

Career Tech Matters

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Our Senior Ceremony last night at Ohio Christian University was a wonderful event that marked the completion of high school for our 2016 senior class.



But a handful of seniors who have been employed as student workers will remain on campus for a few weeks.

About six months ago, Jamie Nash, director of Secondary Education, suggested that Pickaway-Ross employ some students in areas related to their programs.

Jason Hayslip, for example, in Tony Eallonardo's Network Systems Technologies program, was hired to work with Vince Perhach and CJ Davis in the school's IT Department.

Jason has been working with computers since he was 13 and describes himself as a self-taught programmer.

Jason and Noah Forbes, another NST student, provide assistance with network support to Vince and CJ.

One of Jason's projects was creating a program for the school's Asus notebooks.

"It makes them run faster," Jason said.

Amber Frasure and Ceryan Stonerock were hired to work in the library, where some of their work was visible during last night's ceremony.

The Interactive Digital Arts students took the photos that were used to create the background for the PowerPoint display that accompanied seniors as they walked to accept their Career Passports.

Amber and Ceryan said it was a fun project that required teamwork

"She knows some stuff that I don't so we worked together to figure stuff out," Ceryann said of putting the display together.



Ceryan Stonerock, right, fills in at the reception desk Monday.

Angela Blanton, Cafeteria manager, has two students working for her from the Options for Transitions program.

"They're doing really well," she said of Austen Hall and Shane Hoffman. "They learn to work together and stay on task."

Michaela Hall, a Medical Careers student, has been working for Mindy Frejkowski and said the experience has been very helpful.

"Before I starting helping Nurse Mindy, (taking) blood pressures was my worst thing but now I've done them a lot," which has helped her with the technique, she said.

The student employment program will continue in June, when about a dozen students from Aaron McManes' Carpentry program will work on the demolition and renovation of the current district offices.

We spend our time preparing students for the work force and if we employ them ourselves, I think it's a great statement to the community that we stand behind them.

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