

# My Turn

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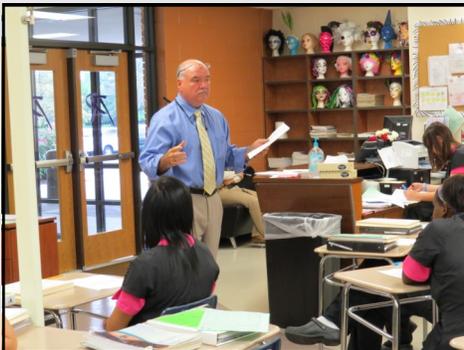


**Kim Graves wears many hats.**

**He helps students prepare for and find jobs. And he works with companies in the area to encourage them to hire our students.**

**He organizes tours of companies and agencies for Pickaway-Ross programs to visit and works with them to visit our school to talk about job opportunities.**

**He assists in the development of tutoring materials for Career-Based Intervention (CBI) seniors at our satellite schools in preparation for the WorkKeys tests used by area employers through our Adult Education Job Ready database. In fact, several students were called for interviews with local companies because of their qualifying scores.**



Kim Graves coaches cosmetology students on how to prepare for a job interview.

**Last year, he collaborated with Mark Moss and Grace King to organize our first combined job fair for secondary and Adult Education students.**

**Among these roles, Kim says his favorite is working with students, which is how he started his career: first as a business teacher for Pickaway-Ross Adult Education, then in secondary.**

**Before joining the main campus last year, he was a CBI instructor at Unioto for 17 years, helping students who might not otherwise succeed in a traditional school program. Kim's passions for helping students is no surprise to me, because I have firsthand experience**

**knowing how well he relates to and works with students, as Kim and I were team-teaching partners many years ago in Adult Ed.**

**Now he guides students to succeed in and out of the classroom, providing job-readiness training.**

**"It's important that they learn how to write a resume to get an interview, how to conduct themselves in an interview and what to do afterward," he said. "The classroom and lab skills are important, but so are the soft skills."**

**Working with businesses takes him away from spending time with students, but he says there's a beneficial tradeoff.**

**"I miss having the impact on kids (in the classroom), but I love promoting Pickaway-Ross in the community." To that I say, "Thank you, Kim," for all your efforts for our students and the businesses in the area.**

