition, a table with refreshments will be set up. Staffed by MADE ambassadors, the proceeds will benefit the school's chapter.

This event is a great way to showcase the talents and creativity of our students and staff members.



In January, three Pickaway-Ross students started the Young Entrepreneurs Academy, meeting for three hours every Tuesday night at Ohio Christian University and learning the steps needed to launch a company.



Last month, with 11 other students from Pickaway County schools, seniors Ryan DeBerry and Mychalia Lowe and junior Tuckey Stulley presented 60-second elevator pitches about their companies.



On April 19 they will pitch their ideas to a panel of investors, where they could be awarded funding for their company.



Good luck, Ryan, Mychalia and Tucker.

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