

Career Tech Matters

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Pickaway-Ross, as a school of choice, needs to promote itself to the community as a place of opportunity for high school students and adult learners.



One way we do that is through community events on campus, such as Community Appreciation Day and Senior Citizens Day, and through opportunities to introduce our staff members, students and programs to visitors attending events such as the Southern Ohio Home & Garden Show, Pickaway County Fair and Ross County Fair.

These events are just a few that are overseen by LAMPS – the Leading, Advising, Marketing, Promoting Steering committee – to convey to community members how Pickaway-Ross benefits the counties it serves.

LAMPS was created a few years ago and is made up of representatives from all areas of Pickaway-Ross. LAMPS members are Dana Anderson, Robin Bussey, Shara Cochenour, Steve Dix, Bob Edwards, Tracey Eyre, Christy Gottfried, Grace King, Elizabeth Kolb, Erika Konowalow, Kevin Krebs, Darren Plessinger, David Riehle, Angie Saxton, Shay Steele and Tammy Sutherland.

Some of the LAMPS members are, front row from left, Dana Anderson, Bob Edwards, Angie Saxton, Christy Gottfried, Shay Steele and Kevin Krebs; and back row, from left, Robin Bussey, Grace King, David Riehle and Tracey Eyre.

Suggestion boxes for the LAMPS committee are in the Director's Complex and Adult Education. Ideas also can be given to any LAMPS member.

Kevin, who serves as chairman, said it's important for Pickaway-Ross to provide events that help the community see what we do.

"We're still battling the old image of being a 'vocational school' and need to show people everything we have to offer here.

"I doubt a lot of people know that we offer engineering, not just at the high school level, but also a pre-engineering class at Logan Elm's middle school (McDowell). We're more than a vocational school; we're a career center."

The biggest reason behind the events we hold on campus, Kevin

said, is so that academic and lab instructors can connect with prospective students directly.

"We're all charged with recruiting," Kevin said. "The community events help us reach kids directly or through their parents or grandparents."

For our Community Appreciation Day last month, LAMPS members wore T-shirts that listed the programs that were offered to the first class of 1975 and those we offer now. As business, technology and careers change, so must we.

And we also must make those changes evident to the community. LAMPS is a good place to start, but it takes all of us.

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