

Career Tech Matters

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In the past few years, we've made an effort to include what are called in the workforce "soft skills," helping students understand how to create a resume, prepare for an interview and be ready for the professional world, to cite a few examples.



One aspect of that is to dress professionally. To prepare Pickaway-Ross students for that they are expected to wear a uniform. In that vein, we changed some of our uniform styles this year to be more aligned with potential careers.

For example, students in programs in the Transportation Academy now wear short-sleeved shop shirts instead of T-shirts.

It's important that our students understand how important a professional appearance is. In a recent LAMPS meeting, Bob Edwards suggested that we promote to students examples of their peers in proper dress for their potential career.

Photos of students in their respective uniforms are being taken and will be enlarged and made into wall decals to display around the school.

Nash Ransdell is one of our first students to be photographed for the effort.

Nash, a senior in the Carpentry program, is an excellent representative of Pickaway-Ross.

He was on the work team who helped demolish the former District Offices in June and then he stayed on as a summer employee turning those offices into the new Director's Complex, completing the new classrooms along the Math hallway and assisting in numerous other ways with anything that needed to be done.



This image of senior Nash Ransdell will be made into a wall decal. His picture, and those of other students, will be displayed around school to demonstrate professional dress.

When he applied to Pickaway-Ross, he also learned about the Electrical and Welding programs but when he heard about the project house he thought Carpentry was the trade for him.

"I like working with my hands," Nash said.

Nash took to the program and was eager to help others in his class.

"When I'm working, I like to be ahead of everyone," he said.

That work ethic came into play this summer.

"I tend to step up, to get what needs to be done, done," he said.

If you have a student who you think exemplifies their Pickaway-Ross program, please let Dana Anderson know.

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