

My Turn

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I've written in the past about the community aspect of Pickaway-Ross: opportunities to invite community members into our campus or for our students and staff to be visible through projects in Chillicothe and Circleville.

But there's another community of which I'm extremely proud and it's made possible by all of you, the Pickaway-Ross community.

Recently, Pickaway-Ross was named a finalist in a contest held by NBC Channel 4 to win \$10,000 that would go toward building a fitness trail. The effort shown by staff members behind the proposal and from instructors of multiple programs to help showcase Pickaway-Ross' vision was excellent. In fact, it encouraged Mae McCorkle of Westerville to donate \$10,000 to Pickaway-Ross to make that vision a reality.



Commercial Food Careers students served lunch to their peers in April so the cafeteria staff could attend Chef Chris Seyfang's funeral.

On Tuesday, nearly 20 staff members took part in the rehearsal for last night's senior ceremony. Do I need to say that it couldn't be done without all of you? More than 250 seniors had to be wrangled into place at Ohio Christian University. That's no small task.

Staff members have come together for good times and sad. When we lost Chef Chris Seyfang in a car accident, staff and students managed lunch service one day so that the cafeteria staff could attend Chris' funeral.

As I recall some of these examples of community, I know many of you will leave campus soon for summer break. The months ahead may involve work of your own, whether it's continuing education classes, graduate school work, summer jobs, family vacations or finally getting some much needed rest and relaxation.

Whatever the coming days hold, remember you will still continue to represent the community of Pickaway-Ross.

You are the best public relations Pickaway-Ross could have.

Have a great summer and I'll see you all in August.

