



CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students

Houston County Career Academy

HCCA TSA Chapter Student, Logan Jordan, wins 6th Place in Promotional Design at Technology Day

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The Houston County Career Academy's TSA Chapter participated in TSA's Technology Day at the Georgia National Fair on October 10th. TSA stands for the Technology Student Association. TSA is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO), which lives by the motto: Learning to Live in a Technical World.

Led by engineering teacher, Mr. William Smith, Jr., seven students representing all five high schools in Houston County, competed in several technology-based events. These events included Catapult Design, Dragster Design, Structural Design, Architectural Design, and Rube-Goldberg Design.



Pictured is Logan Jordan, a junior at Veterans High School, who placed 6th in Promotional Design at Technology Day. His task was to create a promotional design of the Georgia TSA Logo.

Through TSA, students learn the importance of technology literacy, teamwork, communication skills, soft skills, critical thinking, and creativity. TSA is a major component of the Engineering, Electronics, and Manufacturing Pathways offered at the Houston County Career Academy. These three pathways are heavily immersed in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

The mission of Georgia TSA is to prepare its membership to be successful leaders and responsible citizens in a technological society through co-curricular activities within the technology education program; which include communication, leadership, and competitive skill development in the classroom/laboratory environment.

The Houston County Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins. Sabrina Phelps serves as Principal. For more information, contact the Director of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, David McDermott, at 478-988-6222, ext. 10226 or david.mcdermott@hcbe.net.



Houston County Career Academy



Veterans High



Northside High



Warner Robins High



Houston County High



Perry High

HCCA Hosts First Annual Car Show



The SkillsUSA students at the Houston County Career Academy hosted their first Annual Car Show. The winners received trophies in the categories of Import, Mini & Lift Truck, Classic Car (older than 80's), Modern Muscle, Motorcycle & Best Beater.

There were several nice vehicles present and around 20 entries in the different categories. The entrants were judged by local radio personalities from the Autoholics Anonymous radio show which airs on Creek 100.9 on Saturday mornings. The weather was beautiful and HCCA looks forward to hosting again in the Spring. Great teamwork was shown by members to make this an awesome event.



HCCA Students Visit Bodies . . . The Exhibition



The Move-On-When-Ready Allied Health Science/Emergency Medical Responder students from HCCA took a field trip to Atlanta on December 1st. The students toured Bodies . . . The Exhibition. The exhibit allowed the students to learn anatomy and physiology as the whole exhibit is a display of real bodies that have been preserved to show the entire body, including disease processes. The students were able to see everything from an actual developing fetus to smokers' lungs and the real damage the smoking causes. Ms. Whitley was so proud as each time the tour guide asked questions, the HCCA students always gave the correct answer! The trip was so much fun, and as a bonus, very educational!

Lisa Whitley is a Dual Enrollment instructor with Central Georgia Technical College. For additional information please contact Sabrina Phelps, Houston County Career Academy Principal at 478-322-3280 or sabrina.phelps@hcbe.net

Veterans High School

VHS FFA Wins the Junior and Senior Divisions of the Georgia FFA's State Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event



Junior Meats Team

The Junior Team of Cassidy Horton (State high individual), Paige Crouse (fourth high individual), and Madi Green won Veterans first Junior Meats Championship.



Senior Meats Team

The Senior Team of Thomas Maddox (State High Individual), Allie Horton (2nd High Individual), and Maddy Rast (4th High Individual) will represent Georgia as its State Champion at the National Meats Evaluation CDE next October.

Veterans High is located at 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen, GA where Christopher Brown is the Principal and Dr. Clay Walker and Mr. Jeff Wilson are the Veterans High Ag teachers.



Northside High School

NHS and TMS Hold Fall Business Advisory Committee Meeting

On November 1st, Northside High School and Thomson Middle School held their Fall Business Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting began with a brief overview of the new operating systems and Microsoft packages, an update on the happenings of both FBLA chapters, and an awesome mock interview session for NHS students. Students were provided with feedback sheets to be used to improve their interviewing skills.

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins. Dr. Greg Peavy is Principal.



Pictured above is Jimmy Autry from Flint Energies shaking hands with Eric Bateman, NHS student and FBLA Officer



Jimmy Autry and Laquita McCrary from Flint Energies during a mock interview with Eric Bateman, NHS student and FBLA Officer



Pictured above are Scott Dean from GEICO and James Terrill, FBLA member



Pictured at left are Noopur Patel, Chadwick Simmons, NHS CTAE Supervisor, and Dwayne Jolley from Lewis and Goetz and Company

Pictured at right are Noopur Patel and Eric Bateman, NHS students



Work Based Learning Student Crowned NHS Homecoming Queen



On Friday, September 30th, Northside High School senior, Mya Hill, was named the 2016 Homecoming Queen during half-time of the Northside vs. Macon County football game. Mya is in her first year of Work-Based Learning and works at both Olympia Skate Center and Country Financial. Mya uses knowledge and skills acquired in her Foods and Business Communications classes to find success in both jobs. Congratulations Mya!



Houston County High School

HCHS FBLA Helps Educate Seniors in Adult Computer Class



On the evening of Monday, October 17th, members of the Houston County High School FBLA Chapter volunteered their time to promote technology education among senior citizens in the Warner Robins community. Students, Monica Tran, Katlyn Steinmetz, Sabina Ashurova, Tam Thai, Han Thai, Devin Hajjari, and Anjali Patel participated and spent the two and a half hours at the Houston County Career Academy aiding participants in setting up Twitter, Facebook, and other social media accounts. Students also answered questions and advised participants in the computer class on how to best reduce security risks when using social media. The student participants had a blast learning about the usefulness of social media and the ways that social media connects people around the world. Not only were FBLA volunteers able to teach others about social media and identity theft precautions, but they were also able to aid the participants in a tour of the Houston County Career Academy facilities. Volunteering at the Adult Computer Class was a rewarding experience for our senior citizens and Houston County High School's FBLA chapter.

Houston County High School's FBLA Advisers are: Mrs. Jenny Jackson, Mrs. Sheila Jones, Mrs. Shirli Williams, and Ms. Gina Jessup.

Houston County High School is located at 920 Hwy 96 in Warner Robins. Dr. Doug Rizer is Principal.

HCHS FBLA Backs the Blue

Houston County High School's Future Business Leaders of America officers, members, and parents traveled to the Peach County Sheriff's Office and Byron Police Department to show their support in light of recent tragic events. Hope Williams, Nivedha Soundappan, Sabina Ashurova, Alex Cooper, Kyrsten Shipp and Megan Shipp, accompanied by Melissa Shipp took appreciation gifts to the departments from FBLA.

The members constructed bags for the officers to show their sympathy and appreciation. Thank you bags included candy and a poem. Chapter members also created cards at the November 8th meeting to show sympathy and appreciation for the officers for their service and protection.

When FBLA officers visited the departments, Kyrsten and Hope explained that FBLA "supports our officers" and gave thanks for all that the officers do. Byron Police Chief, Wesley Cannon, expressed his appreciation, "This really means a lot to us. We really appreciate this," said Peach County Sheriff, Terry Deese, was out of town on a business trip.



Houston County High School's FBLA Advisers are: Mrs. Jenny Jackson, Mrs. Sheila Jones, Mrs. Shirl Williams and Ms. Gina Jessup. CTAE Supervisor is Mrs. Karma Hayes.



HCHS FBLA Lends a Hand at FEED the City



Houston County High School Future Business Leaders of America Chapter completed another successful FEED the City drive by collecting non-perishable food items and baking mixes throughout the school. HCHS FBLA, assisted by HCHS FCCLA, collected over a hundred non-perishable food items to donate to the FEED the City drive of Warner Robins. Thank you to all members and Houston County High students who participated in this drive, and to Alex Cooper who headed the FEED the City committee for HOCO FBLA. FBLA members volunteered Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th to ensure that over 1,700 underprivileged families in Middle Georgia had the opportunity to

enjoy a special Thanksgiving dinner. Members worked alongside community volunteers at New Hope International Church in Warner Robins to pack the canned goods and mixes into over a thousand bags. They filled up gaps in the assembly line and worked together to ensure all bags contained the appropriate items before they were ready for distribution. The following morning, members woke up bright and early to assist the hundreds of families in safely transporting the food items to their homes around Middle Georgia. Members enjoyed meeting community members and families as they completed their assignments. HCHS FBLA has partnered with FEED the City for four years and looks forward to continuing and strengthening their participation in this project.

Pictured above, front row, left to right: Kailin Chen, Megan Shipp, Han Tah, Virali Patel, Michelle Hyunh, Monica Tran. Second row, left to right: Shivam Patel, Tam Thai, Dan Vu, Love Lee, Alisha Patel, Danielle Morales, Victoria Roy, Alex Cooper, Vinit Patel. Not pictured: Alex Vining.



Picture at right are FBLA members assisting carrying the food bags for the families

Thomson Middle School

TMS Students Explore College and Career Readiness During National Cluster Meeting in Orlando, Florida



The Thomson Middle School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter and nearly two thousand youth members and adult advisers recently gathered in Orlando, Florida, November 17th - 20th for the annual National Cluster Meeting. This meeting provided FCCLA members with opportunities to compete in career-applicable skill demonstration competitions ranging from interviewing skills and impromptu speaking to technology used in teaching. Youth teams also participated in events that challenged their knowledge in

personal finance, consumer responsibilities, technology, health and safety, and more. By attending NCM, Thomson Middle School students were given opportunities to demonstrate skills they've learned through FCCLA, while also exposing them to a new city, cultures, and situations that they may encounter in their colleges and careers.

“Students nationwide are graduating from high school feeling unprepared for college and careers,” says Sandy Spavone, FCCLA’s Executive Director. “FCCLA aims to address that issue by providing students with leadership training that teaches the soft skills many students are missing - skills that aid their transition into a successful future.”



Northside Middle

Perry Middle

Thomson Middle

Warner Robins Middle

Bonaire Middle

Feagin Mill Middle

Huntington Middle

Mossy Creek Middle

TMS Students Explore College and Career Readiness During National Cluster Meeting in Orlando, Florida (continued)



Colleges and universities around the country are noting the successful impact of FCCLA's youth leadership training. Johnson & Wales University Denver Campus President, Richard Wiscott, Ph.D. stated, "We find that FCCLA students are very well prepared for the college experience. Because of their involvement with FCCLA and the skills they've gained, FCCLA students exhibit good presentation and critical thinking skills in the classroom and tend to be more engaged in the community at large. FCCLA students are also career-oriented—a good match for success at Johnson & Wales University."

The meeting's "Unlimited Possibilities" theme drove home the wide range of opportunities available to youth through FCCLA. In addition to competitive events and career exploration, Thomson Middle School students also networked throughout the meeting with other youth leaders from around the nation, and attended workshops to develop their leadership skills.

About FCCLA

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has more than 160,000 members and more than 5,500 chapters from 48 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.



Thomson Middle School is located at 301 Thomson Street in Centerville. Dr. Walter Stephens is Principal.



Huntington Middle School

HMS FCCLA Members Attend National Cluster Meeting



FCCLA members from Huntington Middle School attended the FCCLA National Cluster Meeting in Orlando, Florida November 17th - 20th. National Cluster Meetings provide an opportunity for FCCLA members and advisers to come together to expand leadership skills, sharpen talents, and explore career pathways. FCCLA members strive to make a lasting impression in their families, schools, and communities. Through positive initiatives and strong leadership development, FCCLA prepares its members to make their mark on society. In addition to FCCLA events the group visited Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure theme parks. Attending were Ally Bishop, Jameela Brown, Anaya Queen, Macy Stephenson, and adviser Melanie Bratcher.

Huntington Middle School is located at 206 Road in Warner Robins. Dr. Gwendolyn Taylor is Principal.



Adult Computer Classes Offered

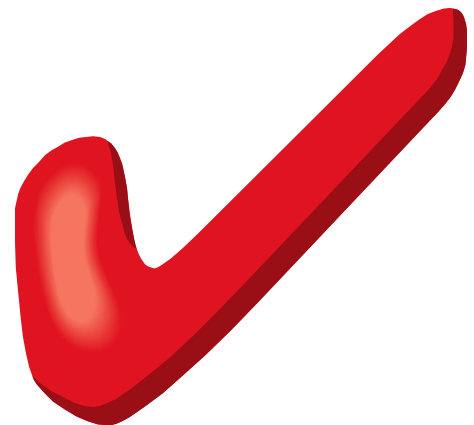
Houston County School System employees offered basic computer classes free of charge to our adult community in October. **All classes were taught from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** There was no cost for these classes. To sign up for classes, please call Lorrie Nix at 478-988-6222 ext.10090. For questions related to these classes other than registration, contact David McDermott at 478-988-6222 ext. 10226.

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1. Follow Wall of Fame instructions located on the CTAE page on SharePoint.
2. Submit pictures as attachments, not within the document.
3. Submit only one **brief description** and accompanying picture(s) per email.
4. Submit by the 5th of each month.
5. Submit to lorrie.nix@hcbe.net



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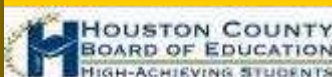
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The *Wall of Fame*, is Houston County's monthly Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education newsletter. This is our effort to keep you informed of the many positive activities going on in the Career, Technical, and Agricultural programs of Houston County. Complete details on these newsworthy topics may have already appeared in the local newspapers. The newsletter serves as a short recap of events.

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