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Pioneer Career and Technology Center announces Kaleigh Leadbetter and Naomi Smith as our February 2022 Students of the Month.

Kaleigh is enrolled in the Exercise Science/Sports Medicine program at Pioneer. She was nominated by her Exercise Science/Sports Medicine instructor, Mike Millward. She is a junior from Lexington High School, and is the daughter of Stacy and Jeff Leadbetter.

Kaleigh is on the Lexington Girls Basketball team. She is also involved in her church's youth group and food bank. Learning something new everyday is what makes coming to Pioneer fun for Kaleigh! After graduation Kaleigh wants to go to college to become a Physical Therapist Assistant.



Naomi is enrolled in the Welding program at Pioneer. She was nominated by her Welding instructor, Kip Stevens. She is a junior from Northmor High School, and is the daughter of Nickole Smith and Richard Smith.

Naomi is on Pioneer's Student Council, Treasurer of Pioneer's SkillsUSA and a member of the SkillsUSA Fabrication team. She is also employed at Covert Manufacturing in Galion as a Machinist and works second shift. Following graduation, Naomi plans to become a part of the Iron Workers Union.

2022 Ohio SkillsUSA Northwest Regional Contest Results

18 Pioneer students participated in the 2022 Ohio SkillsUSA Northwest Regional Competition held on Tuesday, February 22. They competed against nearly 400 SkillsUSA members from 33 schools in the region in 25 Technical Skills Contests. Competing in the Technical Drafting contest Rodney Rike (Jr. Engineering Design Technology, Colonel Crawford High School) earned Bronze; in the Criminal Justice contest: Brent Douglas (Sr. Criminal Justice, Crestview High School) earned Gold; and in the Crime Scene Investigation contest, the team of Amadia Aguirre (Sr. Criminal Justice, Shelby High School), Rehgan Henry (Sr. Criminal Justice, Madison High School) and Summer Kennard (Sr. Criminal Justice, Willard High School) earned Bronze. The winners advance to the 2022 Ohio SkillsUSA Championships that will occur on May 3 and 4, 2022 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Pioneer/Bucyrus Marketing and Media Teams Compete at State DECA Conference

17 students competed at the State DECA Conference in Columbus, Ohio over the March 11th weekend. 9 State finalists presented in the second round of competition! The State finalists placed as follows: Adacyn Rister placed 2nd place for Ohio DECA Public Relations Officer; Ashley Davis, Kelsey Fackler and Braxton Lewis placed 6th. Eddie Dagher and Gavin O'Connell finished 7th while Sam Farrar and Karys Boyd, finished 10th place in the state.

Ella Moyer and Mycala Lange also made the finals. Also competing at the State DECA Conference was Chris Wicker, Chris Neale, Malachi Bayless, Noah Burke, Caleb Rimmer, and Trey Griggs.

The RedZone school store was also recognized for its Gold Qualified School-Based Enterprise and will be moving on to the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA in April, where Ashley Davis, Kelsey Fackler, and Braxton Lewis will compete to keep their place as 4th place nationalist. The teams are coached by Mrs. Jody Tackett and Mr. Jeff Funigiello.

The students listed below have achieved the qualifications to compete at the State BPA Conference being held March 9 -11 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio.

Student	Competition	Career Tech Program
Barker, Sebastian	Integrated Office Applications	Junior IT Support
Diaz, Jullian	Interview Skills	Junior IT Support
Dingus, Collin	Computer Security	Junior IT Support
Kochheiser, Joshua	Device Configuration & Troubleshooting	Junior IT Support
McMillin, Madalynn	Website Design Team	Senior Web Page Design
Paavo-Taylor, Michael	Device Configuration & Troubleshooting	Junior IT Support
Perry, Landen	Network Administration Using Cisco	Senior IT Support
Ramey, Rossi	Server Administration Using Microsoft	Senior IT Support
Shaffer, Angel	Fundamental Accounting	Senior IT Support
Sklar, Robert	Fundamentals of Web Design	Junior Web Page Design
Stanley, Coltin	Server Administration Using Microsoft	Senior IT Support
Thornton, Jordan	Website Design Team	Senior Web Page Design
Wood, Jonathan	Fundamentals of Web Design	Junior Web Page Design

Final results of the State Competition will be reported once they are complete.