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### **Northside Middle School Named National FFA 3-Star Chapter**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Northside Middle School FFA Chapter has been recognized for the second consecutive year in the National Chapter Award Program from the National FFA Organization. Northside Middle School was named a 2020 National 3 Star Chapter.

Chapters that receive a national 3-star chapter rating are eligible to compete for the National Premier Chapter Awards, Models of Excellence, and Middle School Models of Excellence Awards.

The FFA Awards program recognizes outstanding chapters from throughout the country that actively implement the FFA mission and strategies. These top chapters improve chapter operations using the National

Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

Chapters that received star ratings were recognized during the virtual 2020 National FFA Convention & Expo held in October. All star-rated FFA chapters received honors made possible by corporate sponsor, John Deere.

“Feeding some 9 billion people by mid-century brings with it unprecedented challenges for today’s farmers,” said Amy Allen, manager, national corporate contributions for John Deere. “The skills and experience learned through the National Chapter Award Program will help meet critical needs.”

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.

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