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Warner Robins High Presented Military Flagship School Award



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Warner Robins High School was honored by the Georgia Department of Education as a 2020-2021 Military Flagship School at a ceremony on March 2, 2021. State Superintendent Richard Woods presented Chris McCook, Warner Robins High Principal, with a Military Flagship School banner. The ceremony was held in the Weatherspoon Gym.

This award recognizes schools that provide a supportive environment for military students and families by recognizing and accommodating their unique needs. Warner Robins High is one of only seven schools in the state to be recognized this school year.

Pictured at the ceremony are (from left): (front) Warner Robins High seniors, Zander Narum and Reina Abram; (back) Houston County Board of Education members, Dr. Rick Unruh and Dave Crockett; Col. Kathy Jordan, Commander, 78th Mission Support Group, Robins AFB; Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent of Schools; McCook; Woods; Jason Downey, Vice-Chairman, Georgia State Board of Education; and CMSgt. Paul Pohnert, Superintendent, 78th Mission Support Group, Robins AFB.

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During the welcome, Zander said, “We come together today to celebrate years of hard work and collaboration between our school, the Warner Robins community and Robins Air Force Base. We pride ourselves on being the school where students living on the base, including myself, attend.”

Reina, who is also a military-affiliated student, commented, “Warner Robins High is a great school because it’s a family. No matter your background, where you come from or how far into the school year it is when you transfer in, you will find a home here from the encouraging teachers and welcoming students. You belong at Warner Robins High, you are a part of this family, and you have a home from the second you walk through the doors to the day you walk across the stage at graduation.”

During the ceremony’s closing, Principal McCook said, “High school is about building memories, and for many it is a home away from home. As our brave military members, our moms and our dads, get that last briefing for a deployment or a move, it gives me peace of mind that not only does Warner Robins High School have their back, but also our entire district has their back. Thank you, Superintendent Woods, for bestowing this great honor on our school today. More importantly, thank you to all of our military families for their service and entrusting us with our greatest resource, your children.”

All schools in the state were eligible to apply for the Military Flagship School Award. Members of the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission evaluated the applications and Warner Robins High was a unanimous choice for the award. Of 32 schools that applied, only seven received the award.

At Warner Robins High, a Military and Family Life Counselor provides solution-focused counseling support to military-connected students and their families. This counselor works closely with school staff to strengthen support and understanding during transitions, deployments and military life in general. The school also employs two Family Engagement Coordinators, both of whom are military spouses. The coordinators engage families through social media, newsletters, workshops and events. The school also hosts an annual Military Family Appreciation, and the attendance policy allows excused absences for a military parent’s deployment and more.

Warner Robins High is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins. Principal McCook may be reached at 478-929-7877 or Chris.McCook@hcbe.net. To learn more about the Military Flagship School Award, visit gadoe.org/militaryflagship.

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