

Career Tech Matters

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Our job placement numbers are a source of pride as we believe this shows how well we prepare students for the workforce, whether they enter it after high school, after college, after serving in the military or, like more than 60 percent of this year's students, while still in high school.

In addition to about 155 of our students who are on job sites now, a small number of students work on campus.



Hannah Stowers greets people as they enter campus.



Hannah Stowers is one such student. She is the first person people see on campus as she staffs our security booth full time.

A senior in Law & Public Safety, Hannah came to Pickaway-Ross because she wants to be a police officer.

While at her home school, she had a loaded schedule so that by her senior year she had completed all of her academics. She interviewed for the job and said the daily responsibilities have helped her come out of her shell.

"I'm kind of shy so I think it's really helped me with my people skills and communicating with people. Being out here, it kind of puts me in a position where I have to talk to people."

Hannah is interested in pursuing EMT or paramedic programs offered through Pickaway-Ross Adult Education after high school and eventually becoming a state trooper.

Vince Perhach, Technology specialist, hires two students each year who often work through the summer. This year, Matthew Bell and James Marable have been working with Vince and Technology assistant Jeremy Davis.

CJ Davis, Cybersecurity & Networking instructor, recommends students to Vince who requires students to submit a resume and be interviewed.

"I always feel that these students receive a good foundation of knowledge in the classroom and real-time experience does wonders for additional learning," Vince said.

Cafeteria manager Angela Bell also has hired two students: Heather Miller and Brittany Moder. Heather is in Commercial Food Careers and Brittany is in Options for Transition.

"Heather is working at Del Taco in Circleville so she's transitioned from (her program) to here and now she has a job," Angela said.

Brittany has excelled at her cafeteria job and also works after school with the custodians. Her primary job has been cleaning the desk shields.

"She has gotten so fast at cleaning them that she's been able to help us out with other things," said David Riehle, Custodial supervisor. "I wish I had the energy that she does."



Student workers, top row, from left, Abigail Barnhart, Matthew Bell and James Marable; bottom row, from left: Heather Miller, Brittany Moder and Danielle Wolford.

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