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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

PIONEER STUDENTS ATTEND SKILLS USA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. On October 30-31, 13 students represented Pioneer at the 2014 SkillsUSA Ohio Fall Leadership Conference in Columbus, Ohio. At this event, students learned more about SkillsUSA, experienced dynamic speaker sessions, strengthened leadership qualities and had fun meeting student leaders from around the state. Regional officer candidates campaigned, networked and gave speeches in hopes of winning an office. Mark Garcia, a Bucyrus senior in Industrial Electricity, has been elected to serve as the 2014-2015 SkillsUSA Ohio Northwest Region Treasurer. Other students who represented Pioneer included the following: Devin Alspach (Bucyrus, Industrial Electricity); Gabrielle Balque (Galion, Cosmetology); Tamia Brown (Madison, Criminal Justice); Irene Caldwell (Willard, Media); Tyler Carpenter (Willard, CAD); Ashley Ferrell (Northmor, Media); Jenna Lane (Lexington, Media); Dustin McBride (Plymouth, Industrial Electricity); Derrick Monastere (Shelby, Welding); Robert Moore (Shelby, Industrial Electricity); Alexis Rhodes (Crestline, Graphic Arts); and Colten Snyder (Northmor, Carpentry).

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST. Seventeen students from Charmae Cottom's classes participated in the Voice of Democracy Contest sponsored by the VFW. Pioneer's winner who was submitted to the VFW contest was Rex Fowler (Madison, Homeland Security). Alternates were Dakota Savage (Shelby, Collision Repair) and Alexander Walker (Direct Enrollment, Media). Other students who participated included Casey Barker (Galion, CAD); Kylene Brooks (Galion, Media); Tamia Brown (Madison, Criminal Justice); David Cowgill (Bucyrus, Collision Repair); Andrea Dowdy (Lucas, Media); Spencer Ferguson (Clearfork, Precision Machining); Amelia Frost (Madison, Medical Office); Savannah Mauk (Northmor, Health Assistant); Jennifer Montoney (Willard Criminal Justice); Sierra Newmeyer (Wynford, Health Assistant); Austin Phelps (Mansfield, Homeland Security); John Smith (Galion, Graphic Arts); Natalie Stake (Galion, Medical Office); and Gabryelle Williams (Crestview, Medical Technologies).

FORMER STUDENT CAST IN PLAY. Former Performing Arts student Taj Torrence was cast in *The Black Cyclone*, which was recently performed at Malabar Farm. Torrence noted in the playbill that the encouragement of Performing Arts Instructor Anne Kurtzman pushes him to become more involved in the stage.

SHELBY FFA STUDENTS ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION. Pioneer students were selected to attend the National FFA Convention recently through their participation in the Shelby FFA program. Attending the Louisville, Kentucky, convention were these seniors: Tim Coleman and Cory Gwin, Welding; Katie Knight and McKenzie Metzger, Exercise Science; and Becca Hostetter, Food Science. Juniors included Brayden Burkhalter, Industrial Electricity; Cameron Tilton, Precision Machining; and Derek Swank, Welding. Ontario junior Alex Fowler, Welding, also attended.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESSFUL. Last month, 44 units of blood were collected led by Medical Technologies seniors Tesla Runion (GOAL Digital) and Anna Hall (Galion). This total far surpassed the goal of 36 units with the potential of saving 132 lives.