

Career Tech Matters

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Last night's completion ceremony is one of several events that signal that another school year is coming to a close.

As 220 students accepted their Career Passports from board members and me, I once again looked back on a successful school year.



I am proud of the day-to-day instruction at Pickaway-Ross. But our school is about more than providing career training. We offer a mix of events for students and the community.

If the Completion Ceremony marks the end of the year, fall events, such as Battle of the Bands in September, unofficially mark the beginning of the year. In between we also offer community outreach events, such as Senior Citizens Day, field trips, two Physics 250 races, Spring Fling and the Student Awards Ceremony.

Held last week, the Student Awards Ceremony recognized about 150 juniors and seniors for their academic excellence and school service.

Among them was Max Krebs, a senior in Engineering who was selected as the 2014-15 Student of the Year.

Max is no stranger to Pickaway-Ross, starting here as a 4-year-old in our pre-school.

When he returned 12 years later as a junior, he was invited to serve as a Pickaway-Ross Student Ambassador.

Mark Johnston, who was Max's Engineering instructor, said Max exemplifies the meaning of ambassador.

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leader and a fantastic advocate for career-tech education and Pickaway-Ross," Mark said.

"He is extremely proud of his family, his school, his teachers and his peers, and believes wholeheartedly in the career-technical educational experience he and other students receive at Pickaway-Ross."

In addition to Student Ambassadors, he was also on Student Council for two years and in SkillsUSA.

"Max does not know the meaning of going half-way," Mark said. "Any extracurricular student activity that he is involved in, he puts forth his best effort."

Max believes strongly in the benefits of career-tech education and I have no doubt that he will spread that message as he continues through life.

It's students like Max – and so many others – who will go to college, or join the workforce or the military, who should make all of us at Pickaway-Ross proud of what we help students accomplish.

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