

# Career Tech Matters

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**A**dult Education makes it a point to meet the needs of businesses in the community.



It certainly did just that when it stepped up to host the Chillicothe-Ross Chamber of Commerce's Business After Business event this month.

Carrie Fife, director of Adult Education, said it had been several years since Adult Education had hosted the event and certainly not since taking up residence at Industrial Drive in 2016.

The chamber needed a sponsor, Carrie said, "and I was hearing from my staff, people were talking about it and the interest in hosting."

One concern was that as a school, Pickaway-Ross is more

limited with the quantity and type of foods and beverages that can be served.

"But we decided to put ourselves out there so chamber members could come to the building to see what we have available," Carrie said.

That decision was a good one, as 80 people attended the Jan. 15 event.

Carrie, along with Mike Throne, chamber CEO, were thrilled with the turnout.

"I wasn't expecting 80 people," Carrie said. "Maybe we'll host every January?"

"January is always a question mark for us because of the weather so having 80 people turn out is a great number," Mike said. "But beyond that was the engagement of the crowd."

Carrie said the goals of the event are to network, get to know each other better or con-

nect on an issue.

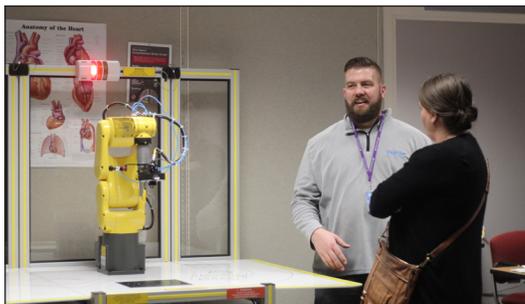
"And that happened. I had several conversations with people we'd been trying to partner with and we were able to touch base that evening.

"I was hearing from people at the end of the night who said, 'I'm going to get with Rhonda (Lawless), we're going to do some forklift training.' "

Britany Freeman, Adult Education marketing coordinator, led visitors on tours of the campus, which included showcasing the sim lab, and high school RAMTEC instructor Joshua Kinnison brought a robotics unit to demonstrate what students learn in Adult Education's robotics class.

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**TOP LEFT:** Visitors network as the chamber's Business After Business events gets started.

**LEFT:** RAMTEC instructor Josh Kinnison talks about the Adult Education Robotics class.

**ABOVE:** Amanda Skaggs talks about the sim lab.