

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

**R**yan Wolfe believes in more than setting goals for himself. He believes in achieving them.

Ryan, a senior at Teays Valley High School, has done just that as he nears graduation.

At the end of his freshman year, he was ranked 28th in his class. He was not content with that and set a goal to graduate as class valedictorian and finish high school ranked in the top 10 of his class.

When he graduates May 19, he will do so ranked eighth in his class of 321 and be one of Teays Valley's valedictorians.

Ryan attributes fulfilling the goals he sets to a simple philosophy: "Show up, do the work and keep swinging the ax."

Ryan's philosophy and his academic achievements and service contributed to his being named this week the 2019 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 are required to demonstrate outstanding academic achievement as indicated by high school grades, test scores, school activities and awards.

In addition to his grades, Ryan has shown leadership in various school roles: being in the National Honor Society and a member of Key Club,



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Student Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as serving as the 2015-2016 class president.

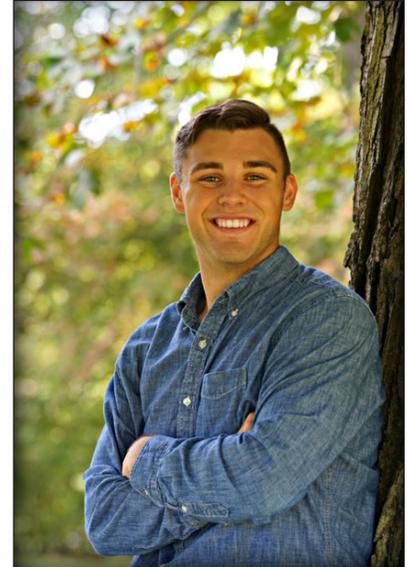
Ryan has been active with the United Way of Pickaway County, the Village Chapel Church and volunteered at the Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

He also has an impressive record in sports, most notably being named Pickaway County's top senior boys basketball player this year. In addition to playing basketball — serving as captain for three years — he's played tennis and baseball.

In the fall, Ryan will play basketball at Mount Vernon Nazarene University where he plans to major in secondary education.

He has said that he believes that by becoming a teacher he will be investing in the lives of others.

"Through teaching, I will have the opportunity to lead, serve and influence students for many years. My influence will be multiplied with each class I teach and every student I meet."



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