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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

**SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH.** Alexandria Loughery and Gabrielle Balque were selected as September Students of the Month. Loughery, a senior from Lexington High School, is the daughter of Phil and Darlene Loughery, and is enrolled in Pioneer's Performing Arts Program. She was nominated by her Performing Arts instructor, Ann Kurtzman. Balque, a senior from Galion High School, is the daughter of Sarah Kiser and is enrolled in the Cosmetology Program was nominated by her lab instructor, Carey Ransom-Tocash.

**BUCYRUS DECA STUDENTS PLACE AT FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.** On October 7, three Bucyrus Marketing students placed in their first DECA competition of the year at the District 3 Fall Leadership Conference at Ohio Northern University. At this competition, students are given a role play situation where they have ten minutes to use decision making skills applied with marketing and business concepts to solve the situation and present their solutions to a judge in a ten minute role play. Students are evaluated on the quality of their solutions, the way they will evaluate the effectiveness of their proposed plan and the overall presentation of the plan as well as professionalism and 21st century soft skills. The following students placed in their events: Haley Feters - 2nd Place in Gold Individual Series Decision Making Event; Hailey Alspach - 5th Place in White Individual Series Decision Making Event; and Jacob Irwin - 5th Place in Silver Individual Series Decision Making Event

**MEDIA STUDENTS RECORD INTERVIEW WITH RACE CAR DRIVER.** On Sept. 26, the following senior Media Communications students traveled to Mid Ohio Sports Car Course to record an interview between Michelle Barnhill and Brian Till for Barnhill's Senior Project about Sports Broadcasting: Barnhill (Ontario); Irene Caldwell (Willard); Nathan Reesor (Willard); and Olivia Amick (Shelby). Till, a former champion in the Formula Atlantics Championship Series, Indianapolis 500 competitor, and Trans-Am Series racer, has worked as a sports broadcaster with SpeedTV, and ESPN, and also is a high performance driving school coach at the Mid Ohio Driving School. After interviewing Till, the students recorded a presentation by Dave Schwall, Mid Ohio Maintenance Supervisor, about employability, work ethic, and the interview process used by Mid Ohio.

**TRANSPORTATION VISITS THE RED HORSE SQUADRON.** The 200th Red Horse Squadron at Mansfield Lahm Airport hosted approximately 160 Pioneer Career and Technology students on Friday, where students had the opportunity to tour the military facility and explore all of its equipment. Students from Industrial Diesel, Collision Repair, Auto Tech. and Power Equipment attended the event.

**PIONEER STUDENTS ATTEND BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE.** The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio announced the positions held by Delegate to the 68th annual session of Buckeye Girls State which took place June 15-21 at the University of Mount Union, Alliance, Ohio. Eligibility is based on completion of junior year in high school, interest in government and current events, strong leadership abilities and above average scholastic standings. Those who attended from Pioneer and were sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Colonel Crawford Unit 181, Bucyrus, Ohio held the following positions at Buckeye Girls State:

Katelyn Cramer, Colonel Crawford High School—City Board of Health  
Stormy Furney, Wynford High School—City School Board Member  
Marissa Severns, Wynford High School—City Fire Chief  
Tessa Starner, Wynford High School—City Councilman

**MEDIA STUDENT DESIGNS COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY T-SHIRT.** Senior Media student Irene Caldwell (Willard), designed the Pioneer Community Service Day T-shirt that was worn last Friday. Students wore safety orange and staff members wore safety yellow.

**SENIORS WIN BID FOR BPA OFFICES.** Jordan Edwards (IT Support, Luca) was elected the BPA Region 7 Vice President and Nathan Gregory (IT Support, Galion) was elected as Treasurer. Both young men are attending state screening today. To qualify, students had to go through a screening consisting of a test of their BPA knowledge, a 5-7 minute interview, and two readings.

**STUDENTS TACKLE PSEO COURSES.** A total of 43 Pioneer students have taken on the challenge of taking PSEO courses this year. Student take pre-calculus and calculus here at Pioneer as well as taking courses online through Marion Tech that include psychology and oral communications.