October 2022 Outstanding Business Partner- Family pools & Spas

Family Pools & Spas has been serving Ashland and Wayne Counties for 47 years. They pride themselves on caring for their customers and community as much if not more than they care for their bottom line. They have continued to grow over the years even though internet sales have hurt most businesses in their category.

"My parents started the business in our garage in 1975," said manager Becky Macar. "Our 83-year-old mother still works in the Ashland store almost every day. It is the epitome of the American dream."

Through many years of supporting the Career Center family pools and spas has provided gift certificates and other prizes for business plan competitions and guest speakers giving personal knowledge and skills about running a family-owned business.

"Becky and her business have bent over backwards to educate and support my program and students," said Kelly Miller business instructor. "I cannot thank her enough for the beautiful and valuable relationship with our school."

Family pools and spas was also instrumental in planning and hosting the first annual polar plunge for Special Olympics held by the Business Professionals of America Chapter last school year.

"Our first ever polar plunge was hosted at the Ashland Family Pools & Spas and brought in over \$1500 for Special Olympics of Ohio," said Interactive Media Instructor and BPA Advisor Jen Rue. "Becky and Dave's excitement for the project was amazing. This family has a passion for Special Olympics and helped make the day rock!"

The Polar Plunge event played a huge role in the Career Center's BPA Chapter earning the National Special Olympics Award and the Chapter Activities of Excellence Award last school year.

This year's Polar Plunge is set for Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Family Pools & Spas' Ashland location.