

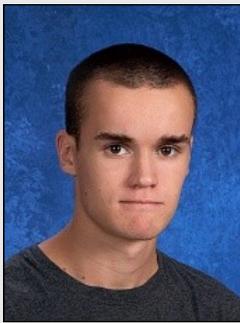
# My Turn

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We have no shortage of events at Pickaway-Ross that allow us to show off the great things that we do here.

One such example is the annual Superintendent's Brunch, started three years ago and organized so well by Robin Bussey, Off-Campus Programs office manager, and Tracey Eyre, payroll manager. Of course, Kevin Krebs' students in Commercial Foods prepared a great meal.



Andrew Uhrig

For this year's brunch, the superintendents of our home school districts were asked to invite a board member to join them. In addition, students from each home school were chosen to attend the brunch and then provide tours. One of our guests enjoyed the visit so much, he sent me an e-mail after the brunch:

"I was impressed with the facility, your staff, the food and, most of all, the students. ... It was time well spent," wrote Matt Markley, executive director at Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center and a member of Chillicothe's Board of Education.



Steven Withrow

Students Andrew Uhrig, a senior in Medical Careers, and Steven Withrow, a junior in Engineering Technologies, sat with me for brunch before giving me a tour.

Both young men are wonderful examples of the students we're educating. In fact, in addition to attending Pickaway-Ross, Andrew serves on the Huntington Township Volunteer Fire Department and is completing school to become an emergency medical technician. He'll finish that program in April, shortly before he completes Pickaway-Ross and graduates from Huntington. It seems like a heavy load, but Andrew takes it in stride.

"It's a bit of a challenge, but if it's something you want to do, you can do it."

He hopes to get a job at Adena Health System, where he has been shadowing nurses this year. Between that and his Pickaway-Ross education, he said he's enjoying getting his feet wet in the career field he's chosen.

"I want eventually to be a nurse," he said, "and help people."

I appreciate knowing that Andrew, Steven and students like them are enjoying the benefits that come from a career-technical education and will soon become members of the workforce.

