

# My Turn

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An important part of a career tech education is our student-run organizations. Recently, two teams of students entered videos in competitions. One video is already a winner, while the other awaits a decision.

A short film created by seniors Marissa Nichols (Unioto) and Brandon Burgett (Logan Elm) is timely and powerful. The students in Holly Wagoner's Media Design Technologies program show the ramifications of prescription drug abuse, which is rampant in many Ohio communities.



Production - Students in Holly Wagoner's Media Design Technology program at work on projects.

It should be no surprise that on Jan. 23 the film was submitted for contention in a regional Business Professionals of America competition. The students will learn Feb. 7 how it fared against those submitted by students of other schools at an awards ceremony. Good luck. The film is well done and quite worthy of recognition.

The second video was created by Logan Elm FFA students, under the direction of Ag teacher and FFA Advisor Bret King. This video is a parody of the song, "TNT" by the rock band, AC/DC. This lighter, fun video emphasizes the importance of agriculture in our society. Just this week, it was named the winner of an FFA Week Video Contest sponsored by *Ohio's Country Journal* magazine. Students involved include: Cole Clark, Rhiannon Hood, Ryan Dilley, Isaiah Miller, as well as the LE-FFA officer team.

Every year, there are various competitions involving our school clubs and organizations. In addition to BPA and FFA, others holding competitions include SkillsUSA, DECA and FCCLA, to name a few.

Competition allows our students to connect work in classrooms and labs to real-world applications.

"It allows our students to showcase their creative and technical abilities in a competition format, which allows them opportunities to compete at regional, state and national levels," said Holly. "This also affords them scholarship opportunities and the ability to highlight projects they have completed to future employers or colleges."

Congratulations to all our students who have entered various contests. This step alone shows they have confidence in their knowledge and skills. This means they are doing exceptional work and that reflects very well on our efforts at Pickaway-Ross.

