

# Career Tech Matters

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**B**ecause of how the school calendar is set up this year, the first semester ended yesterday so when school resumes Jan. 7, we'll be halfway through the school year.

While this is a time for making resolutions, what I'd like to focus on in my last column of 2018 is attitude.

Specifically, how all of you — teachers, support staff, supervisors — create an environment that lets our students succeed thanks to your encouragement.

Many students who come to Pickaway-Ross didn't have the best experiences at their home schools or they were so-called "wallflowers."

But with your support, these young people blossom here and in the community.

In addition to the academic classroom and the career labs, we see it in their successes in BPA, DECA, FCCLA, SkillsUSA and MADE.

I'd like to draw your attention to this year's photo from the Battle of the Band trophy presentation to Logan Elm. The photo, below and on the wall by the Counseling Office, features several



members of Logan Elm's Marching Band.

All of those students are also Pickaway-Ross students.

At a recent Circleville Sunrise Rotary meeting, senior Tucker Stulley spoke to the club with other members of Boy Scout Troop 170. Tucker, who is in Machining & Manufacturing, recently earned his Eagle Scout designation, something only 3 percent of Scouts achieve.

This is just a sampling of the students you help inspire on campus and off.

In a few months, we'll learn which post-secondary path seniors will take, be it in the workforce, college or the military.

Without Pickaway-Ross and what you give to students, many of them would not be on those paths.

I hope as you enjoy your break these next few weeks that you take pride in what you do and that it gives you a renewed energy for the second semester.

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**ABOVE LEFT:** This year's Battle of the Bands trophy presentation photo features all Pickaway-Ross students from Logan Elm.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Tucker Stulley, a senior in Machining & Manufacturing, spoke to the Sunrise Rotary Club in Circleville last week, representing Boy Scout Troop 170.