

# My Turn

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As a school of choice, it's important that we promote the many opportunities that Pickaway-Ross offers. Through the Pickaway and Ross County Fairs, business expos and Community Appreciation Day, we are able to connect with many adults in the areas we serve.



But each December we have the opportunity to reach potential students through the Sophomore Tours and annual Open House.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 10 and 11, about 1,300 sophomores from our 10 home schools will fill our building as they visit three labs they've selected. It is on these two days that teachers and staff members can excite the next junior class about what they can achieve when they choose to attend Pickaway-Ross.



Monica Lombardo

"The tours help students see that our labs are the real deal," said Monica Lombardo, public and student affairs specialist.

Since October, Monica has been visiting sophomores at our partner schools, promoting our programs and getting them ready for next week's tours.

Monica said Cosmetology, Early Childhood and Medical Careers remain top choices among sophomores. Our newest programs, Engineering and Sports Medicine, are fast becoming popular choices.



Machining senior Nick Aspel makes a key chain for the tours.

The goal of the tours is two-fold: to fire up students about attending Pickaway-Ross and to carry that enthusiasm home to their parents.

Then, from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, during the annual Open House, we have the opportunity to share with parents why Pickaway-Ross is the right school for their child.

Attending Pickaway-Ross provides students with a marketable skill that they can put to use immediately or a great foundation for a college education.

"I think people are realizing that in today's tight economy they have to be strategic and going to a career center can help them succeed," Monica said.

I look forward to next week's opportunity to tout what we do here and encourage you to share your passion with our visitors.

