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Senior lauded for achievements

Nathan Reisch earns scholastic award

Nathan Reisch has made the most of his high school career, excelling in academic and extracurricular endeavors.

Thus it was no surprise that the Westfall High School senior was selected as the Pickaway County recipient of the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award, presented by each county Educational Service Center.

Named in honor of Walter, a former longtime state superintendent of public instruction, the award was established in 1989 by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association to promote and recognize outstanding student leaders for their academic achievement and service to their schools and communities.

Eligible applicants must be a high school senior enrolled in a public school within an ESC's service region. Recipients were required to demonstrate outstanding academic achievement as indicated by high school grades, test scores, school activities and awards.

Nathan has received multiple awards for having the highest grade in various classes, including consecutive honors for French I, French II and French III; in Physical Science and Geometry in the 2012-13 school year; English and American Studies in the 2013-14 school year; and Sociology in the 2014-15 school year.

He was on Westfall's Honor Roll for maintaining a grade point average of more than 3.0 and is also a Scholar Athlete, maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while playing a sport, both since 2012.

Athletically, Nathan has been a member of the varsity golf team, varsity and indoor soccer teams and the varsity track and field team.

He also has been a member of the National Honor Society, active in student government and involved in concert choir, swing choir and the school's musical productions.

Nathan would like to study medicine when he goes to college in the fall.

"Having a sound education will lead me into the career of my choosing with confidence in myself and the knowledge I've built," Nathan wrote in his application essay.

"To get the most of out of my college education, my objective is to attend a university where I will excel and walk away with an abundance of knowledge and real-world experience that will guide me into a medical career with a world of possibilities."



Nathan Reisch was one of the recipients of the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award, presented by each county Educational Service Center.

A session for excellence



About 20 board members took part in the Educational Service Center's Leadership Academy seminar held this month. The session, Building Excellence: Board Communication & Collaboration, was presented by Cheryl Ryan with the Ohio School Boards Association. This was the third of four sessions that are being presented in a partnership between the ESC and the OSBA.

ESC schedules sessions for Summer Academy

Roughly a month after teachers complete their year of teaching they can assume the role of student through the Pickaway County Educational Service Center's Summer Academy.

The Academy, offered through Ashland University, provides teachers with the opportunity to complete graduate-level workshops and earn college credit.

This year's seminars are on instructional strategies and differentiated instruction.

The first seminar, taught by Tom Diebold on June 20 and 21, is Literacy K-12 – Specially designed instruction for students with dyslexia: A survey of multisensory, structured language program, and Math K-8 – Instructional alternatives for students who struggle with math.

On June 27 and 28, teachers can learn from Tom Patterson how to tailor instruction to meet individual student needs.

Multiple methods will be taught and examples will be shared by teachers who use differentiated instruction.

Differing content, products, strategies, altering the environment, use of regular assessment and flexible grouping are some of the ideas and successes that will be shared during the two-day seminar.

All sessions will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ESC, 2050 Stoneridge Drive.

Participants are requested to bring a laptop if possible and are responsible for their lunch.

The cost for each session is \$100, plus an additional \$175 to obtain one semester hour credit from Ashland University. Attendance at both days' sessions is required for semester credit.

To register, send a check or money order for \$100 (\$50 is non-refundable) payable to Pickaway County ESC with the completed registration form, available at www.pickawayesc.org.

The semester credit fee will be taken at the first day of each session, by check (payable to Ashland University) or credit card.

Questions about the Summer Academy can be directed to (740) 474-7529.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER: Getting children to college one of parents' top concerns

As educators, we strive to prepare the next generation for a life after secondary education, be it going to a two- or four-year college, being ready for the workforce or a combination.

A recent study by Learning Heroes, an organization that provides education information and resources, found that parents are greatly concerned about their children going to



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college and that they feel responsible for their children's academic success.

But according to the study, there is "a significant gap between parents wanting their child to receive a postsecondary degree and the likelihood of that happening."

The study, Parents 2016: Hearts & Minds of Parents in an Uncertain World (go to <http://bealearninghero.org/readinessroadmap#parents-2016> for the full study, executive summary and poll highlights), finds that parents worry about being equipped to help their children, now with current classwork and later with college costs.

According to the study, "66 percent of all parents would find a detailed explanation of their child's goals for learning by grade level to be extremely or very helpful."

Based on the study's findings, Learning Heroes created a Readiness Roadmap (<http://bealearninghero.org/readinessroadmap>) that can help provide parents with that information.

Tools available include academic expectations by grade; information on emotional health and happiness; guides to assist with parent-teacher conferences; and tips on how to pay for college.

According to the study, "more than

half of all parents (53 percent) say they worry 'a lot' or 'some' about how to afford a college education for their child."

The Readiness Roadmap reinforces that educators are responsible for making a difference in the lives of children and working with parents to achieve that is a responsibility that we should not take lightly.

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