

My Turn

By Dennis Franks

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A project I've been working on this year has been updating our marketing plan and many of you have helped by answering questions, specifically, "What is our biggest weakness?"

The answer, not surprisingly, has been the misperception that students who choose to attend Pickaway-Ross are either underachievers or students who will NOT go to college.

Of course that is uncategorically wrong.

A few months ago I told you about Bob Waller, a 1999 carpentry program student who took first place in the national SkillsUSA competition when he was a senior. Today he runs his own construction company and is serving as project manager for our project house.

In 2009, Circleville High School student Rachel Fox completed our Allied Health program and went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Mount Carmel College of Nursing. Today she is a nurse at Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center and has applied to graduate school, with plans to become a nurse practitioner focused on women's health.

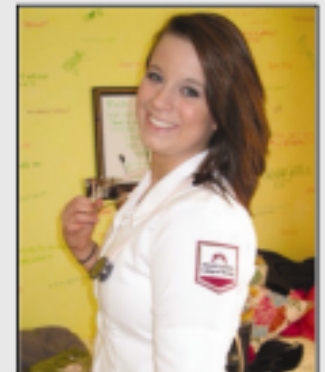
She credits her college and career success to the Allied Health Program.

"Through Allied Health, I got a lot of hands-on experience in health-care settings including a nursing home and the ER. Within the externships I got to participate in my first CPR experience during a code. Talk about an adrenaline rush!"

Bob and Rachel are featured on a new section of our Web site: Success Stories (www.pickawayross.com/testimonials.aspx). But we have many more successes to tout.

Please send an e-mail to Erika Konowalow (erika@pickawayross.com) or Monica Lombardo (monica.lombardo@pickawayross.com) with the names and contact information of your former students whose stories we'd like to tell.

These successes reflect well on all of us here at Pickaway-Ross.



Rachel Fox

