

Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

When people think of leadership, a common trait may be that of success.

But Adam Booze, a supervisor with Cardinal Health, encouraged Pickaway County high school students to embrace their weaknesses as a way to becoming leaders.

Adam was the keynote speaker and a session presenter at last week's Pickaway County Student Leadership & Ethics Conference, sponsored each year by the Circleville Noon and Sunrise Rotary clubs, AMVETS, the schools' National Honor Societies and the ESC.

Using his own issues with time management as an example, Adam told students that weaknesses are a way for people to test themselves.

"When I struggle at work, it is a test of my weakness," Adam said. "But when you're struggling, look at it as a test to how resilient you are."

In fact, Adam said, it's when things are tough that people around you remember how you persevered.

"People rarely remember what you were doing when things were going well. They're going to remember how you responded when your back was against the wall," he said.

"Life is hard. You're going to face adversity.



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How you respond is key for your future."

Another point that Adam wanted the students to remember is to be inclusive, because leaders need to work with everyone.

"You have to connect with everyone around you. Understand their home lives and their background.

"Leaders take care of their team and those around them."

He also reminded students that someone is always watching and thus they should always be leading.

As an example, Adam told students to think of every day as a job interview, to be the top candidate.

"What you do day to day matters," he said. "That's your interview."

Adam presented a session with co-worker Rob Brokaw on Lean Six Sigma. Other sessions were conducting a meeting, led by Brian Bigam; Swap Shop with Julie Brison; and student ethics with Kathryn Schoonover and Patti Burgett.



The last activity that the high school students take part in is building a "castle" out of index cards without any verbal communication.

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