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### **BCC STUDENT RECEIVES SILVER MEDAL AT NATIONAL COMPETITION**

New Philadelphia, OH (July 18, 2018) – Buckeye Career Center 2018 graduate Sarah Smith (Dover) claimed a silver medal at the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia June 28-July 2. Smith competed in the Advocacy category after receiving a gold in the same category at the state competition in April. Smith, who studied Early Childhood Education at Buckeye, focused her project around the local Hispanic population and educating her community. Smith tutors Hispanic students and used her experiences to create a presentation for groups wanting to know more about the Latino culture. Her goal was to help Tuscarawas County residents feel informed, while allowing members of the Latino community to feel accepted in their communities. “I just want to be their advocate,” said Smith. “I want Tuscarawas County to know where they (Latinos) came from and what they came here to do. They just want to help their families. I know some people understand that, but some don’t.” Smith conducted presentations around the county and to some of her Buckeye Career Center academic classes in 2018. Smith, of Dover, plans to become a certified English as a Second Language teacher.

In other national competition news out of Buckeye Career Center, Pharmacy Technician graduate Josh Hixon (Ridgewood) placed in the top 25 of the Pharmacy Science category at the HOSA-Future Health Professionals International Conference in Dallas, Texas. Exercise Science & Sports Medicine student Zoie Slutz (Conotton Valley) also placed in the top 25 in Interviewing Skills.

Photo: Sarah Smith after receiving her silver medal at nationals.

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