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Houston County CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students

Argene Claxton Canning Plant



State School Superintendent, Richard Woods, Argene Claxton, and State Representative Robert Dickey.

On October 21, 2020, Houston County School District leaders, local elected officials and community leaders celebrated the opening of the Argene Claxton Canning Plant with a ribbon-cutting event. A brief, outdoor program took place, followed by tours of the canning plant.

The plant supports all 13 middle and high school FFA programs in the Houston County School District. The facility was named after Dr. Argene Claxton, who retired from Perry High School in 2017. He served as the agricultural education teacher and FFA Advisor for 37 years. Currently he serves in recruitment and retention for Georgia Agricultural Education.

Dr. Claxton is well-known for having coached many state and national award-winning teams and individuals. Personally, he has received many honors for his dedication to teaching and agriculture, to include STAR Teacher three times. Dr. Claxton was the youngest person ever inducted into the Georgia Agriculture Education Hall of Fame and the only member whose father was also inducted.



GaDOE Program Manager, Billy Hughes, State School Superintendent, Richard Woods, Argene Claxton, GaDOE Director of CTAE, Dr. Barbara Wall, GaDOE Ag Education Central Region Coordinator, Chris Corzine, and Superintendent of Houston County Schools, Dr. Mark Scott.



Houston County Board of Education CTAE Director, David McDermott, Agriculture teachers from Houston County Schools, and Superintendent of Houston County Schools, Dr. Mark Scott.

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Northside High School FCCLA Holds “Rush Week”

Northside High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members held “Rush Week” September 14th – 18th. The chapter officers met and planned a week full of fun activities to encourage other students to join FCCLA. On Monday, the advisers gave out smarties with an attached note that stated, “Be a Smartie and join FCCLA!” On Tuesday, officers made flyers to post around the school, as well as a bulletin board in the hallway to assist in encouraging membership. “Be You and Join FCCLA!” was the name of this day. Wednesday, the advisers handed out bags of starburst with an attached note that stated, “Be a Star and Join FCCLA!” Thursday, was the highlight of the week when each paid member was able to invite a potential new member to a Chick-fil-A breakfast before school. The theme of the breakfast was. “Don’t Be a Chicken - Join, FCCLA!” On Friday, “Show School Spirit and Join FCCLA!” was the theme and students received a spirited NHS vinyl sticker. Rush Week was quite a success in getting many students to make the smart decision to join the chapter!



Pictured are FCCLA V.P.
Public Relations, Zoe Babcock and
Emma Collins, V.P. Community Service



Pictured is FCCLA
Secretary, Lizzy May

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins, Georgia. Principal is Dr. Jody Dean. Dr. Candida Fielding serves as CTAE Supervisor and Jill Massee and Carla Jessup as FCCLA Advisers. For more information, contact them at 478-929-7858 or candida.fielding@hcbe.net.

NHS Work-Based Learning Student, Chanelle Washington



Chanelle Washington works at Chick-fil-A in Byron. She has a variety of duties she rotates handling throughout the week. She prepares drinks and desserts, stocks supplies and bags food. She also works the mobile cash station where she repeats customer orders for accuracy, handles cash and gift cards, and ensures the kitchen has enough time to make orders fresh for all customers. Lastly, if there are no stations requiring work, she becomes a floater who performs an assortment of tasks. These tasks include stocking the fridges, making lemonade, cleaning the dining room, making salad kits, washing dishes or helping other busy stations. Chanelle said “Working at the Byron Chick-fil-A has helped me in tremendous ways. It has allowed me to come out of my shell and be more social to new faces. Along with that, it has strengthened my work ethics. Before working here, I would consider myself a good worker who did what was required. However, I am now a hard worker who goes above and beyond to ensure all tasks are completed to the best of my ability. I also enjoy helping others as they need assistance. Lastly, it has helped build my overall character. It has helped teach me how to treat customers and to accept faults no matter what.” One of Chanelle’s managers, Paula Goodson, said, “Chanelle gives 110 percent each and every day.” As we say at the Byron Chick-fil-A, “It’s always our pleasure!”

Chanelle is a senior at Northside High School and has been a cheerleader for four years. After graduation she plans to go to college to be a Physical Therapist.

“Chanelle is a definite asset to Northside’s Work Based Learning Program. She has a great work ethic and is a very conscientious student” says Traci Jolley, Work-Based Learning Coordinator at NHS.



NHS FCCLA Participates in First Fall Virtual Leadership Rally



Northside High FCCLA had an opportunity to be a part of the first Georgia Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Fall Virtual Leadership Rally to learn more about FCCLA programs, participate in competitive events related to Family and Consumer Sciences courses, listen to a motivational message and experience fun and networking. The Northside High chapter submitted a peanut recipe video, a promotional presentation video and a FCCLA brochure for competition. Elizabeth May designed a Families First brochure as part of the State and National Programs competition and placed 3rd in the state for her entry. Jill Massee and Carla Jessup are her Advisers.

Pictured above is Elizabeth May with her brochure that placed 3rd at the Georgia FCCLA Virtual Fall Leadership Rally.



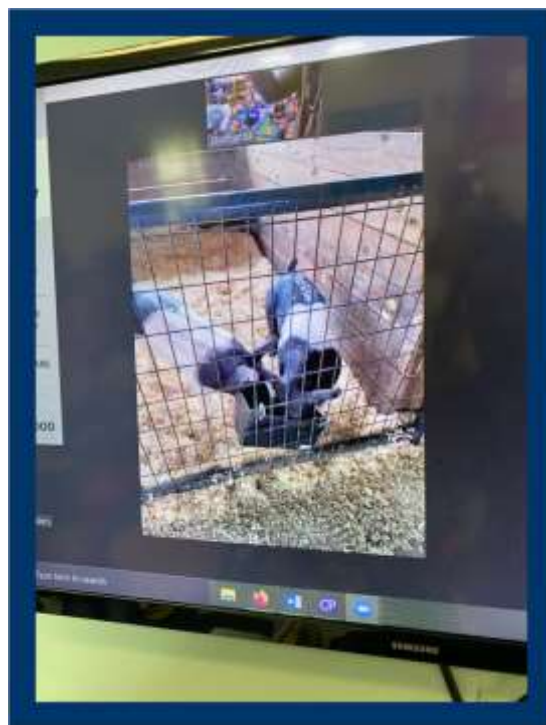
Warner Robins High School

WRHS FFA Makes a Difference in Their Community



Warner Robins High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) is committed to making a difference in the community. One of the ways they do this is through educating local youth in the community. It was a wonderful opportunity for FFA members and their Adviser to teach Tucker Head Start via Zoom about rabbit care, roosters and greenhouse production. Pictured are students from Tucker Head Start, teachers, WRHS FFA members and their Adviser.

Warner Robins High School is located on 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Veronica Sanders is the Agriculture teacher and Chris McCook serves as Principal.



Houston County High School

HCHS FBLA Helps Rescue Animals

In an effort to positively impact our community, Houston County High School (HCHS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) hosted a community service project in which they collected dog food and puppy food to donate to Furever After Rescue. Donations were collected from teachers, students, and other members of the community. A large food donation was received from Lowe Toyota. Delette Clary, from HCHS, donated a dog crate and other dog care items. Houston County High School FBLA members were able to deliver approximately 225 pounds of food to the rescue. Carla Brame, a representative from Furever After Rescue, expressed her sincere appreciation for the highly needed donations.



In addition to the food donations, middle school student, Maryana Scarborough, from WRMS heard about the project and wanted to help. She made and sold home-made dog treats and donated the profits to help the rescue. The donation amount was \$100. In recognition of her generosity, adviser Jenny Jackson and Community Service Officer, Haley Raymond, presented Maryana with a HCHS FBLA T-shirt and made her an honorary member of Houston County High School FBLA.

Furever After Rescue is a no-kill, foster-based rescue devoted to finding homes for animals needing a loving family. In the foster homes, the animals are loved and taught to coexist with a family and/or other pets in a home environment. The animals are kept up to date on their shots and vetting needs. Potential pet parents can adopt a pet by filling out an adoption application and paying a nominal adoption fee to help with fostering and medical costs.

Houston County High School's FBLA Advisers are Jenny Jackson, Ashley Deloach, LaTasha Davis, and Sheila Jones. CTAE Supervisor is Karma Hayes.

Dr. Douglas Rizer serves as Principal of Houston County High School. The school is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins, Georgia.



Maryana Scarborough and Haley Raymond



Youjin Chung
and Melissa Do

Carla Brame, Brooklyn Jackson,
Haley Raymond, and Jane Lee



HCHS FCCLA Takes Virtual Connections Beyond Measure



Officers from the Houston County High School Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) hosted two “FCCLA Fridays” where FCCLA chapters across Houston County were connected virtually for a day of strengthening connections and inspiring students to take their leadership with FCCLA “Beyond Measure”.

FCCLA National Vice President of Public Relations, Brynley Jones, State Vice President of Competitive Events, Madeline Hagemann, and Region 7 Officer, Aspen Mitchell, led middle and high school FCCLA chapters and Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) classes in virtual visits where these officers shared with students the benefits of being involved in FCCLA and how FCCLA can help students gain personal growth and leadership development by discovering and maximizing their potential. These officers also spent time speaking to students about their experiences as officers and their individual roles serving FCCLA and encouraged membership recruitment within schools by offering a membership challenge to recognize the middle and high school that recruited the most FCCLA members within the weeks following the FCCLA Friday.

Regarding the FCCLA Friday, Brynley Jones, FCCLA’s National Vice President of Public Relations, stated, “Although these unprecedented times we are in makes it challenging to meet face-to-face and stay connected, we found it to be important to find a safe way to meet with FCCLA chapters to continue encouraging members, promoting FCCLA, and strengthening relationships. Having virtual chapter visits through the format of Virtual FCCLA Fridays has allowed our schools to feel connected and supported as they discover how the impact of FCCLA is just as important now as ever before.

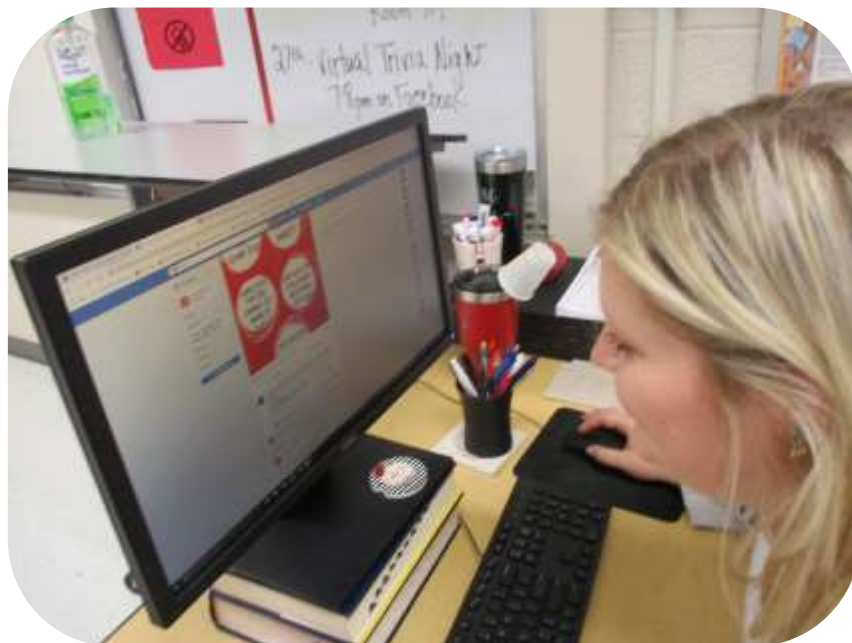
Madeline Hagemann, FCCLA State Vice President of Competitive Events, remarked on the FCCLA Friday, as well, by stating, “FCCLA Friday was an incredible opportunity to bring together all of our FACS programs and FCCLA chapters in Houston County in a safe and engaging virtual format to remind us that we are all connected and able to support each other. This experience impacted me as an officer as I was able to connect with several of our Houston County FCCLA chapters in one connected virtual format which allowed me to spread encouragement and ignite passion for FCCLA within students by using virtual platforms to expand our reach and bring us closer together, even while virtually apart.”

The Virtual FCCLA Friday received several positive remarks from the middle and high school chapters within the county and several programs noted an increase in membership and involvement as a result of the event and how Brynley, Madeline, and Aspen inspired their students. Perry High School and Bonaire Middle School won the membership recruitment challenge and will be receiving a special prize from the FCCLA Officers and Houston County High School FCCLA. Brynley, Madeline, and Aspen hope to take opportunities like this further and continue to think creatively about how virtual chapter connections can be taken “Beyond Measure” this year to inspire leaders and continue growth within “The Ultimate Leadership Experience”: FCCLA.



Perry High School

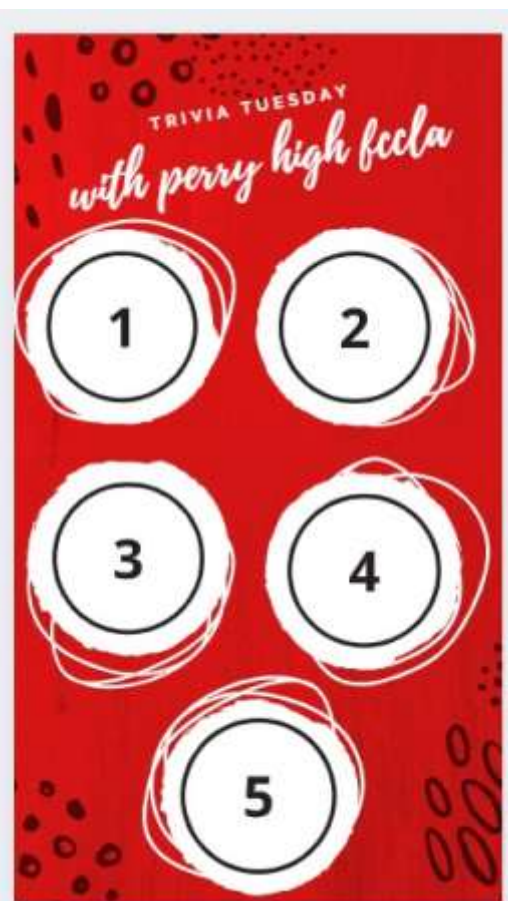
Perry High FCCLA Gathers Virtually



Perry High Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) has gone beyond measure to engage their chapter members. Local chapter officers planned another virtual event to continue to offer good times for the members from the safety of their own homes. This virtual series also promotes safe at home family fun and with family as the central focus for the organization, it was a no brainer. Members were invited to a private event held on the Perry High FCCLA Facebook page. Within the event, members participated in five rounds of trivia. There were five questions per round that included FCCLA fun facts as well as Perry High School facts. There was one winner selected from each round for a total of five prize winners. The prize winners picked up their prizes at school on the following day. Members that participated gave good feedback to the officers about how they enjoyed the opportunity to have some normalcy during these unprecedented times. The officers hope to continue to plan more engaging opportunities in the future to their virtual series.



Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry, Georgia. Wesley "Del" Martin serves as Principal.



PHS FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team Wins Big Again



Congratulations to the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Knowledge Bowl team for placing first in the virtual knowledge bowl competition! This is the second consecutive first place win for the team. Team members went head to head in each buzzer round slowly moving their way up the bracket until they were the last team standing.

The amazing team includes members Damon Negron, Devonshi Patel, Amelia Kelly and Sara Ford. The team's hard work and dedication paid off with this huge win. Perry High is so proud of these hard working students.



Perry High FCCLA Wins First Place in Peanut Recipe Competition

Perry High Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) member Janna Young competed in the virtual fall rally peanut recipe competition. The competition was a virtual recipe competition in which she had to create two different original peanut side dish recipes. After preparation of the recipes, Janna had a focus group of three individuals to include Karla Arias, Damon Negrón and Dr. Monica Kearsé to taste and give a verbal and written evaluation for both of her recipes. After reviewing the feedback from her focus group, she then completed a self-evaluation to determine the most desired recipe. Janna brought home a first-place win for her chapter and PHS is super proud for her.



Houston County Career Academy

HCCA Cosmetology Students Learning New Skills

Advanced dual enrolled cosmetology students are learning how to execute different haircuts such as blunt cuts and graduated cuts. They're also learning how to correctly use different tools such as shears, and razors. Most importantly, students are learning about customer service including the treatment of clients. They spend time learning how to properly use towels for draping the customer and how to shampoo hair. They're learning how to work safely and proper standing techniques to prevent injury. When asked, several students said that upon finishing this career pathway they would like to open their own business to help people feel beautiful.

Houston County Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Sabrina Phelps serves as Principal.



Dana Castaneda,
NHS, 12th Grade



Dilma Ramirez,
NHS, 12th Grade



Helsy Browne,
HCHS, 10th Grade

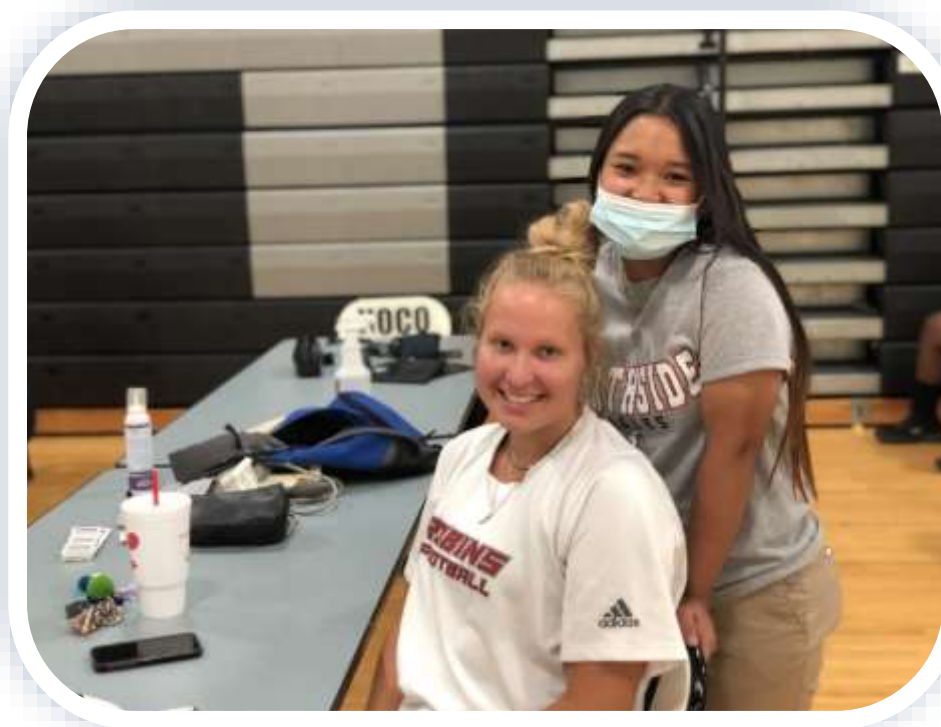


Tykirra Smith, NHS,
11th Grade and Tarrell Small,
CGTC/HCCA Instructor



Savannah Stewart,
PHS, 12th Grade

HCCA Healthcare



HCCA sports medicine students help Houston Healthcare athletic trainers check blood pressures and pulse rates for middle and high school pre-participation physicals. Pictured below is Emma Avery (WRHS) and Eh H Shee (NHS).



HCCA Future Healthcare Students



Pictured are future healthcare students ‘donning’ their PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).



HCCA Robotics Team Attends Wood Shop Certification

On Wednesday October 21, 2020 the Houston County Robotics Team #3635 had wood shop certification in the Fab Lab, taught by Gary Howard. In attendance were: Hunter Hoffman (VHS), Anastasia Del Rio (WRHS), William Van Slyke (VHS), Ben Ducre (VHS), Ryan Wilcox (VHS), Eli Hobbs (VHS), Caden Bushor (VHS), Jordon Conley (HOCO), Michael Marcoux (Engineering teacher HCCA), Lt Col (Ret) Jessica Chapman (ROTC instructor VHS), Richard Van Slyke (mentor), and Barb Van Slyke (mentor). The team finished up wood shop certification in the engineering classroom on October 28, 2020.



Youth Apprenticeship Program

Perry High School Youth Apprenticeship Student Confirms Her Career Choice

Perry High School senior, Na'tyjah West, enjoys spending the last part of each school day working with students at Tucker Elementary. Na'tyjah is a part of the Youth Apprenticeship Program under the direction of Houston County Schools Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard. Na'tyjah, along with several of her Teaching as Profession pathway classmates, were hired by Houston County Schools to gain valuable teaching and classroom management skills in "real" classroom environments. Na'tyjah enjoys all aspects of her job, but working with small groups to help students who are behind is her favorite part. She enjoys seeing the faces of her students light up when they finally grasp concepts. Upon her May 2021, graduation, Na'tyjah plans to attend college to major in early childhood education. Her ultimate goal is to return to Houston County to pursue a career as a kindergarten teacher.



Feagin Mill Middle School

FMMS FBLA Delivers Treats to Assisted Living Residents



Feagin Mill Middle School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) delivered pumpkins and sweet treats to the residents at Phoenix of Lake Joy. 54 residents were each able to pick a decorated pumpkin for October.

Feagin Mill Middle School is located at 1200 Feagin Mill Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Mark Sams serves as Principal.



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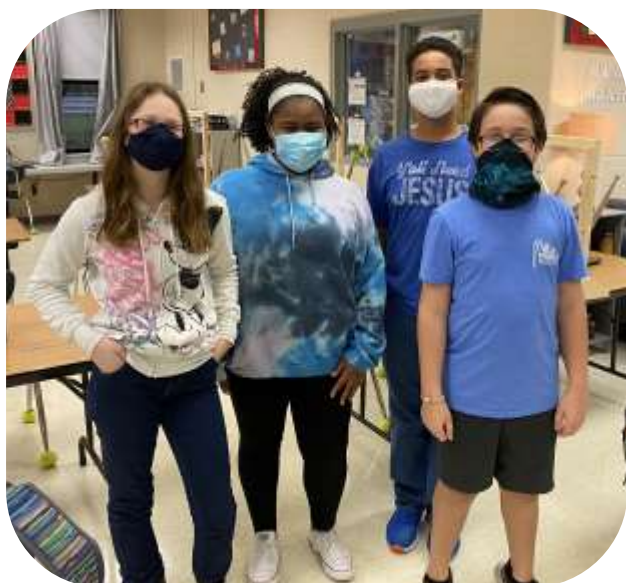
FMMS FBLA Members Participate in CREW Rally



Ten Feagin Mill Middle School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members participated in CREW rally this year and started off the meeting with a friendly competition.



FMMS Knowledge Bowl Team Places 3rd in the State



The Knowledge Bowl Team at FMMS worked hard studying for months for the Knowledge Bowl competition. They had to learn all things Family and Consumer Science (FACS) and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) related from food safety to FCCLA history and everything in between. The team met at FMMS to compete in single elimination competition virtually against the other qualifying middle schools, and placed 3rd overall in the state. Job well done!

Pictured are the Knowledge Bowl Team participants from Feagin Mill Middle: Ashlyn Bernstein, Laney Davis, Bryson Carter, and Stone Desilets.



Mossy Creek Middle School

MCMS FCCLA Grateful for Caring Custodians

During this school year with face to face learning, school buildings demand extra cleaning and sanitizing on a daily basis. The custodians at Mossy Creek Middle School have exhibited dedication in this area. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members at MCMS took notice of the custodians doing tasks that were not routinely done before COVID-19, such as spraying tables, desk, chairs, and wiping down doorknobs. The FCCLA chapter decided to take time out and do something special for them. FCCLA members made posters of gratitude, wrote thank you notes, and left treats in the custodial work room. The custodians were very grateful for all the chapter did for them. MCMS is also grateful for them! We are all in this together, and together we will make this a great year.

Mossy Creek Middle School is located at 200 Danny Carpenter Drive in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Andy Gentry serves as Principal.



Willie Grider
MCMS Lead Custodian



Custodial team members
Mrs. Shirley and Mr. Marcquis



Appreciation poster made by FCCLA members, Vianey Santiago Rayes, Braily Peavy, and Rylee McClure.



FCCLA members are pictured assembling Thank You notes on a banner to hang up. Vianey Santiago Rayes, Raelee Brown, Katelyn Thigpen, Sophie Jarrett, and Cara Hall.



FCCLA member, Desiray Way made additional posters to put up.



Treats left by FCCLA members for the custodial team.



Perry Middle School

National FFA Announces Winners for the National FFA Agriscience Fair - Power, Structural and Technical Systems



The National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization has announced the 2020 National FFA Agriscience Fair winners for power, structural and technical systems. The winners were recognized yesterday during the fourth general session of the 93rd National FFA Convention and Expo, held virtually this year.

The National FFA Agriscience Fair recognizes students who gain real-world, hands-on experiences in agricultural enterprises. Students use scientific principles and emerging technologies to solve complex problems related to agriculture, food and natural resources. The agriscience fair is for middle and high school students. Students compete in one of

six categories in the agriscience fair and under one of the six divisions—either individually or in a team.

Congratulations to Fraser Knappek and Katie Spivey of the Perry Middle FFA Chapter for placing second overall in the nation for their project entitled *Clamping down: Effectiveness of different clamps for securing heat lamps*. This project tested the strength of heat lamp clamps with regards to weight pulling on the clamps. The research was conducted as result of the Perry FFA School Farm barn fire that killed 66 pigs in 2017, hoping to provide information that could prevent future barn fires caused by ineffectively secured heat lamps. Fraser and Katie will receive a cash award of \$750.



The National FFA Agriscience Fair is sponsored by Cargill, John Deere and Syngenta; Bayer, Corteva, General Mills, Wrangler and Zoetis are sponsors of the agriscience fair pathways.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 760,000 student members as part of 8,700 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Dr. Ashley Whiddon serves as the Perry Middle School agricultural education instructor and FFA Adviser. Kizzy Johnson serves as the CTAE Supervisor. Principal of Perry Middle School is Dr. Heath Burch. Perry Middle School is located at 495 Perry Parkway in Perry, Georgia.

AGRISCIENCE FAIR Awards

Power, Structural and Technical Systems: Division 2

SECOND PLACE
Katie Spivey
Fraser Faith Knappek
Perry Middle FFA GA

THIRD PLACE
Zoey Griswold
Kendra Lilly
Southeastern FFA IL

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