

My Turn

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I never tire of relaying the success stories of Pickaway-Ross, of which there are many. One such story is that of Mark Moss, who was an adult education student we hired.

Mark started the Business Information Technology program in 2002, wanting to get into the business world after a 21-year manufacturing career at Mead. Upon completion of the program in 2004, he applied for and was hired as a data technician at Pickaway-Ross. I still remember the mock interview I did with him as a part of the program; he impressed me with his professionalism and desire, so when an opportunity arose, I gave him a chance.



Mark Moss

After working as a data technician for a short time, he was the perfect fit to teach dislocated workers the necessary job-search and resume-writing skills to help them regain employment. He also worked for a time as a program coordinator before assuming his position today overseeing Job Placement and serving as our EMIS Technician.

Mark's decision to re-invent himself professionally has been a successful journey.

"It does amaze me – the transition I made," Mark said. "Taking the classes gave me the broad knowledge to succeed in the business environment."

Mark's son is taking a page from Mark's how-to book: Andrew is a senior at Pickaway-Ross in the electrical program. He's been working at Romanoff Electric in Columbus since March 25.

The misperceptions about who attends Pickaway-Ross and what they can do with the knowledge they gain here can be shattered with the stories of Mark and Andrew and so many others. Join me in sharing those stories in the community.

