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HCCA Culinary Arts Students Win First at State Awards



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Houston County Career Academy participated in the 2020-2021 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Virtual Leadership Conference. Students won three first-place STAR awards.

Congratulations to the following students (pictured from left):

- ★ Olivia Kinser ~ Veterans High, 1st place, Baking and Pastry;
- ★ Shayla Pope ~ Northside High, 1st place, Repurpose and Redesign; and
- ★ JayVian Stone ~ Warner Robins High, 1st place, Culinary Arts.

For the baking and pastry competition event, students were judged on the preparation of a quick bread, choux pastry, cookie and shaped yeast bread. Kinser made a blueberry crumble muffin, fruit tart and butter cookies.

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Pope made a working table lamp, incorporating silverware as the lampshade for her repurpose and redesign project. Participants are required to select a used fashion, home or postconsumer item to recycle into a new product.

Stone won the culinary arts event for his Sumac Chicken with Onions and flatbread paired with a Palestinian Farmer Salad. This event is typically a team event, but all events were made individual competitions this year due to COVID-19. Students were judged on their ability to produce a quality meal using industrial culinary arts and food service techniques and equipment.

Chef Suni Wilson and FCCLA advisor said, "These students are truly the face of the future. They competed in activities that highlighted not only their knowledge, but also their leadership skills. I am so proud of these students for their hard work and preparation!"

More than 158 middle and high school FCCLA chapters participated in the virtual Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference that was livestreamed from the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, Ga., Mar. 11-13, 2021. Students were able to discover their leadership potential by attending general sessions, workshops and competing in competitive events.

FCCLA has over 150,000 members and over 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

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