

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Pioneer Career and Technology Center announces Michael Bletz and Sydney Weber as our September 2019 Students of the Month.

Michael is a senior in the Precision Machining Technologies program at Pioneer. He was nominated by his Precision Machining instructor, Chris Karl. He is from Lexington High School and is the son of Michelle and Mike Bletz. Michael plays football and wrestles for Lexington. He works at Taylor Metal in Mansfield along with helping on his dad's farm. According to Michael, Pioneer academic classes go hand in hand with lab making everything easier to learn. His lab instructor exposes them to real jobs to show how they will use what they are learning in the real world. In the future, Michael hopes to work in the Tool and Die industry and work towards his Journeymen's card. He is also interested in joining the National Guard for heavy artillery.



Sydney is enrolled in the Media Communications program at Pioneer. She was nominated by her Media Communications instructor, Lynn Moritz. She is a senior from Lexington High School, and is the daughter of Carla and Ryan Weber. Since coming to Pioneer, Miss Weber feels she has had many experiences and opportuni-



Sydney Weber

ties open up for her. She has had the chance to make new friends and gain experience in the career field she is interested in and she is having fun in the process. She has proven to herself that hard work and willpower can help her break through boundaries and transcend her goals. Pioneer has aided her in her journey to discover herself and her passions. Sydney hopes to attend North Central State College on a Tuition Freedom Scholarship before attending either Ohio State University or Cleveland Institute of Art.

Pioneer Career and Technology Center announces Justus Hargis and Tonya Bravo as our October 2019 Students of the Month.

Justus is a senior in the Welding program at Pioneer. He was nominated by Kip Stevens, his Welding instructor. He is from Bucyrus High School and is the son of Stacie and John Hargis. Justus is involved in SkillsUSA at Pioneer. He also enjoys gaming, helping at his dad's business, reading and metalworking. Justus feels Pioneer has been good to him. His teachers care about his growth and success and teach so much before sending students into the world. His welding instructor, Mr. Stevens, helps all his students hone their skills to the best of their ability and motivates them to



reach further in their training. In the future, Justus plans to go straight into the workforce using is welding skills.



Tonya Bravo

Tonya is enrolled in the Culinary Arts program at Pioneer. She was nominated by Seth Weibel, her Culinary Arts instructor. She is a senior from Willard High School, and is the daughter of Arminda Lopez. Tonya enjoys participating on the Pioneer Culinary Team in ProStart Competitions. She volunteers at the Hope Center and likes to workout and read in her spare time. Team work and work ethic are two skills Tonya has learned at Pioneer. Many of her instructors, including Chef Weibel, have motivated her to be persistent even though situations may not be easy. Tonya plans to go to college and major in nursing with the hopes of becoming a Maternity Nurse. She also wants to pursue a minor in dance and performing arts.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS, CONT'D

Wynford FFA bustling with activities

On September 4th, the Wynford FFA had a Pork Chop BBQ for the teachers, administration, and Adena construction crew. There were 80 meals sold between everyone. Wynford raised \$850 with the meals and extra donations. Schiefer Insurance added \$150 to make it a total donation of \$1000. Five officers presented the check to Kim Rudd on Saturday, September 14th at the Kim Rudd Benefit event. This event was held at the Trillium Event Center in Bucyrus. Kim Rudd is currently battling cancer.

On Wednesday, September 18th, Wynford FFA chapter traveled to Galion to Kocher Family Farms for the county soils contest. The urban team won the contest with Jodie Jennings placing first in the county, Thomas Weithman placed second, Kitana Vanderkooi placed third and Caity Schiefer placing fourth. Our Rural team got second in the county. Kegan Fry placed second in the county, Graham Alvarez placed fourth and Reese McGuire placed fifth. Both teams advanced to districts. On September 26th, our rural and urban teams traveled to Lorain County to compete in District Soils. The Urban team placed second, which advanced them to the state competition. Thomas Weithman placed fourth and Jodie Jennings placed fifth overall. Our Rural team placed ninth overall. On Saturday, October 12th, our urban soils team traveled to North Lewisburg to compete at the State Soils competition. The team consisted of Thomas Weithman, Jodie Jennings, Thomas Rindfuss, Kitana Vanderkooi. They placed 5th overall. Thomas Weithman lead the team as the 4th place individual. They will travel to Oklahoma, May 4-8th to compete in National Land and Range Judging contest.

Lucas FFA activities

The Lucas FFA Forestry team competed at the District Forestry contest on Wednesday September 11th where they placed 4th out of 27. Congratulation to everyone who competed and special recognition to Aaron Pffeiffer, JD Cox, Jordan Ammons, and Camden Webb who lead the team to a first ever top 4th place in District Forestry. Members of the FFA also participated in the Bellville Street Fair showing animals and setting up displays in the booths.



Bucyrus Business and Media Students Compete at DECA

On Thursday September 3rd, 16 Bucyrus High School students competed in the Fall Leadership DECA Conference at Bluffton University. Congratulations go to Ashley Davis and Kelsey Fackler for receiving a perfect score and first place in their Team event. Isaiah McDaniel finished 3rd in his category, while Lilith Keller finished 4th in her event. Also congratulations to Lincoln Mollenkopf, Solomon Singer, Hastin Zier and Keaton Naufzinger for finishing 5th.