

# Career Tech Matters

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Pickaway-Ross' entry into the College Credit Plus arena started this fall and the numbers this semester are very good.



Nineteen seniors are taking English Composition I with Tea McCaulla and 12 juniors are taking American Government & Politics with Katie Siers.

Tim Vollet, who has been overseeing the program, said for the spring semester, 20 juniors are enrolled in Tea's English Composition I; 12 seniors are in Verdie William's College Algebra; and six seniors are in Ryan Holbrook's Anatomy & Physiology.

"We're just starting but so far it's really exciting," Tim told a group of counselors from our home schools during a meeting last month.

Taking college level courses while still in high school gives students an early taste of what will be expected of them in college.

"We had a few students enroll who dropped when they realized that it was college-level work but that was to be expected," he said.

Although students must score high enough on a college placement test to participate in the program, test scores are not the only predictor of whether a student is college ready.

"In addition to teaching students how to write at a college level, I try to teach them how to balance their lives between school, work and all of the other things going on in the life of a high school senior," Tea said.

"I am very proud of how much they have grown



Tim Vollet talks to counselors from our home schools about the College Credit Plus program.

since the first day of class."

College Credit Plus students took a field trip to Hocking College yesterday, where they learned even more about college expectations.

Earlier this week, Kelley Seymour, a senior in Network System Technologies who is taking English Comp I this semester, said she was excited about the field trip.

"I can't wait. It is really cool for me because I plan on attending Hocking College next year and can't wait to see the campus."

The college credits are accepted at public colleges and universities, Tim said.

He will have a parent information meeting in January to explain what is required for sophomores interested in enrolling in College Credit Plus.

For the 2017-18 school year, we will add English Composition II and Sociology.

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