

# My Turn

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Yesterday, I received an email about three hours after the conclusion of our Fall Senior Citizen's Day event from Patricia Riggs. Mrs. Riggs' email stated: "I had an enjoyable and memorable time at the Fall Senior Citizen's Day. Please express my sincere thanks to everyone who made our day very special and one that will always be remembered."

Mrs. Riggs was one of an estimated 350 seniors who visited Pickaway-Ross during the first of two Senior Days we'll host this year.



Engaging Visitors - Nurse Mindy Frejkowski and a student from our Medical Careers program (*above*) check the blood pressure for a guest. (*Below*) Members of the Pioneer Center Bell Choir perform for seniors.

I want to thank Robin Bussey, Tracey Eyre, Kevin Krebs and all the other members of our LAMPS Committee for their time, efforts and dedication to make this particular event one of the best we've had. I want to thank our academic teachers and lab instructors for their patience, dedication and enthusiasm during a day I know disrupts the normal learning process. I want to thank our Student Ambassadors, and students from a variety of other programs who helped make our guests feel welcome and special.

I also want to thank and commend Claudia Ramsey and her crew, and Marty Lambert and his crew for preparing our building for the onslaught of visitors. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated greatly. In fact, a gentleman whose nametag read 'Howard' stopped me and proclaimed, "I have been coming to this event every time you've had it, and this building is always spic and span. Please share this with those who are responsible."



I am thrilled to share Howard's sentiments because I know it's true.

We do these events to make sure our community is aware of all the special things going on here, and to strengthen the bridge we have with our stakeholders. We need them and the community needs a career tech center that is active, strong and engaged.

We don't always know if what we do makes a difference. We think it does, but Patricia's note confirms that belief.

Community relations are not an exact science, but we understand that must remain engaged with our community through events and outreach. Comments such as these are proof that we are making a difference, and all of you deserve the credit.

Well done.

