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### Northside High FFA Student Wins Grand Champion Award



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Northside High School freshman Gracie Bananto won the FFA Grand Champion award at the Down South Market Sheep and Goat Jackpot Show. She competed on Aug. 10, 2019, in Moultrie. She and her goat Hercules (pictured) received praise for depth of flank, topline, confirmation and stance.

Bananto is a member of Northside's FFA goat livestock team and a Central Region area FFA officer. She has shown livestock for eight years.

Virgil Blalock serves as her agricultural education teacher and FFA Advisor. He's very proud of Bananto's accomplishments, saying, "Gracie is the first student we have ever had showing goats to win a Grand Champion Award at a Goat Show."

Bananto is pictured at right with her Grand Champion Award in front of the school farm's barn. Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins. Dr. Jody Dean serves as principal. For more information about the FFA program, please contact Blalock at [Virgil.Blalock@hcbe.net](mailto:Virgil.Blalock@hcbe.net).



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