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Houston County High School

HCHS FBLA Holds First Chapter Meeting

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Houston County High School FBLA kicked off the new school year by treating its members to a pizza party on August 23rd. All members of FBLA were invited to attend and learn what FBLA is truly about. The officer team was able to share information on past conferences, community service opportunities, competitive events, and the upcoming rush week. Members participated in an exciting ice breaker and learned about all of the fun experiences that FBLA offers them.



While the members enjoyed their pizza, snacks, and drinks, the officers and advisers conversed with the members in order to encourage them to get involved in FBLA and promote it within the community. Throughout the meeting the FBLA members, officers, and advisers were able to build bridges by networking with one another.

Houston County High School's FBLA Advisers are: Jenny Jackson, Gina Jessup, Shirl Williams, and Sheila Jones. CTAE Supervisor is Karma Hayes. Principal of Houston County High School is Dr. Douglas Rizer. Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins, Georgia.



Warner Robins
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Houston County
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Perry
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Houston County
Career Academy



Veterans
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Northside
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FBLA at HCHS Holds Rush Week



The Houston County High School FBLA Chapter was able to increase their membership by hosting membership rush week from August 28th to September 1st. The members made flyers and posters to increase involvement. Members were able to participate in a new activity each day of the week.

Monday: Members were invited to a special potluck breakfast

Tuesday: Cookies were given to each member

Wednesday: Operation Bear Pride school service project

Thursday: All members received candy

Friday: FBLA pride was reflected by members wearing their favorite FBLA shirt

The members enjoyed the weeklong activities and treats. Members can't wait to see how they will be able to continue to "Elevate their Future" this year.



HCHS FCCLA Students Recognized at National Leadership Conference



Middle and high school students in Family and Consumer Sciences from across the nation attended the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in July. Students became “Inspired by FCCLA” by attending conference sessions and leadership workshops, as well as by competing in many competitions.

At the National Leadership Conference, Houston County High School FCCLA members truly excelled in their leadership skills and served as outstanding student

representatives for the school and county. Dedan McFadden exemplified outstanding student leadership as he led and represented FCCLA members in his capacity as National Vice President of Programs.

Ten Houston County High School FCCLA members competed in STAR Events, bringing home four silver medals, six gold medals, and all placing top eight or higher in their categories. Five FCCLA members from Houston County High School also represented Georgia FCCLA as a National LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Team, competing in the final rounds with teams from across the nation in categories related to Family and Consumer Sciences.

The students that represented Houston County High School FCCLA in STAR Event competitions were:

- Anmol Patel and Vinit Patel – Illustrated Talk
- Emory Jolley – Chapter in Review Manual
- Cori Calvert and Cassidy Hindman – Chapter in Review Display
- Illiana Esquivel and Laurel Gaskin – Chapter in Review Display Occupational
- Lawson Smith and Maryah Booker – Chapter Service Project Display
- Wahome Muriuki – Early Childhood Education

Rod Michael, Marcus Milton, Shweta Patel, and Desiree Singleton represented as National LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Competitors.

“These students have excelled in their leadership, dedication, and involvement with FCCLA. They have made it to the highest level of competitions with FCCLA and have proven to be outstanding representatives for our school and county. As they have engaged in leadership initiatives and displayed their commitment to showcasing their skills through competitions, these students have developed stronger leadership and have helped to make our HCHS FCCLA chapter successful,” said Brittany Tolleson, FCCLA Adviser.

For some of these students, this was their first opportunity to compete in a National FCCLA competition. Maryah Booker remarked, “I will never forget the excitement I felt knowing that I was representing our school on the national level through my competition. This opportunity has increased my confidence, drive for leadership, and has made my passion for FCCLA stronger. I am excited to promote FCCLA more in the upcoming school year as we find more opportunities to find success and inspiration through FCCLA.”

All HCHS FCCLA members that attended the National Leadership Conference wholeheartedly thanks all individuals within the community that supported this opportunity to compete and attend this conference through fundraisers, donations, and support.

HCHS FCCLA Recognizes Member of the Month



In an effort to recognize outstanding FCCLA members, HCHS FCCLA recognizes a Member of the Month. The first HCHS FCCLA Member of the Month is Alyssa Faulkner.

Alyssa is a freshman at HCHS and she is very excited about FCCLA opportunities to be had throughout the year. Alyssa joined FCCLA within the first few days of school after speaking with FCCLA Chapter Officers about the wonderful leadership potential, service projects, and networking opportunities that can be had through FCCLA involvement.

Alyssa said, “FCCLA inspires me because it is an organization that will help me grow into a better leader and be successful in my future. I am looking forward to being inspired by FCCLA this year through new friendships, attending leadership conferences, and gaining new skills and confidence through competitive events.”

This initiative of recognizing a Member of the Month supports FCCLA’s 3 R’s of Membership: recruit, retain, and recognize members.



HCHS SkillsUSA and TSA Collects Items for Hurricane Victims



It takes a team to reach a goal and this was proven when Houston County High School collected relief items for Hurricane Harvey. The one-day drive was spearheaded by the Technology Student Association with the help of SkillsUSA. Teachers, parents, and students were able to gather enough goods to fill up an entire vehicle. The items were sent to Texas through Micro Technology, a company that is based in Warner Robins, Georgia. The club is continuing to collect items.

Pictured are Christopher Saetia (TSA secretary) and Lawson Smith (TSA president) organizing the items. HCHS Technology Student Association is sponsored by Aileen Jackson, Engineering and Technology teacher. For more information, you can contact Ms. Jackson at (478) 988-6340.



Houston County Career Academy

HCCA Presents Information on New Industrial Maintenance Pathway at Georgia ACTE Conference



Sabrina Phelps, Principal and CEO of the Houston County Career Academy, along with Cindi Holly, Houston County's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, presented at the Region II ACTE Conference at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel on September 30th. Their presentation focused on the partnership between Frito Lay, Central Georgia Technical College and the Houston County Career Academy. This partnership produced a new Industrial Maintenance pathway that will assist regional industries with workforce needs. The attendees were extremely engaged in the presentation and asked questions about how their states could accomplish the same type of partnership.

For further questions about this presentation or others at the Houston County Career Academy, feel free to contact Mrs. Phelps at sabrina.phelps@hcbe.net.



Digital Electronics Students at HCCA are Enhancing their Soldering Skills



Students in Mr. Smith's Digital Electronics Course at HCCA, are enhancing their soldering skills through soldering projects. The students are creating electronics projects, and the first step is to learn how to solder appropriately. First, students learned the parts of a soldering iron and how to operate it properly and efficiently. Next, students learned proper soldering techniques and how to create accurate soldering connections. Finally, they used their soldering skills and began working on their electronics project.

Soldering is a key electronics skill used in industry, especially at Robins Air Force Base, to create metal connections on a printed circuit board, or PCB. Soldering is primarily used by electronics workers or electronics workers to make electronics come to life. Anything that is electronics in this world was soldered together. Examples include televisions, cell phones, video game consoles, and even airplane electronics.

Soldering can be dangerous if the correct procedure is not followed. In the Digital Electronics Course, students must pass a written soldering test and a soldering skills test to be proficient in soldering. Students enjoy soldering because of its usefulness in nearby industries, and they love to see how electronics components work together.

Pictured is Khorey Flether, a sophomore at Houston County High School and Michael Evers, a senior at Warner Robins High School.

HCCA Constitution Challenge Winners

Hosted by Central Georgia Technical College's Library Staff



1st Block, pictured above: Belle, CGTC; Kayla Sapp, PHS; Michael Ranieri, NHS; Desiree Bevineau, WRHS; Matthew Mucher, WRHS; Kaylie Heath, VHS; and Tyson Varner, NHS

In recognition of Constitution Day, the Central Georgia Technical College's Library Staff (Hall and Isabelle) hosted the annual Constitution Challenge with Dr. Blunt's Houston County Career Academy Public Safety/Law and Justice students. This activity provides friendly competition and fun while learning the United States Constitution and those who were very instrumental in its development.



2nd Block, pictured at right: Belle, CGTC; Mekhi Mizzell, NHS; Brandon Gibeau, HCHS; Thomas Morrow, NHS; and Abigail Dean, PHS



3rd Block, pictured at left: Belle, CGTC; Ashanti Hanson, WRHS; Jennifer Dore, HCHS; Hannah Moes, HCHS; and Brianna Dobin, HCHS

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

Veterans High School

VHS SkillsUSA Hosts County-Wide Social



On September 21st Veterans High School's SkillsUSA club hosted a county wide social. SkillsUSA clubs from Northside High, Houston County High and Warner Robins High Schools attended. 33 advisers and club members participated from these schools.

The idea came from Ms. Kitchens who wanted to bring the clubs together while at competition in order for Houston county competitors to know each other and help support each other and build better retention rates within the Counties SkillsUSA programs. Mr. Munn from Houston County High grilled the food and the students had a great time with karaoke and a few icebreakers.

Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia. Mr. Chris Brown is Principal.



NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

NHS School-Based Enterprise Achieves Gold Level Re-Certification at DECA International Career Development Conference



DECA Adviser, Elaine Tignor and Noopur Patel

The School-Based Enterprise at Northside High School was among 360 school-based enterprises in the United States achieving Gold Level Certification (or Gold Level Re-certification) this year and was recognized at DECA's International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California. The students who worked on the certification were Noopur Patel and Nathan Green, with the assistance of their Adviser, Elaine Tignor. The school-based enterprise at Northside High School has operated for twelve years and is to be commended for this achievement.

A school-based enterprise (SBE) is an entrepreneurial operation in a school setting that provides goods and services to meet the needs of the market. SBEs are managed and operated by students as hands-on learning laboratories that integrate National Curriculum Standards in Marketing, Finance, Hospitality and Management. Marketing educators and DECA Advisers have utilized this effective educational tool for over four decades to provide their students with realistic and practical learning experiences that reinforce classroom instruction, enhance 21st century skill development, and prepare students for college and careers.

DECA's School-based Enterprise Certification Program was developed to provide recognition for outstanding achievement by school-based enterprises and to motivate SBEs to strive for excellence and growth. SBEs can be certified at three levels: Bronze, Silver or Gold. In order to apply for the certification, SBEs must submit extensive documentation that demonstrates their adherence to various marketing and retail standards. After the documentation is submitted, a review committee evaluates the documentation to determine which level of certification has been achieved.

DECA Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit student organization with more than 215,000 members in all 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Canada, China Germany, Guam, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Spain. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. DECA's activities assist in the development of academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders.

Complete information about DECA's School-based Enterprise Certification Program can be found at www.deca.org/high-school-programs/school-based-enterprises.



NHS Entrepreneurship Students Host Guest Speakers



On September 7th, Sandi Couillard's Entrepreneurship students at Northside High School were fortunate to have Westside Barber Shop owner, Carlton Clarington, (pictured at left) visit to talk about his journey in to business ownership. He discussed his high school and collegiate successes and struggles and encouraged the students to always keep working toward their goals. He polled students regarding a future business idea he had and agreed to come back in the future to give a report on the outcome. Students commented that his dress and poise was quite impressive.



State Farm Insurance Agent and Houston County Board of Education member, Lori Johnson, spoke with the Entrepreneurship class on September 19th about owning her own business. She discussed insurance, the importance of planning ahead, and the great time and monetary commitment required to own a business. Mrs. Johnson also talked about her passion to helping the teachers and students of Houston County by being a part of the Houston County board of Education. Pictured (left to right) are Sandi Couillard and Lori Johnson.



Mrs. Couillard's Entrepreneurship class was fortunate to have local successful entrepreneur, Wayne Lowe, (pictured at left) as a guest speaker for the class on September 21st. Mr. Lowe talked about his career and entrepreneurship ventures and how hard work and being ethical are of great importance to finding success. "There is no time clock to punch," he said. Business owners work until the job is done. He also talked about the impact of the economy on business and that business owners must adjust accordingly. This was Mr. Lowe's first visit to Mrs. Couillard's class and students were energized by his talk.

Guest speaker and Northside High School graduate, David Selby, (pictured below) spoke with the Entrepreneurship class on September 26th. He discussed his architectural career. He is currently a partner at WM2A Architects of Macon, Georgia. Mr. Selby talked about how even though he was not the best student in high school, once he found his passion at Southern Polytechnic State University, he got excited about learning. He also spent some time in the military along the way which helped him learn a lot about teamwork and organization. This was his first time speaking to students about his career and he was excited about it.

WM2A does commercial type work all around the middle Georgia area. Mr. Selby talked about how important soft skills are when working with his clients and the building site contractors. Good communication makes everything run smoothly.



NHS FBLA Hosts Smoothie Game Social

On Tuesday, September 19th, over 25 Northside High School FBLA members attended an FBLA social where they played games that included basketball, football, Frisbee and even hula hoop. After a good workout, students were treated to fruit smoothies and snacks!



FBLA members are pictured competing in games



Ms. Mobley-Luke is pictured working hard making smoothies.



Smoothies were served with fresh strawberries!

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



Northside High FFA Members Win First Place in Area Floral Design Career Development Event ~ Headed to State Contest



For two Northside High FFA members, long hours of practice paid off as they competed in the Central Region Floral Design Career Development Event held at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, Georgia on September 28th. Placing 1st in the junior division was Brianna Beard (pictured at left). Also placing 1st in the senior division was Kelly Patel (pictured below). Brianna and Kelly will be competing in The State Floral Design CDE on December 1st at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College in Tifton, Georgia. These FFA members were trained by their Agriculture Education teachers, Virgil Blalock and Mathew Darby.



Work-Based Learning

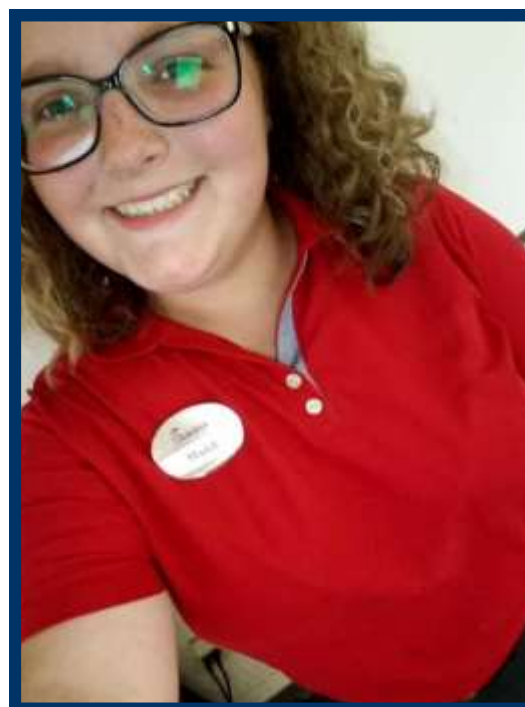
Work-Based Learning Students at Northside High School Gain Knowledge and Skills



“Work-Based Learning benefits me by allowing me to be at work on time and leave early enough to still succeed in my academics,” said Northside High School student, Catlyn Collier, who is a second year Work-Based Learning student in Mrs. Couillard’s Work-Based Learning Program. Catlyn is a crew member at Taco Bell on Watson Boulevard in Warner Robins, Georgia who puts her knowledge and skills from her business classes to work on a daily basis. On a recent worksite visit Catlyn’s manager, Shad Scheffer, commented that Catlyn was one of his best employees in that she does a great job and is very dependable.



Northside High School Work-Based Learning student, Maddi Wooten, has worked for Chick-fil-A for nearly six months. She enjoys putting the culinary arts skills and knowledge gained from course work at Houston County Career Academy to work in the most customer service oriented food service business around. Maddi became aware of Work-Based Learning via her brother who is a former Work-Based Learning participant with Mrs. Couillard.

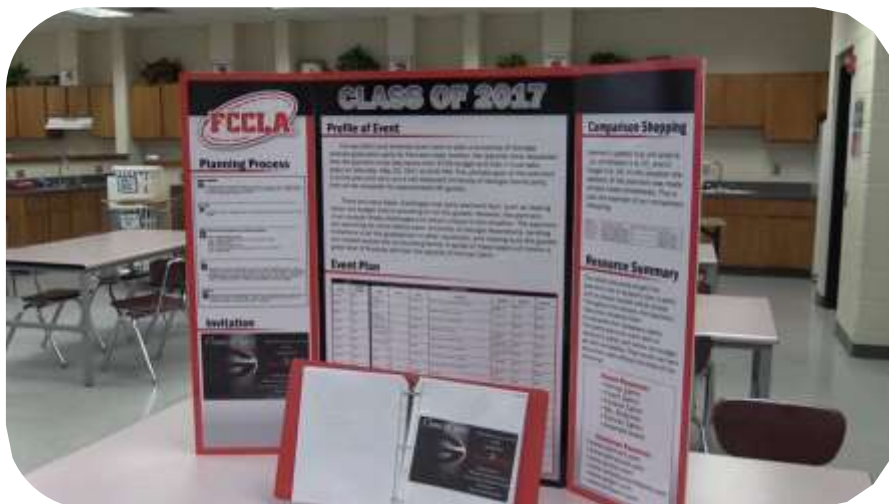


Huntington Middle School

HMS FCCLA Club Makes a Positive Impact on Students

According to teachers in Houston County, it's never too early to get students thinking of their plans for life after college.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at Huntington Middle School almost have their minds made up. They're learning how to create products and market them, thanks to a school club. "It provides leadership opportunities as well as opportunities for personal growth for the members," says Family Consumer Science teacher, Melanie Bratcher.



Huntington Middle school lets their students participate in FCCLA, or Family Career and Community Leaders of America club. The club has a positive impact on students.

"Confidence is something that I have definitely gained from this. I have learned to take action in most community services and that it can really help you with other life long lessons," says Ally Bishop who is a member of the club.

Students travel, engage in community service projects and also get a chance to meet new people.

"Most people are so privileged, and the people with breast cancer, the people in the Ronald McDonald house, no one knows how they're feeling and just to be able to do the little things for them means a lot," club member Macy Stephenson adds.

On a national level, students compete with other students around the world for Star Event projects. It shows students what it's like to conduct research, plan and share ideas.

"At first, I didn't know what to think about it because I liked planning but never in depth. I never went beyond the surface level but now I enjoy it," club member Farinaz Zahiri explains.

Huntington Middle school has been part of FCCLA for two years. About 20 students are a part of the club. Students say it has given them a better idea about possible careers.

Huntington Middle School is located at 206 Wellborn Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Gwendolyn Taylor serves as Principal.



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Thomson Middle School

TMS FCCLA Attends DISCOVER Training



Miranda Arnold, Sheila Beas, Kristol Callender, Heta Patel, Nina Herter, and Kayla Perry

Developing Individual School Chapters with Vision, Energy and Responsibilities (DISCOVER) Training was hosted by the Georgia Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) on Saturday, August 26th at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, Georgia.

Over 300 members from over 50 chapters from across the state attended this day of unique opportunities that informed and motivated chapter officers and their advisers to explore opportunities available through

FCCLA. They examined new ways to help them succeed in their families, careers, and communities. The weekend meeting was intended to increase students' knowledge of what it means to lead their local chapter and ways to take this back to their own community.

Attendees participated in various sessions that included ideas to take back to their local chapter regarding membership, community service, middle school, national programs and competitive events. For more information on Georgia FCCLA, visit www.gafcla.com.



TMS students are pictured at left participating in leadership activities

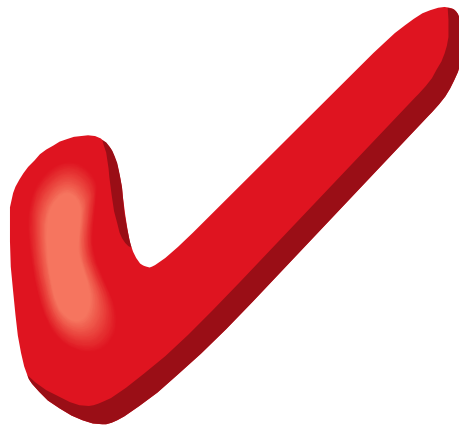
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 160,000 members and over 3,500 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.



Heavenly Simmons (Middle Level Representative from Thomson Middle School) presenting ways to get middle level chapters more involved in FCCLA

Tips for submitting items to the Wall of Fame

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.
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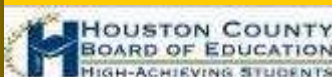
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