

# Career Tech Matters

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Sixteen students from Pickaway and Ross counties are the newest to join the school thanks to new satellite programs in each county.

Rachel Scior, formerly a satellite ag teacher at Westfall High School, is teaching the new Veterinary Science Technologies program, which meets at the Educational Service Center in Circleville.

Her eight students – juniors and seniors – spend the morning with her before returning to their home schools for academics.

Several of the students said they chose to enroll in the program because they want to be a veterinary technician but an equal number are considering pursuing a career as a veterinarian.

For Lindsey Snyder, a junior from Circleville, being in the program has helped her decide on a career path, pursuing animal studies in college.

Four of the students are seniors and chose to enroll in the two-year program even though they will not get a completion certificate.

“This will give me a head start on my education,” said Samantha Mascari, a Logan Elm senior. “It will give me an advantage when I go to college.”

In addition to the educational foundation, two seniors wanted to be active with the FFA chapter Rachel started for the program.

“I have a really deep passion for FFA,” said Maggie



Hovermale, a Westfall senior who is president of the new Stoneridge FFA chapter. “I wanted a seasoned veteran to help lead it.”

Students said another advantage of the program is the college-like feel of the class.

“I’ve always tried to treat students as young adults. I wanted this to be a steppingstone to a four-year institution,” Rachel said.

Matt Wilson, who is teaching the new Sports Medicine Technologies program, said his students are definitely getting a feel for college as the program meets at Ohio University – Chillicothe.

A former athletic trainer, Matt said he welcomed the opportunity to teach.

“I love building programs,” Matt said.

His students’ goals include becoming athletic trainers, physical therapists and orthopedic surgeons.

Audrey Stratton, from Unioto, who wants to be an orthopedic surgeon, plans to work as an athletic trainer to help pay for college.

Nina Williams, from Chillicothe, said she is considering physical therapy as a career option.

But even if she doesn’t follow that career path, she said, the education will be valuable.

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LEFT: Students take a quiz in Matt Wilson’s Sports Medicine program.



RIGHT: Students listen to a guest speaker in Rachel Scior’s Veterinary Science program.