

Career Tech Matters

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Angela Blanton has a long history with Pickaway-Ross, despite just starting her sixth year working in our cafeteria.



Angela attended Pickaway-Ross and her first job was in the attendance office when she was a junior.

“Pickaway-Ross was my first job. Hopefully Pickaway-Ross will be my last job,” she said.

Upon completing Pickaway-Ross and graduating from Zane Trace, Angela made a career in the food-service industry, starting with a job at Burger King during her senior year and culminating this summer with being named the cafe manager at Pickaway-Ross.

Before joining Pickaway-Ross as a cook in 2009, she worked at Ohio Christian University’s cafeteria for six years. In fact, she worked with our former café manager, Chris Seyfang, who contacted her about applying for a job here.

“I was considered his sous chef,” Angela said of working with Chris at OCU. “We shared a passion for food and presentation.”

Not only were Angela and Chris colleagues, but the pair grew up together in Circleville. In fact, Angela’s mother was Chris’ Sunday school teacher.

“He was like a brother to me,” she said of Chris, who was killed in a car accident in late March.

She said she agrees with Chris’ philosophy that when feeding people, presentation is everything.

“It has to taste good, but it also has to look good,” she said.



Angela Blanton, cafe manager, rings out a student during a lunch period this week.

Feeding people is also a great way to reach them, especially students, Angela said. Whether at Ohio Christian or Pickaway-Ross, she said she enjoys the interaction she has with students.

“If a few minutes of conversation over a piece of pizza helps them have a better day, that can help them with their academics,” Angela said.

A frequent sight at the cash register during lunch periods, Angela said ringing the students up as they pay for their food is a good way for her to match students’ faces and names.

“Getting to know them personally, that’s the fun stuff.”

And while her new position as café manager is not without its challenges, Angela said she is exactly where she wants to be.

“This job is what I’ve always wanted to do,” she said. “I love it. This is what I love to do.”

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