

Career Tech Matters

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A year ago, Pickaway-Ross staff members, students and SkillsUSA advocates came together at the Crouse Chapel Road campus to host the SkillsUSA South Central Regional Championships.



really prepared and were very independent because we were busy being coordinators for the competitions," Donna said.

In addition to being proud of our students, Donna said the support from the Pickaway-Ross community blew her away.

"Every administrator was here, from Secondary and Adult Education," she said. "That makes me really happy."

Students who weren't competing Saturday helped out on the Courtesy Corps, greeting visitors, helping with registration, serving breakfast and lunch, and being available to answer questions.

In addition, board members Bob Bower, Jeff Hartmus, Sue Hopkins, Jon Saxton and Todd Stevens served as judges. Also judging were representatives from nearly 60 business partners in Franklin, Hocking, Jackson, Pickaway, Ross and Scioto counties.

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Last Saturday, we did it again.

While Saturday was the main event, so much preparation goes into hosting months ahead.

Donna Patrick, with SkillsUSA co-advisors Rex Cockrell, Alex Deaton and Tea McCaulla, prepared to welcome more than 600 competitors, advisors and supporters. Students competed in 24 contests (six others were held off-site before Saturday's events) and awards were presented Saturday afternoon at Open Door Ministries in Chillicothe.

Twenty-five Pickaway-Ross students competed and 17 – 68 percent! – advanced to compete at the state level April 7 and 8 in Columbus. Four Pickaway-Ross students from our Chillicothe chapter also are going to state.

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Staff members and students who made up the Courtesy Corps were just one group of volunteers that made the SkillsUSA regional competition a success last Saturday.



GOING TO STATE

Students who won gold:

- Sara Hiles (ZTHS), Automotive Refinishing Technology
- Connor Fox (UNHS) and Katelyn Newman (LEHS), Mobile Robotics
- Lauren Byers (UNHS) and Makya Rinehart (UNHS), Nail Care
- Patrick Rourke (Chillicothe) and Jaden McNish (Chillicothe), Urban Search & Rescue

Students who won silver:

- Jacob Smith (LEHS), Criminal Justice
- Emily Lott (UNHS) and Jailyn Snyder (SEHS), Esthetics
- Dallas Mollohan (UNHS), Extemporaneous Speaking

Students who won bronze:

- Aaliyah Alflen (Chillicothe), Cosmetology
 - Danielle Wilt (Adena), Grace Swepston (ZTHS), Olivia Reeser (Circleville), Crime Scene Investigation
 - Danielle Wolford (UNHS), Customer Service
 - Miranda Depugh (SEHS), First Aid/CPR
 - Becca Pollock (Adena), Job Interview
 - Jalynne Nichols (UNHS), Prepared Speech
 - Kaden Riffe (Chillicothe), Related Technical Math
 - Cory Picklesimer (WFHS), Technical Drafting
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- Braedon Jones, Welding Sculpture (Chillicothe), is advancing to the state competition from the area contest.