

# Career Tech Matters

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It's only May, but Isaac Oberer is looking toward August.

Isaac, who just completed the Criminal Justice program, will compete at the SkillsUSA national contest in Louisville, Ky., in the Extemporaneous Speech category in June.



In the fall he plans to study Law Enforcement at Columbus State Community College and hopes to get a job with the Columbus Police Department.

Among our juniors, Tyler Funk and Archer Meredith showcased the Automotive Technologies program when they competed this month against thousands of other Ohio students at the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills contest.



Isaac Oberer accepts his Career Passport from Board of Education member Dan Bradhurst at last week's Senior Ceremony.

If he wins at nationals, he will advance to the world competition held in Brazil in August.

At the state contest, competitors were given the topic "Education provides endless possibilities that benefit society in the end." With five minutes to prepare

a three- to five-minute speech, Isaac delivered a first-place performance and earned his berth at nationals.

Contestants are judged on voice, mechanics, platform deportment, organization and effectiveness.

Isaac has been at ease as a public speaker for many years, crediting his years in Boy Scouts and working at summer camps.

Last year, Isaac competed in the Prepared Speech category and placed at regionals.

Isaac is confident that his public speaking abilities will benefit him in the field of law enforcement.

"Ninety percent of what law enforcement is all about is being able to talk to people."

Tyler and Archer were the only juniors competing against nine other two-person teams made up of high school seniors or college students.

Tyler and Archer completed an online exam and did well enough to advance to the hands-on portion of the contest, which took place in Independence, Ohio. The hands-on test required that students diagnose and repair a 2015 Ford Fiesta SE that had been deliberately "bugged."

Tyler and Archer were awarded plaques for Outstanding Achievement for Hands-On Training and won scholarships.

As the school year comes to a close, Isaac, Tyler, Archer and so many other students are examples of the student excellence that Pickaway-Ross provides in a variety of fields.

Remember your role in creating all those excellent students as you enjoy your summer.



Archer Meredith, left, and Tyler Funk were each awarded a plaque for Outstanding Achievement at the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills contest.

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