

February Students of the Month Announced

Pioneer Career and Technology Center announces Karsey Peters and Mason Ricker as February Students of the Month.

Peters is enrolled in the Performing Arts program at Pioneer. She was nominated by her Performing Arts Instructor, Ms. Kurtzman. She is a senior from Galion High School and is the daughter of Kathleen and Steven Peters.

Peters is a member of the Galion High School National Honor Society and the girls tennis team. She is active in her church and has gone on several mission trips.

At Pioneer Performing Arts, Peters has learned that this is a place where she is accepted for who she is. Performing Arts is one of the few schools where it is encouraged to break from the status quo and to be unique. Peters feels the teachers and staff here are not only been beyond helpful, but they care for the students and push them to become their better selves. The classes here give her experience in the performing arts field. She is glad to be a part of a school that teaches her what she enjoys. In the future, Peters intends to get a degree in business and open her own business.



Ricker is a junior in the Power Equipment program at Pioneer. He was nominated by his Power

Equipment Instructor, Mr. Harvey. He is from Bucyrus High School and is the son of Stacy and Joseph Ricker.

Ricker competes with the varsity wrestling team and the varsity tennis team at Bucyrus. He enjoys working on vehicles of all types.

Ricker is enjoying Pioneer. He has learned many skills he will need in the future. He has gained confidence in his skills and is excited to see what the future holds.

After graduation, Ricker plans to open a shop specializing in power sports.



SkillsUSA Ohio Announces Regional Results

SkillsUSA Ohio held its Northwest Regional Competitions on Friday, February 15, 2019 at Penta Career Center in Perrysburg, Ohio and at Carpenters Local #351 in Rossford, Ohio. Twenty-three students from Pioneer Career and Technology Center participated in these contests. In order to compete at the regional level, each student must have been named as a local champion in their skill area.

Moving on to the SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships on April 16-17, 2019 is our Customer Service bronze medalist Alivia Channing (Graphic Arts, Plymouth), Cosmetology silver medalist Breena Patrick (Cosmetology, Ontario), and our Esthetics silver medalist team of Brooklyn Miller (Cosmetology, Ontario) and Riley Blubaugh (Cosmetology, Northmor). Congratulations to all our champions and good luck to our regional medalists and our straight-to-state contenders as they prepare for the upcoming state competitions.

Bucyrus DECA Fairs Well at District Competition

Students in marketing and media competed in the district DECA competition at the University of Findlay on Wednesday February 13th. Eight students qualified for the state DECA competition. Alexis Adams, Jill Wise, Sydney McAdams, and Samee Chase received 2nd place. In addition, Alexis Malone, Miranda Mee, and Alexis Pival received 3rd place while Jerimiah Rush took 4th place.

Wynford FFA Keeps Busy in February

On February 6th Crawford County held its annual County Public Speaking Contest comprised of FFA Members from Buckeye Cen-

tral, Colonel Crawford and Wynford. First year FFA Members can compete in the FFA Creed Contest and the Beginning Prepared contest while veteran members compete in the Prepared Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking contests. Colonel Crawford's outstanding freshman speaker, Sheba Sulser took first place in her delivery of the FFA Creed while Junior Alex Lawson placed second with his Prepared Speaking speech on Biofuels. Junior Lydia Feik took third place with her Extemporary. Topic. All three will be competing in the same categories at the Sub-District Competition on Wednesday, February 13th at Plymouth High School. The top 2 in each category will move on to District Level competition on February 19th where the top place individual in each category will represent their Chapter at the State Level competition at Marysville High School at the beginning of March.

Every year, the Colonel Crawford FFA is able to showcase their leadership and organizational skills as they assist the Burkhart Farm Center's annual appreciation lunch on February 7th. During the lunch, the CC FFA is assigned the task of parking for the event that provides a lunch to an average of 2,000 people.

Country Ag Power Diagnostics

Buckeye Central, Colonel Crawford and Wynford FFA Members faced off again at the County Ag Power Diagnostics Contest held at Hord Livestock's shop located on St. Rt. 98 on February 7th. Local John Deere dealerships provided 2 judges, Adam Speigel from Shearer Equipment Mansfield and Brent Krum from JD Equipment Marion, and Hord's provided 2 Shawn Rowlinson and Kerry Naylor. Colonel Crawford's team of Braxton James and Andy Sulser, both seniors, finished in 1st place with Wynford and B.C taking 2nd and 3rd place respectfully.

Wynford FFA Competes in Speech Competitions

February 6th numerous members of the Wynford FFA chapter participated in the county public speaking contest held at Wynford High School. Hannah Feldman placed 2nd in the creed speaking contest, Allison Scott won the beginning prepared, Emily Rudd won the extemporaneous speaking, and Connor Miller placed 2nd in the advanced prepared speaking. All four individuals represented our chapter at the sub district contest held at Plymouth High School on February 12th. Hannah Feldman placed 2nd, Allison Scott placed 1st, Connor Miller placed 2nd, and Emily Rudd placed 5th at the sub district contest. Allison, Hannah, and Connor moved on to the district contest held at West Holmes High School. Connor and Allison both placed second, and Hannah Feldman won the district level. The three individuals moved on to the state public speaking contest held on March 2nd. Connor Miller placed 4th, Allison Scott placed 3rd overall, and Hannah Feldman placed 3rd overall at the state speaking contests.

Findlay Livestock Clinic and Contest

On Saturday, February 9th eight Colonel Crawford FFA Members attended the Findlay Collegiate FFA Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest. The group began the day with a livestock evaluation clinic put on by University of Findlay Collegiate FFA Members that covered what to look for when evaluating Beef, Swine, Goats and Sheep in both breeding and market situations. One half of the clinic was in a classroom setting in the University's Animal Science building. The other half was in the attached animal housing area where the members could see and handle the animals and see exactly what they were evaluating on live animals. After, all were able to enjoy a pizza lunch provided by the University of Findlay FFA. After lunch, all traveled a short distance to the livestock arena in order to evaluate the following classes:

- 1. Breeding Gilts 2. Market Lambs 3. Market Steers
- 4. Breeding Does 5. Market Hogs 6. Breeding Heifers
- 7. Breeding Ewes

At the conclusion of the contest, the participants were able to take tours of the Animal Science and Pre-Vet facilities of the campus. They also listened to a short admissions presentation while waiting for the results to be calculated. The Colonel Crawford FFA Team placed 2nd overall with the following individual placings:

Braxton James 1st
Allie Brause 2nd
Megan Shull 11th
Weston Guinter 14th
Garrett Billings 21st
Carson James 22nd
Nick Teglovic 26th
Sheba Sulser 28th

District Ag Power Diagnostics

On February 11th the Ag Power Diagnostic team of Braxton James and Andy Sulser loaded into the Pioneer Micro Bird for their 3rd and final time as a team at the District Contest. After completing five stations and figuring out all malfunctions, and only using 4 of the 20 possible minutes on the last problem, they were finished. They were 3rd out of 15 teams. Only the top team advances, and only high combined test scores can allow the 2nd place team a chance to advance to state competition.

FCCLA Competes in Regional Competition

Pioneer FCCLA competed in the Region 1 competition Saturday at Pioneer. Pioneer ECE had 8 students participate. Sammi Carroll (Ontario) and Kendra Cole (Plymouth) received Gold rating in focus on children. LeAnn Gallagher (Ontario) and Kiera Keiser (Lucas) both will be recognized for completing power of one at the state level. Madison Clapp (Lexington) Taylor Starcher (Ontario) and Leanne Gallagher (Ontario) received silver for Chapter service project portfolio and are heading to state. The parli-pro team of Taylor, LeAnn, Madison, Layla Conrad (Northmor). Kiera will be 1 of 9 teams competing at state as well!! Hayley Cook (Crestview) received bronze in entrepreneurship. Layla also received silver for language and literacy.

Meat and Animal Science Judging Results

Saturday, March 2nd, 5 Meat and Animal Science students participated in the Marysville FFA Invitational. The Team finished 2nd out of 18 Teams. Individually, all 5 students finished in the top 10 out of 68 participants. They finished as follows:

Caiden Wyatt, Senior, Galion - 4th overall
Natalie Swackhammer, Senior, Shelby - 6th overall
Thomas Johnson, Senior, Shelby - 8th overall
Tricia Zender, Junior, Wynford - 9th overall
Austion Hendrix, Junior, Crestview - 10th overall

Engineering Design Seniors Develop a Product for Ohio Valley

Seniors in Mr. Matt Hannings Engineering Design Technologies just completed a project for Ohio Valley where they were able to aid in the 3D printing / prototyping of a future production part. These 3D prints are to be used for quality inspection and robotic programming for the up coming parts.

Project Search Update

Mason Eisaman was officially offered a position here at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. He will officially start on March 18th. His position is a part time day shift with Environmental Services.

BPA Regional Competition Results

Pioneer IT Support and Web Design students recently participated in BPA Region 7 competitions. A few students distinguished themselves by winning in two categories. The following students were first place double winners.

- Benjamin Miller, Lucas, PC Servicing & Troubleshooting; Network Administration using Microsoft
- Zachary Leonhart, Colonel Crawford, Computer Security; Systems Administration using CISCO

The following 21 students qualified to advance to State BPA competition at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on March 14th and 15th:

Ryan Craig, Plymouth
Katelynn Lewis, Col. Crawford
Viencent Moreth, Galion
Eric Bittner, Northmor
Web Site Design Team of

- Tori Carman, Wynford
- Bryce Hickel, Northmor
- Breydan Allen, Plymouth

Scott Jennings , Plymouth

Theodore Munoz, Crestline

Keaton Gross, Lexington

Andrew Buchanan, Shelby

Abigail Kenestrick, Willard

Shayla Tucker, Bucyrus

Logan Eckert, Willard

Electra Norwood, Galion

Connor Lester, Wynford

Andrew Johnson, Col. Crawford

Gavin Rutledge, Galion

Benjamin Miller, Lucas

Jonathon Finley, Lucas

Zachary Leonhart, Col. Crawford

Evan Pittenger, Lexington and Bryce Osborne, Shelby, Seniors in Web Page, created a game in a Virtual Software Engineering team. They made it in the top 20 out of 60 teams. They have a teleconference with the judges and if they make it through get to go Nationals in Anaheim, California.

The Pioneer IT seniors finished 5th at the platinum level of the state Cyber Patriot competition as well. Congratulations to our placers and qualifiers.

Pioneer Student Awarded Explorer of the Year Honors

On February 11th, 2019, the Richland County Sheriff's Office awarded several "Explorer Awards" to young men and women who have greatly contributed to their community in the year 2018. Exploring is an interactive law enforcement career education program designed for young men and women from 14 to 20 years old, an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America . One of Pioneer's own, Homeland Security junior Brandon Stevens of Galion. Stevens was named Explorer of the Year for Richland County Sheriff's Department Explorer Program.



FCCLA To Hold Meal Fundraiser on Horses With Courses

On April 30th from 6 to 8 p.m. the FCCLA will hold a Kentucky Derby style meal fundraiser at Pioneer Career and Technol-

ogy Center Cafeteria. The "horses" with be human / FCCLA students of Pioneer and the dinner menu is published below.

There will also be a Derby Hat Contest and Raffle tickets for purchase. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person and tickets can be purchased from any ECE student or advisor Lindi Meisse.

