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Houston County CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students

WRALL Challenger Division Closing Day Ceremony

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The Warner Robins American Little League Challenger Division adaptive baseball teams held a closing day ceremony for their six baseball teams on May 18, 2019. Several Houston County Schools CTAE programs were represented at the ceremony.

Veterans High School AFJROTC Color Guard presented the colors and

Perry High FFA member, Ellie Angley, sang the National Anthem. Lt. Col. (Ret) Steve Atkins serves as the the lead instructor for the Veterans High AFJROTC. Ashley Denton and Kyle Dekle are the FFA Advisors for Perry High School. David McDermott, Director of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, coaches the Braves.

Several middle school CTSO students served as "partners" for the athletes while they played the game. It was a great day for all.



Perry High



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Perry High School

Perry High FCCLA Holds Coins for a Cause Fundraiser



Perry High FCCLA created “Coins for a Cause” fundraiser during Career Technology and Agricultural Education month to help raise money to make blankets for hospitalized children whose families are staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Macon, Georgia. The Ronald McDonald House provides a place for families to call home so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little to no cost to them. This provides families the extra time to focus on the health of their child rather than grocery shopping, cleaning or cooking meals. Members helped create donation jugs to put in the CTAE classes at Perry High. Each Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) competed to see who could raise the most money for this worthy cause. Following the classroom

collection, Perry High FCCLA held called “Pasta for Pennies” a spaghetti dinner, in which advisers and officers served a spaghetti dinner to FCCLA members and the officers from each CTSO. At the dinner, Future Business Leaders of America was announced as the winning CTSO and was awarded a VISA check card to spend on their chapter’s next social event. The “Coins for a Cause” fundraiser and “Pasta for Pennies” dinner were a huge success. FCCLA officers

collected all monies raised and headed to the local Wal-Mart to purchase fabric to make tie blankets. Officers were able to purchase enough fabric to make 27 tie blankets in various sizes for children of all ages to enjoy as they are going through their time of need. Members helped cut and tie each blanket adding a little extra special “love” into the creation. FCCLA officers and advisers delivered the blankets to the Ronald McDonald house in Macon. Officers were glad to give back to others in need and hope to continue to support their local community next year with more community outreach projects.



Perry High FCCLA Officers are Kyli Smith, Jaylah Jones, Maddison Gillman, and Skyler Bullard.

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



Perry High FFA Member Margie Knappek Elected to Serve as Area 3 FFA Treasurer



Perry High School FFA member and upcoming sophomore at Perry High, Margie Knappek, was elected to serve as the Area 3 FFA Treasurer and represent the Central Region FFA. Margie is an active member in FFA with her beef cattle SAE project and is a member of the State Winning Jr. Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event. Margie had to go through a process of completing an application, taking an exam that covered FFA History and General Knowledge, and delivered a one-minute speech to the voting delegates of Area 3 FFA. Margie will proudly represent the Perry FFA as an Area Officer for the 2019-2020 school term.



PHS FFA Members Sign with Ft. Scott Community College to Judge Livestock Collegiately

On May 21, 2019 two Perry FFA seniors, Trey Garbett and Ryan McDuffie, signed with Ft. Scott Community College, located in Ft. Scott, Kansas, to judge livestock at the Junior Collegiate level. Garbett and McDuffie have both been members of the Perry FFA livestock show team and Livestock Evaluation team for the past four years. The livestock Evaluation Career Development Event is designed to develop the ability to select and market livestock that will satisfy consumer demands and provide increased economic returns to producers. Garbett and McDuffie were members of the Sr. Livestock Evaluation Team that placed 1st at the Area 3 contest this past November and placed 3rd at the state competition held at the University of Georgia in March. Both students were recruited for their individual judging scores throughout their high school careers. Ft. Scott Community College is a Top 5 ranked Junior College for Livestock Evaluation. Trey and Ryan are the first students from Perry FFA to sign with a junior college to judge livestock right out of high school.



Houston County Career Academy

HCCA Barbering Students Provide Haircuts

On Saturday May 11, 2019, Houston County Career Academy Barbering students participated in their first community event providing haircuts. The HCCA barbers were professionally prepared to cut hair at the brand new gym at Deloris Toliver Park in Warner Robins. The grooming services were conducted by Taryn Jefferson (HCCA Barber), Le'Quanta Williams (HCCA Barber), Wesley Allen (Barbershop Owner of B & W Hair Studio and Shop) and Alex Dimas (CGTC Barber). HCCA would like to also thank Tonja Simmons Lee of Central Georgia Technical College for helping make this event possible.

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



Taryn Jefferson cutting Jarred Reneau (W.R. Parks and Recreation Director) Alex Dimas and child client.



Wesley Allen mentoring Le'Quanta Williams.



Leon Towles (HCCA Barbering Instructor) with Taryn Jefferson.

HCCA Students are College and Career Ready

Honor cords are awarded to technical/occupational seniors that are dual enrolled with Central Georgia Technical College and the Houston County Career Academy. These students have completed a Technical Certificate of Completion in their chosen pathway.



(Left to right) Dr. Cheronie Blunt, CGTC Criminal Justice Instructor; Michelle Scott, VHS; Thomas Morrow, NHS; Bandon Gibeau, HCHS; Katara Turner, NHS; D'Nautica Mitchell, HCHS; Jordan Roundtree, VHS and Brebba Dobin, HCHS.



Amariah Morales, VHS and Shayla Scott, CGTC Cosmetology Instructor.



Kobe Bland, WRHS and Eli Walker, CGTC Information Technology Instructor.



(Left to right) Jonathan Glover, NHS; Emmanuel Munoz, NHS; Leon Towles, CGTC Barbering Instructor; La'Quanta Williams, NHS and De'Marrion Fobbs, VHS.



(Left to right) Mr. Tony Shelley, CGTC Industrial Maintenance Instructor; Dalton McNamar, PHS; Griffin Arnold, VHS and Jeffrey Wyne, NHS.

HCCA Students are College and Career Ready (continued)



Jacob Spivey, PHS; John Ward, CGTC Welding Instructor.



From left to right: Griffin Hodges, VHS; Tehuti-re-hotep Gillette-el, NHS; David Wilson, VHS; Navarre Kemp, VHS; Eli Walker, Instructor, CGTC/HCCA.



Tristan Weddington, NHS, 12th grade; George Rosenblad, CGTC Automotive Instructor.



From left to right: Chef Suni Wilson, Culinary Arts Instructor, Zakyla Turner, WRHS and Jamari Rice, VHS.

Houston County Robotics Team #3635 - The Flying Legion Headed to the First Robotics World Championship



From left to right: Stan Wilkes (mentor), Alex Arnold, Ben Ducre (as the mascot), Henry McDuffy, Isaiah Bailey, Will Van Slyke, Johnathon Newton, Eli Hobbs, Barb Van Slyke (mentor), 2nd Row: Maddie Applonie, Ja'lexia Alexander, Nia Canty-Smith, Natalie Van Slyke, Shamika Morris, Lexie Clark, Jordan Green, Adrienne Cloud (Teacher Mentor) Front row: Bruno Grosskopf (mentor), Sean Pursley, Tom Sthal (Teacher Mentor)

The Houston County Robotics Team #3635 competed in the Georgia FIRST State Championship April 4-6 in Emerson, Georgia. The team was in 7th place following 90 qualifying matches leading to quarterfinals. While they were eliminated in quarterfinals they finished the season ranked 15th in the State.

The FIRST Robotics Competition prepares future innovators with engineering skills to solve the world's biggest problems. This year's competition is Deep Space 9 presented by the Boeing Company. The robot is designed to place hatch panels on a space shuttle and then deliver cargo. The program could not be possible without our amazing team members, and support from our committed mentors and sponsors. Tom Stahl, the lead teacher mentor, tells us "The First Robotics program is so important in encouraging students to engage in STEM-related careers and we have had many of our members go on to engineering and technical programs at Georgia Tech, Mercer University, Georgia Southern, Auburn, and other schools."

Houston County Robotics Team Competes in the FIRST Robotics World Championship



The Houston County Alliance Robotics Team competed in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics World Championship held in Houston, Texas April 17-20. The team finished the season ranked fifteenth in the state and advanced to the World Championship where they competed and advanced to the quarterfinals.



HVAC at HCCA Visits Keadle Heating & Air Conditioning to Learn About Ductwork Fabrication



A huge thank you to Ken Keadle and all of his employees as the HCCA HVAC classes were able to visit Keadle Heating & Air Conditioning to learn more about the role of a HVAC ductwork fabricator at his business. They were led by Skylar Hicks who works at Keadle via the Youth Apprenticeship program. Students were able to see a CNC Cutting Machine in action and commonly used in the HVAC Industry.



Dual Enrollment Students Also Earn Technical Certificates from CGTC



Houston County Career Academy is proud to announce three members of their Dual Enrollment Program in Veterans High School's graduating Class of 2019 also earned Technical Certificates of Credit from Central Georgia Technical College.

Students pictured in their graduation regalia, from left to right are: David P. Wilson II, Navarre R. Kemp, Eli Walker (Instructor) and Griffin T. Hodges. As an addition to their academic work all three earned industry certifications in the Microsoft Technical Associate and PC Pro programs. Griffin Hodges earned the prestigious COMP TIA A+ certification on his first attempt. The COMP TIA A+ is considered the industry benchmark for entry into the Information Technology field.

This Fall Griffin Hodges will attend Oglethorpe University. Navarre Kemp and David Wilson will continue their studies with the Computer Information Systems and Technology Department at Central Georgia Technical College.

Veterans High School

VHS Business Communications Students Earn Microsoft Certifications



VHS CTAE Supervisor, Dr. Sherry Johnson, with MOS Certification recipients (L to R): Jenna Thomas, Izaria McLean, DJ Reiker, Colby Watford, Dakaiya Farrow, Hannah Stanley, Makaiya Williams, Connor Cartwright, Rylan Wilkerson, and

The Veterans High CTAE Department is pleased to recognize 25 outstanding business students who earned their Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification in PowerPoint and/or Word this Spring. Students were encouraged to become MOS certified after completing the Business Communications course where PowerPoint is the predominantly used presentation software. In addition, the Business and Technology students, whose focus is on word processing, applied their skills to earn certification in Microsoft Word. Several students took both of the skills tests and became dual certified.

With a MOS Certification awarded from the Microsoft Corporation, students receive international accolades along with a certificate that may be included when preparing a resume and completing job, college, and/or scholarship applications. The exam provider, Certiport, reports that 91% of hiring managers consider the MOS Certification as part of their hiring criteria. Veterans High students will have the opportunity to become certified in all of the Office utilities before the end of their Senior year. Congratulations War Hawks!

Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Amy Barbour serves as Principal, Dr. Sherry Johnson is the Career Tech Supervisor and Janet Sheffield serves as the Business Communications teacher.

VHS CTAE Supervisor, Dr. Sherry Johnson, presents Madison Wyttenbach with her MOS PowerPoint 2016



VHS DECA Members Volunteer at Antebellum Grove Senior Living

VHS DECA brought the school year to an end by volunteering with the Memory Care Unit at Antebellum Grove Senior Living in Warner Robins, Georgia. Each DECA member facilitated a game with over ten residents participating. DECA members enjoyed themselves and the residents were excited to participate in game time. Based on the amount of fun the DECA members had at Antebellum Grove Senior Living facility, other visits will be planned during the 2019-2020 school year.

Angeles Jeffreys serves as the DECA Adviser at VHS.



Pictured left to right are: Alexis Whitley, Amiyah Davis and La'Tria Graves.



Pictured left to right are: La'Tria Graves, Amiyah Davis and Alexis Whitley.

VHS FBLA Business Achievement Award Winners

The VHS FBLA members have been actively engaged in earning all of the points necessary to secure their Business Achievement Awards for this school year.

A leadership development program for high school FBLA members, the BAAs, are aligned to the business education pathways and FBLA goals. Students enhance their leadership skills, expand their business knowledge, contribute to their local communities, and earn recognition by achieving each level, which is increasingly challenging students to expand their leadership skills and highlight their talents.

The FBLA National Office issues a certificate and lapel pin for each level: Future, Business, Leader, and America. Two of the VHS students who have earned the BAA distinction are shown below. VHS congratulates Lindsey Heard, who achieved the Leader level and a FBLA Graduation Honor Cord and Brett Van Leuven who has earned the Future Award.

FBLA Advisers at VHS are Janet Sheffield, Belinda Collier and Jeff Sans.



Lindsey Heard achieved the FBLA Business Achievement Award Leader Level and FBLA Honor Cord.



Brett Van Leuven is pictured as he receives his Future Level Business Achievement Award from Adviser, Janet Sheffield.

Northside High School

NHS DECA Students Compete at International Career Development Conference

Chloe Warnock and Krina Patel competed at DECA's International Career Development Conference, held April 27-30, 2019 in Orlando, Florida. The students attended a workshop and presented their School Based Enterprise entry, which was Gold-level certified by DECA. Following competition, the duo and their Adviser enjoyed time at Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios.



Chloe Warnock and Krina Patel are pictured with their gold certified SBE project.

Chloe Warnock and Krina Patel are pictured as they head to Hogwarts after competition.



Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Jody Dean serves as Principal.

NHS FCCLA Receives 5 Millionth Dollar From Flint Energies



Northside High School FCCLA was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant through Flint Energies Foundation's Operation Round-Up. ORU is a program offered by Flint Energies in which your electric bill is rounded up the nearest dollar. On average a member will contribute \$6 a year but never more than \$11.88. The money is then donated to worthy causes and organizations in the community.

Northside High School is very appreciative to be able to use funding from the grant for club activities such as competitions and community services activities.

NHS Student Selected as Georgia FCCLA Region 7 Officer

Congratulations to Heavenly Simmons on being selected as Georgia FCCLA Region 7 Officer for the 2019-20 year. Heavenly is a 9th grader at Northside High and has been active in FCCLA since the 6th grade. While at Thomson Middle, she served as the Middle School Representative on the Georgia FCCLA State Executive Council. She is very successful in the classroom and received the Top 5% Honors Award this year. Not only does she excel in academics, but is a varsity basketball cheerleader, captain of the volleyball team and a member of Beta club. Heavenly is an asset to the organization and will be an outstanding officer for FCCLA. Her Advisers are Carla Jessup and Jill Masee.



NHS FFA Students Receive State FFA Degree at the 91st Georgia FFA State Convention

Recipients of the State FFA Degree were recognized at the 91st Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 25-27, 2019. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree that the Georgia FFA Association can bestow upon its members. Georgia was proud to award 762 State Degrees to deserving FFA members. In order to receive the State FFA Degree, members must meet several requirements outlined by the National FFA Organization. Students must have been enrolled in an agricultural education classroom and been an active FFA member for at least two years. Recipients must already hold their Chapter FFA Degree prior to receiving the State Degree, actively participate in the planning and implanting of the chapter's Program of Activities, and participate in at least five different activities above the chapter level. Creating the leaders of tomorrow is a vital part of the mission of the FFA. Therefore, members receiving their State Degree must demonstrate leadership through performing ten parliamentary law procedures, giving a six minute speech on agriculture, and serving as an FFA officer, committee chairperson, or committee member. Members must also have a satisfactory academic record, and complete at least 25 hours of community service in a minimum of two different service activities.



Pictured left to right are Cheyenne Socey, Ashley Freeman and William Otis.

Students in FFA begin creating Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) early in their FFA career and continue working on them throughout their involvement in agricultural education. FFA members receiving their State Degree must show a record of having a satisfactory SAE. Members must have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000 or have worked at least 300 hours outside of scheduled class time. The Georgia FFA Association was proud to bestow the State FFA Degree onstage to each deserving FFA member. Northside High FFA Members who received their state degree were Ashley Freeman, William Otis, and Cheyenne Socey.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, changed its name in 1988 to reflect the growth and diversity of agriculture. There are nearly 670,000 FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has more than 42,000 members, making it the third largest Association in the nation. The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success, through agricultural education. Mr. Virgil Blalock and Mr. Matthew Darby serve as FFA Advisers.

NHS Business and Technology Students Complete Certification

Northside High School would like to congratulate 24 Business and Technology students for completing Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification in Word, Excel, or PowerPoint during April and May. Johnna Spires, NHS Business and Technology Teacher, had ten students who successfully passed the End of Pathway Exam, which was Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint 2016. Mrs. Spires wants to continue providing students with the opportunity to receive several MOS Certifications. Microsoft Office is the third most requested skill for jobs. This is due to first and second being oral and written communications skills and project management skills.

Microsoft Office Specialist Certification is internationally recognized. According to www.certport.com/mos, 91% of hiring managers consider certification as part of their hiring criteria.

Mrs. Spires' Microsoft Office Specialist Word Certificate Holders - pictured left to right are: Afton Ruffin, Kelly Garcia-deleon, Jacob Moore, and Jaqueline Pitre.

Not pictured are: Anaya Brown-McFarlin, Norma Jones, Amro Abuazizah, Tyberias Brown, Ishaan Vyas, Madison McWilliams, Dalton Guy, and Miranda Arnold. Also, Jamari Baker and Quintin Byrd received Microsoft Office Specialist Excel Certificates.



Mrs. Spires' students who successfully passed the Microsoft Office Specialist End of Pathway Exam in PowerPoint - pictured left to right are: Seated - Aaliyah Bolden. Standing - Timothy Phan, Thomas Eskew, Swam Zeyar, Hayden Probst, Jomariss Marin, Nakya Harris, Jada Brooks, and Abia Kamal. Not pictured - Arohi Patel.



Warner Robins High School

WRHS FCCLA Brings Home Awards from State Leadership Competition



Adaysia Bivins, Wendy Solano, Carla James and Macy Stephenson

Warner Robins High School FCCLA attended State Leadership in Atlanta, Georgia during the month of March. Adaysia Bivins placed Gold on the Region Level to advance to State competition where she scored Silver in Teach and Train. Wendy Solano placed Gold in Life Event Planning on both the region and state levels. Carla James placed Gold in Sports Nutrition on both the region and state levels advancing to Nationals in Anaheim, California during the summer, and Macy Stephenson competed in Creed Speaking at the state level.

Warner Robins High School is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Chris McCook serves as Principal.



Houston County High School

HCHS FCCLA's Newest Leader

Houston County High School FCCLA is excited to announce Brynley Jones as FCCLA's newest Region Officer. For more than 20 years, Houston County High School FCCLA has had a student holding an officer leadership position on the Region, State, or National level. Brynley will be continuing this HCHS FCCLA legacy into 2019 – 2020.

As a Region Officer, Brynley will be working with FCCLA advisers, members, and chapters across Region 9 to increase membership, promote FCCLA, and encourage engagement and action in FCCLA events, programs, and leadership development opportunities. Brynley will also be an integral part of the Georgia FCCLA State Executive Council, working with the Georgia FCCLA State Executive Director, State Officers, and other important leaders to FCCLA to develop programs and initiatives that strengthen and grow opportunities within the organization to provide students with "The Ultimate Leadership Experience!"



Upon her selection as a Region Officer, Brynley stated: "I am so excited to have the opportunity to utilize my skills and passion for FCCLA through the capacity of a Region Officer. I have proactive plans in place for helping our organization to grow and move forward into the future in a way that will engage and impact even more students across our state. I look forward to networking with chapters and encouraging more students in their efforts to excel as leaders."

Houston County High School FCCLA is proud of Brynley's hard work and commitment towards FCCLA and would like to congratulate her as she moves forward into this leadership role. HCHS FCCLA believes that Brynley will make an impact on the organization as she makes her mark in FCCLA's history as a Region Officer in 2019 – 2020.

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 over 150,000 members and over 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945. FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

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

Work Based Learning - A HCHS Student's Perspective

In a world of master's degree requirements, on site experience, and career specific educational paths, Work Based Learning (WBL) provides a means for students to understand the career market and our entry to it. Work-Based Learning gives us perspective, not only as a student but as an employee. By entering WBL, students gain real world experience before our peers and gain a competitive advantage in education and career procurement.



My WBL experience began in the first class of my pathway. I was successful in the pathway, earned my Adobe Web Design certification and set out to see what the job market had available for someone still in high school with my skill set.

As I looked for jobs I hoped that the training and certification I earned would make me stand out compared to the average high school or even college student. My current employer noticed these things and hired me. Over the course of my employment I have had increasing responsibilities. In addition to customer service and repairs; I now manage our social media as well as work to maintain our records--skills I learned in my pathway.

Work-Based Learning gave me the freedom to choose my schedule and to earn money and field experience. I also realized my time management had improved along with my communication skills and my self-discipline. These developments deepened my respect for the Work-Based Learning program and for the teachers who encouraged me. I know that with the knowledge and training I have received from both completing a pathway and from the WBL experience I am better prepared for both higher education and entering into a fulfilling career.

I feel that WBL has been the most rewarding and practically beneficial option for students who qualify. I would encourage you contact the Work-Based Learning Coordinator at your school to find out what you need. Don't wait because your Coordinator has tips and leads on how to get the job you want and how to qualify for them.

Article written by Daniel Jaxon, a senior at Houston County High School. Karma Hayes is CTAE Supervisor and Sheila Jones is WBL Coordinator.



Youth Apprenticeship

Houston County Career Academy's First Youth Apprenticeship Hiring Fair A Great Success

The mission of Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) is to ensure a viable 21st Century workforce for Houston County. Classes taught at HCCA equip students with the knowledge and skills needed for success in their future scholastic and career endeavors. The Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) offers students opportunities to gain valuable work experiences to combine classroom instruction and real world applications. It was in consideration of the mission of HCCA and the purpose of YAP that the hiring fair was conceptualized.



After planning the event, Sandi Couillard, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator for Houston County Schools, met with HCCA instructors to go over the plan and to gather student nominations for the fair. Students were then assembled to meet with Mrs. Couillard to go over the purpose and plan for the event. Students were also scheduled to meet with Mrs. Couillard on several different dates to complete resume revisions and to go over interview skills. Students were also required to have his/her interview attire approved prior to the event. Employers were invited to sign up for dates they would attend.

Buzzell Heating and Air - Traiquan Jones (student), Turvon Casey (student), Erin Love and Sydney Gifford

On April 23, 2019 and April 26, 2019 the Youth Apprenticeship Hiring Fair was held in Hibbitts Hall at HCCA. On the first day Buzzell Heating and Air, Pierce Parts and Service, Houston Healthcare, Plum Cool, Tyson Foods, Pruet Air, and Summer's Landing interviewed 44 student

participants. On the second day, Hoke's Heating and Air, Conditioned Air, Yancey Brothers, Interfor, Keadle Heating and Air, Navicent Health, and HCBOE Bus Barn attended to interview 18 students. On interview days, ten students were hired, including two graduating seniors. Several students are taking part in follow-up interviews and are still being considered for hiring. A few students have already completed hiring paperwork and have begun working.



HCBOE - Marc French (student) and David McDermott



Conditioned Air - Ronald Brown (student) and Jeff Wilson

Houston County Career Academy's First Youth Apprenticeship Hiring Fair A Great Success

Those students who are not graduating in May, 2019, will return to school next year as members of the Youth Apprenticeship Program which allows students to leave school early each day to go to work.

Employer reviews of the event were good and all employers expressed interest in attending next year's fair.



Summers Landing
(Melissa LaFave)



Students waiting - students Chandler Brown, Ni'Kerious Askew, Kelsey Seely, Samiya Dent, Marley Lindsey, Chad Simmons and Gaven Karpowicz



Plum Cool - Anthony Williams and Samantha Bemis



Interfor
Felisia Burke



HHC - Kasey Osborn and Angela Miller (student)



Pierce Parts - Joe Pierce and Susan Newsome



Hoke's - Jacob Bar (student) and Hoke Morrow, Jr.



Keadle Heating and Air - Levi Johnson (student), Ken Keadle, Starr Rumph, and Skylar Kicks (student)

WRHS YAP Student Participates in End of the Year Awards Banquet

On Thursday, May 2, 2019, Youth Apprenticeship Student, Chanel Strong, was honored to give the prayer for the HCBOE School Nutrition End of the Year Awards Banquet held at Thomson Middle School. Chanel, a Warner Robins High School senior, is a first year Youth Apprenticeship student who works in the HCBOE School Nutrition Department. Taking culinary arts classes and having a love for the nutritional aspects of food made Chanel a perfect fit for the paid part-time position in school nutrition. After attending college, Chanel plans to one day open her own bakery.

Chanel is pictured at right with Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent of Houston County Schools.



Roots Turf and Ornamental Supports Students in Houston County



On May 21, 2019, Kyle Gore and Jared Icard from Roots Turf and Ornamental visited Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) to interview Northside High School Agriculture student, J. "Bryce" Gates. They also presented a check to HCCA in the amount of \$500 for Career, Technical, Student Organizations (CTSOs) to use in support of student excellence. Bryce was hired and will begin his job with Roots next month as a part of the Youth Apprenticeship Program. Sandi Couillard, Youth Apprenticeship

Coordinator for Houston County, will monitor Bryce's progress as he gains valuable work experience in the area of his career interest.

Pictured (left to right): Jared Icard, Roots, Sabrina Phelps, HCCA Principal, Bryce Gates, and Kyle Gore

HCCA and YAP Information Presented to Centerville Rotary Club



On May 14, 2019, Sabrina Phelps, Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) Principal and CEO, made a presentation to the Centerville Rotary Club about the many course offerings and benefits of students taking classes at the Houston County Career Academy. Sandi Couillard, Houston County Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) Coordinator, spoke about current business partnerships which support career development by offering work experiences to high school students. Sabrina Phelps and Sandi Couillard fielded several questions about HCCA and YAP and made great connections for future community and business partnerships.

Pictured above, left to right, is Sabrina Phelps, Sandi Couillard and Denise Sharp.



Northside Middle School

NMS FCCLA Brings Home Awards

Congratulations to Northside Middle School FCCLA. The NMS family is proud to call you all JETS!



Middle School Chapter of the Year – second consecutive year and Financial Fitness National Award



Honor Roll with Distinction – second consecutive year



Alexia Beck and Tashayla West (pictured left to right) - Gold medals in Entrepreneurship

Andrew Hebenstreit and Logan Kaiser (pictured left to right) - Silver Medal in Advocacy - "No Kill" Pet Shelters



Thomson Middle

Warner Robins Middle

Bonaire Middle

Feagin Mill Middle

Huntington Middle

Mossy Creek Middle

Northside Middle

Perry Middle

NMS FCCLA Brings Home Awards (continued)



Cindy Ordonez Elena Gonzalez and Kaylyn Ordonez - 1st place in Year in Review Display – headed to Nationals in Anaheim, California



Lexi Cheney made 85% or higher on Statesmen's Test



Natalie Walters and Lexi Cheney (pictured left to right) - Bronze medals in Year in Review



A'Nyla Kleckley - Participated in Creed Speaking

Northside Middle School is located at 500 Johnson Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Jan Melnick serves as Principal.

Northside Middle School FCCA Receives \$3,300 Grant



The Northside Middle School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently received a \$3,300 grant from the Flint Energies Foundation. The funds will be used to cover the travel expenses for ten students to the national competition in Anaheim, California, in June. The grant will also assist in the purchase of an embroidery machine that will be used for club fundraisers.

Flint Energies adopted this uniquely simple and rewarding way to enable members to raise money for local charities and service

organizations—Operation Round Up®. The electric cooperative's members contribute nearly \$200,000 annually to the Flint Energies Foundation, which supports worthy causes in the 17 counties it serves. Operation Round Up is a way for members to add voluntarily to those funds in their own unique way. Participating members allow Flint Energies to “round up” their bill to the nearest dollar. On average, a member will contribute only about \$6 a year. Nearly 45% of Flint's members have chosen to participate. Donations to Operation Round Up are tax deductible.

The Flint Energies Foundation, a state-chartered, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, disburses all contributions to approved projects; member contributions are not used for administration costs. Foundation Board members include Chairman Kathy Waites, Fort Valley; Vice Chairman Joanne Hamlin, Lizella; Secretary Connie McCutchen, Midland; Treasurer John Luppino, Warner Robins; Gina Fink, Kathleen; Charles Harrison, Grovania; Pat Bartness, Warner Robins; Traci Kemp, Warner Robins; Rudy Killingsworth, Buena Vista; Eloise Doty, Butler and Betty Chase, Oglethorpe.



Funding applications are available by contacting Flint Energies at 1.800.342.3616 or visiting the My Community section of www.flintenergies.com.

About Flint Energies

Flint Energies is a not-for-profit electric cooperative owned by its members in parts of 17 central Georgia counties. Flint employs 232 employees and serves more than 71,000 Consumer-members. They are 100% locally controlled and democratically governed by nine Directors elected from among the membership. In 1937, Flint Energies was created to bring people together to meet common needs like reliable electric energy, and our mission remains focused on improving the quality of life in Middle Georgia. Flint Energies is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Follow Flint on Twitter and Facebook.

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Perry Middle School

PMS FBLA Enjoys End of the Year Bash



All Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members and those who signed up to be a member of FBLA next year, were able to attend the end of the year bash. In a flawless setting, located at Mike and Tammy Stanley's home, members swam, dove, and slid down the water slide. Their beautiful home, gorgeous pool, and well equipped pavilion made for a perfect venue. This year, special guest. D.J. Lay Lo Lopez came and mixed beats for the chapter party. With a combination of age appropriate songs, members swam, ate pizza, and drank soda. It was an awesome way to end the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stanley and D.J. Lay Lo for donating their time and resources for the students.

Perry Middle School is located at 495 Perry Parkway in Perry, Georgia. Heath Burch serves as Principal.



Community Business Owner Speaks to PMS Business and Computer Science Classes and Donates Financial Literacy Materials



In an effort to give back to the community, the J. Andrews Salon located in Warner Robins and owned by Catharyn Ley, purchased financial literacy materials from Ramsey Solutions and donated them to Diana Phillips' Business and Computer Science (BCS) classes. Mrs. Ley believes in educating children about making smart financial decisions in order to help them be successful in the future. These resources included workbooks that the students could keep accompanied by online learning modules. Students learned about personal finance including: saving and budgeting, credit and debit, education, careers, entrepreneurship, investing insurance, identity theft, global economics, marketing and consumerism.

As an active member of FBLA, Mrs. Ley's daughter participates in PMS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization. On May 22, 2019, Mrs. Ley spoke to Diana Phillips' 8th grade BCS classes. She spoke about her business plan, risk, what it takes to open a business, business growth, manager vs. owner, home-life balance, competition, internal drive, advertising, customer service, overcoming fear, and so much more. She expressed her overall gratitude for God blessing her with the ability to give to others and the importance of community service and giving, including a salon in Rwanda in East Africa that they helped build. Her list of giving was most impressive and generous. Ms. Phillips would like to offer a sincere thank you for all that Mrs. Ley and the J. Andrews Salon did for the students at Perry Middle School.



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