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Student **EMPL** **YEE** OF THE MONTH



Abigail Cover (March SEOM) of Shawnee High School and Shawnee Manor with Job Coach, Kyler Washam

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OhioMeansJobs Allen County is excited to announce its Student Employee of the Month Campaign, designed to celebrate and recognize the outstanding contributions of young student workers in our community. This initiative underscores the value of student employees in Allen County and their role in enhancing local businesses and organizations. Starting in March of 2024, OMJ has recognized a student monthly for their academic and workforce achievements, celebrating 4 local high school seniors so far!



Brayden Conley (April SEOM) on the job site at ATR

The Student Employee of the Month Campaign aims to:

- Highlight Outstanding Achievements: Acknowledge high school students who excel in their roles by showcasing exceptional work ethic, skills, and dedication.
- Encourage Professional Development: Motivate other students to seek part-time employment for valuable work experience.
- Strengthen Community Ties: Cultivate relationships among local employers, high schools, and the student workforce.

Nomination Process:

OhioMeansJobs Allen County School Job Coaches nominate high school seniors they have met with during their time at school, noting their significant contributions at work, while also excelling academically. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. Actively employed in a position within Allen County.
2. Enrolled in an Allen County high school.
3. Demonstrate exceptional performance, reliability, and a positive attitude.

Nominations are assessed on a monthly basis.

"Student Employee of the Month (SEOM) recognizes employers who are committed to developing the future workforce by hiring local youth and giving them the valuable work experience they need. SEOM also lets us celebrate exceptional students who excel both in school and in their jobs. I believe that SEOM helps shine a light on hardworking and dedicated young people, showing them that their efforts are truly impressive and deserve praise and recognition," says Job Coach, Kyler Washam.



Mathew Miller, Jr. (May SEOM) with Funeral Directors Thomas Bayliff and Cole A Frank, along with Job Coach Cat Neal.



Payton Plescher (June SEOM) assisting All American Home Care clients.

This campaign not only celebrates the amazing achievements of individual students but also highlights how valuable early work experience is for high schoolers. By featuring these outstanding young workers, OhioMeansJobs Allen County aims to inspire other students to think about their future careers and see the benefits of gaining real-world experience while excelling in their studies. This initiative is a win-win, helping both students and local businesses, and promoting a committed and skilled future workforce.

OhioMeansJobs Allen County is passionate about empowering today's young workers to build a stronger, more resilient local economy for tomorrow.

Let's meet the SEOMs of 2024 so far...



OhioMeansJobs Allen County celebrates our young workforce!



March - Student Employee of the Month

Abigail Cover

School: Shawnee High School

Employer: Shawnee Manor

Role: STNA

This recognition highlights Abigail's unwavering passion, professionalism, and outstanding work ethic.

Her determination towards her career path and dream of becoming a Nurse is truly admirable. Abigail's dedication is a shining example of inspiring hard work and commitment.



SHAWNEE
MANOR

April - Student Employee of the Month

Brayden Conley

School: Delphos St. John's High School

Employer: All Temp Refrigeration

Role: HVAC Intern

Brayden excels as a HVAC Intern at All Temp Refrigeration with his unwavering dedication and excellence. His commitment, exceptional work ethic and passion for his chosen career path have truly set him apart as a standout student employee. His dedication to learning and growing in the HVAC field is inspiring to those around him.





May - Student Employee of the Month

Mathew Miller, Jr.

School: Spencerville High School

Employer: Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home

Role: Funeral Associate

Matthew Miller Jr. showcases his dedication and expertise not only in his professional endeavors but also in his academic pursuits. He is currently pursuing Pre-Mortuary Science at Terra State Community College, paving the way for a future leadership role in funeral services.



June - Student Employee of the Month

Payton Plescher

School: Delphos Jefferson High School

Employer: All American Home Care

Role: Caregiver

Payton works as a dedicated Caregiver at All American Home Care, where she consistently goes above and beyond to provide exceptional care for her clients. Her commitment and compassionate spirit have made a significant impact on those she serves. This fall, Payton will begin her studies at Rhodes State College, aiming for a degree in Respiratory Therapy.



July - Student Employee of the Month

Ethan Reed

School: Apollo Career Center

Employer: Washam Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning

Role: HVAC

Ethan started his career at Washam Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning in June 2023 while still in high school. Balancing his academic and professional commitments, he excelled in his HVAC courses at Apollo, earning four industry certifications. This solid foundation enabled him to transition seamlessly into a full-time role as a general apprentice, a position he now thrives in.



August- Student Employee of the Month

Joe Mosley

School: Bath High School

Employer: GROB

Role: Apprentice

Joe, who graduated from Bath High School this past school year, is now excelling in the GROB Apprenticeship program. Joe's journey from high school to a promising career path in manufacturing exemplifies the success that comes from hard work, planning, and determination. His participation in the GROB Apprenticeship program highlights his commitment to developing his skills and knowledge in the field.





September - Student Employee of the Month

Landen Poling

School: Allen East High School

Employer: Spallinger Millwright

Role: Millwright Apprentice

Landen graduated from Allen East High School and spent the summer as a Millwright Apprentice at Spallinger Millwright Services, where he excels in his role and is obtaining welding certificates needed for the trade. His outstanding performance reflects his focus on career readiness, and he's a shining example of the positive impact of combining education with hands-on work experience.



October - Student Employee of the Month

Giy'lynn Grisby

School: Lima City Schools

Employer: Lima Convalescent Home

Role: STNA

Giy'Lynn, a senior at Lima City Schools, also serves as a State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) at Lima Convalescent Nursing Home, where she consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and commitment to excellence. Her ability to balance the demands of school while excelling in her job highlights Giy'Lynn's determination to succeed both academically and professionally.



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November - Student Employee of the Month

Amarion Jackson

School: Perry High School

Employer: U.S. Army

Role: Enlisted

November is “Hire a Veteran Month”, a time dedicated to honoring those who serve our country. This year, OhioMeansJobs Allen County is proud to celebrate a high school senior who’s already shown his dedication to service: Amarion Jackson. Amarion is a senior at Perry High School and he’s committed to joining the military after he graduates.



December - Student Employee of the Month

Tanner Layman

School: Elida High School

Employer: R.D. Jones Excavating

Role: Heavy Machine Operator

Tanner’s dedication and strong work ethic have truly made an impact at his workplace, R.D. Jones. His success reflects the value of real-world experience, which was made possible through the amazing programs at Apollo Career Center. Balancing his job, academics, and involvement in Elida’s FFA, Tanner has been a standout student!



The “Student Employee of the Month” will air on the first Wednesday of the month on Your Hometown Stations, on FOX Lima at 5PM and Your News Now at 6PM.