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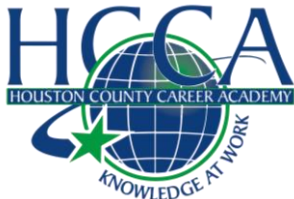
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HCCA Educator Signing Day Ceremony May 5 for Future Teachers



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) will participate in the Georgia Future Educators Signing Day on May 5, 2020, to honor graduating seniors in the Teaching as a Profession (TAAP) program. Due to the public health emergency, the recognition will be conducted virtually through a special video.

Similar to athletic signing events, students will be recognized for their commitment to a college to pursue a degree in the field of education. Emphasis will be placed on the positive highlights of a career in education and the graduates' dedication to educating Georgia's future youth. The HCCA TAAP teacher, Erin Morton, has prepared a [video to highlight her students' accomplishments and career choices](#).

Research shows that 60 percent of teachers work within 20 miles of where they went to high school. Only five percent of students, however, indicate on the ACT® that they plan to pursue a career in education. To encourage more students to become teachers, this event will spark conversations about the benefits and rewards of becoming an educator.

HCCA Principal Sabrina Phelps says, "We're training the future workforce today. We are very proud of our students' success, which is a win-win for our students and community. It is a pleasure to help our students prepare for their future careers, and at the same time, provide qualified workers to fill employment needs."

Students who have successfully completed the TAAP classes and passed the end-of-pathway assessment will be presented a certificate and a medal. These students will earn three college credits for the class, "Investigating Critical & Contemporary Issues in Education."

Congratulations to the seniors who successfully completed the required course work, completed an internship and passed the end-of-pathway assessment. They are listed by school.

- Perry High - Jahnyiah Davis, Shayna Gordon, Tionna Kendrick, Jaylah Jones;
- Veterans High - Aaliyah Daniels, Shaniyah Franklin, Kira Wallace, Raychel Witmer;
- Warner Robins High - Christina Dokey, Che'Yona Gordon and Aneesa Nelson.

Congratulations, also, to the seniors who participated in the program and completed the required course work:

- Houston County High - Grace Slane, Rinko Nagura
- Perry High - Shadyn Noles, Heather Taylor, Ty Taylor;
- Veterans High - Madison Bailey, Logan Cook and Kayla Lavender.

Pictured are two Teaching as a Profession seniors.



Jaylah Jones of Perry High, plans to attend Berry College. Her goal is to major in Early Childhood Education and become a 1st grade teacher in the Houston County School District.

Raychel Witmer, a Veterans High student, plans to attend Middle Georgia State University to earn a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She also plans to earn a master's degree in secondary education with a goal to teach high school.



This signing event is supported by the Georgia Department of Education's Career Technical and Agricultural Education Division. The HCCA is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins. For more information, Principal Phelps may be reached at 478-322-3280, ext. 50281 or sabrina.phelps@hcbe.net.

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