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Houston County CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students

Houston County Career Academy

HCCA Advanced Healthcare Science Students Visit The Lodge

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Advanced Healthcare Science students in the Sport Medicine pathway at Houston County Career Academy recently visited The Lodge (skilled nursing facility) located in Warner Robins, Georgia. The students had an opportunity to network with professionals in the industry and observe skills learned in a real world environment. Stephanie Burch serves as the Healthcare Science Instructor.

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



Perry High



Houston County Career Academy



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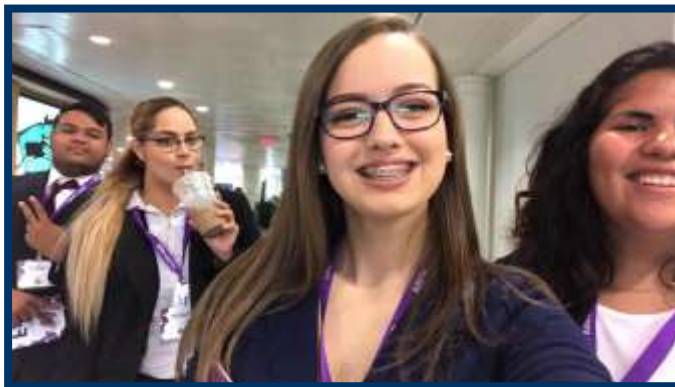


Houston County High

HCCA HOSA Healthcare Students Attend Fall Leadership Conference

Houston County Career Academy HOSA Healthcare student organization took six students to Atlanta on Nov 5-6, 2017 for Fall Leadership Conference.

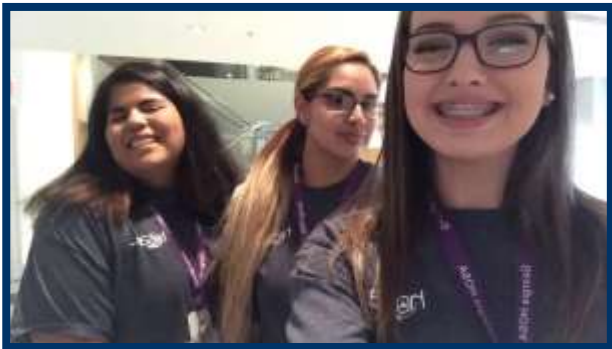
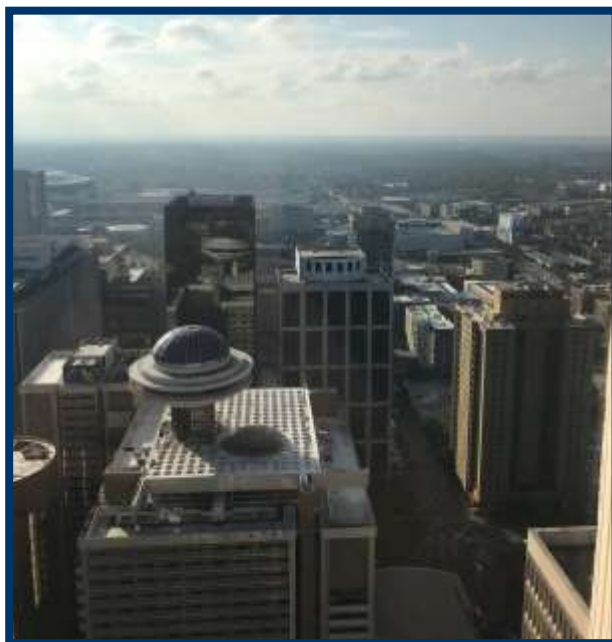
The opening ceremony speaker was amazing and the students loved the networking and meetings they were able to attend. Kathy Williams and Stephanie Burch serve as the HOSA advisers.



Harsh Singh (HCHS), Marbella Barretero (HCHS), Alisyn Harper (PHS), Rosalin Sarceno (WRHS) at Opening Session of HOSA Fall Leadership Conference



Katherine Beasley (VHS) and Delaney Ansley (VHS) at Opening Session of HOSA Fall Leadership Conference



HCCA Law and Justice Students Host Guest Speakers

Law and Justice Pathway

October/November

Law Enforcement Guest Speaker Months

In the months of October and November, the Law and Justice Pathway first year students had several guest speakers from various Law Enforcement Career fields. The students are currently in their second course, Principles of Law Enforcement, and were exposed to guest speakers that assisted with bridging the gap between class work and real life experiences.



Trooper First Class Roberson
Georgia State Patrol



Corporal Stillwell, Game Warden
Department of Natural Resources



Officer Lowry
Warner Robins Police Department



Officer Boutwell, K-9
Georgia Department of Corrections

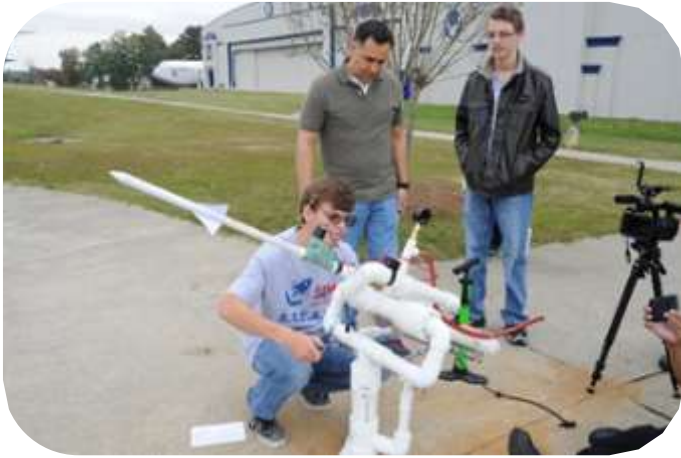


Georgia Bureau of Investigations
Special Agent Wilkins



Communications Officer Veronica Eden
Houston County 911

HCHS First Robotics Participates in STEAM Rocket Launch Competition



The Houston County First Robotics Student Organization participated in the Inaugural STEAM Rocket Launch competition on Wednesday, November 8th. As part of the competition, participating groups were assigned three tasks. Those tasks were, design a team mission patch, develop a message intended to convey “peaceful greetings” to extraterrestrial life, and build and launch a delivery device (paper rocket) that could deliver the message to another planet deemed inhabitable. Teams were scored in each of the three categories. Houston County Team 2 represented by Sean Pursley (HCHS),

Rickey Weston (HCHS), and Jonathan Newton (WRHS) won the honor of champion in two of the three competitions, Message and Rocket Launch.

This event was sponsored by SAME and AFRC in Partner with the National STEM Academy to help local military engineers partner with the community and help raise interest and excitement in STEAM careers and vocations. It was hosted by the Museum of Aviation.



Other attendees included Antoine Taylor (VHS), Jordan Greene (VHS), Stephen Jones (WRHS), Sabrina Phelps (Principal, Houston County Career Academy) and Cindi Holly (Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator).



Veterans High School

VHS Business Classes Engage in Mock Interviews



Veterans High School's Business students were interviewed by employers from the community to aid in developing their interviewing, employability and soft skills. The employers who gracefully shared their time and expertise included: Chick-fil-A, DNA360 Consulting, Georgia Department of Labor, I-4 LLC, and Kumho Tire.

Pictured in front from left to right are Andrew Silver (VHS student) and Angel Collins (GaDOL); second row left to right are Andrew Ausse (VHS student) and Jonathon VanBrunt (Chick-fil-A Manager).

Veterans High is located at 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen, Georgia. Chris Brown serves as Principal. Sherry Johnson serves as one of the Assistant Principals and CTAE Supervisor.

VHS Students Receive Soft Skills/Employability Skills Training from Human Resources



Veterans High's Business and Family and Consumer Science classes received soft skills and employability skills training from human resource workers' LaTrenda Leaks, Kumho Tire (former worker of GaDOL) and Dana Butler, I-4 LLC on Friday, September 1, 2017. They communicated the importance of good work ethics, soft skills, and on the job training. Most of the details shared was about taking responsibility at work, getting and maintaining employment, the importance of continuing your education through high skill, high wage and high demand opportunities.

Pictured are VHS students watching and listening closely to LaTrenda Leaks, Kumho Tire, H.R. (upper left) and Dana Butler, H.R. I-4 LLC (upper right).

VHS DECA Members Participate in Region Competition

Veterans High School DECA members participated in DECA Region Competition held at Middle Georgia State University in Macon, GA. Nuvindu Fernando placed 1st in Business Speech and Jameya Jenkins placed 2nd in Accounting Applications. Both participants advance to State Competition that will be held in Atlanta in February 2018.



Veterans' DECA Member places 1st in Promotional Pitch Competition

Nuvindu Fernando is presented with a \$150 check for placing 1st in DECA's Promotional Pitch Competition at DECA's Fall Rally.

Pictured (left to right) are: Sherry Johnson, CTAE Supervisor, Nuvindu Fernando, and Angeles Jeffreys, DECA Adviser.



Nuvindu Fernando is pictured with his 1st place ribbon at the DECA Fall Rally



Pictured at left (left to right) are Jameya Jenkins and Nuvindu Fernando



Veterans High School Junior and Senior Meats Evaluation Team Compete at State Finals in Athens



Congratulations to the Veterans High School Jr. Meats Evaluation Team. At the State Finals in Athens the team of Olivia Clary, Kelly Norbeck, and Carmen Mueller won the annual competition. Olivia was the high individual in the state.

Pictured (left to right) are: Olivia Clary, Kelly Norbeck, and Carmen Mueller

Congratulations to Cassidy Horton of the Sr. Meats Evaluation Team at Veterans High School. She was recognized at the recent state finals, held in Athens for having the Highest Individual Score in the state. Her team members, Colby Holley and Madison Green (not pictured) helped the team finish 2nd Place in the state.



Veterans High FFA Agricultural Sales and Meats Evaluation and Technology Teams Attend FFA National Finals

The Veterans FFA Agricultural Sales and FFA Meats Evaluation and Technology Teams recently represented Georgia at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Ag Sales team finished 17th in the nation. Team members had to complete an individual sales call, perform a team activity where they planned a sales program, and take a written exam. The Meats Evaluation and Technology team finished 11th in the Nation earning a Gold Emblem. Team members had to identify retail cuts of beef, pork and lamb, conduct quality and yield grades on beef carcasses, place classes, and work as a team in a problem-solving scenario.

Advisers are Dr. Clay Walker and Mr. Jeff Wilson.



Pictured (left to right) are: Jeff Wilson, adviser, Thomas Maddox, Allie Horton, and Madison Rast

Pictured (left to right) are: Jeff Wilson, adviser, Ashley Derr, Channing Furgeson, Landon Ritche, and Vince Lamedola



Northside High School

NHS FBLA Members Attend Fall Leadership Conference in Athens



18 FBLA students from Northside High School attended Fall Leadership Conference in Athens. The students prepared to compete at the Regional Leadership Conference to be held in Macon in January. They also participated in Monopoly. In addition, they won over \$200 in gift cards from the scholarship basket raffle.

Front row (left to right): Alicia Wilson, Nahla Jordan Cater, Danethia Perry, Karina Patel, Shunye Anderson, Aiyana Harrington and Chikayah Wesley
 Back row (left to right): Devon White, Jekovan Rivera, Jayden Catoe, Hoy Thurman IV, Aniya Saulsbury, Andre Hibbert, Eric Bateman, Amir Hibbert, Gabe Mooney, Spencer Tobler and Javier Guillen

NHS FBLA Members Attend Fall Leadership Conference in Athens

Five students from the Northside HS DECA chapter placed in DECA's Region 10 Competition, held Friday, December 1st at Middle Georgia State University in Macon, Georgia. Pictured are Jaren Walker, 1st place in Job Interview; Jacob Lifsey, 1st place in Personal Financial Literacy; Alan Howard, 1st place in Sports and Entertainment Marketing; Empress Buxton, 1st place in Principles of Hospitality and Tourism; and Skylar Golden, 2nd place in Restaurant and Food Service Management. Their adviser is Elaine Tignor.

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



NHS FCCLA Hosts Family Night

On November 9th, Northside High FCCLA hosted a family western themed night in the Family Consumer Science lab. The Fourteen families that were present enjoyed a hot dog supper with all the trimmings, and made S'mores for their dessert. FCCLA members Taylor Hodges and Lizzy Lockhart planned and carried out the event for the FCCLA National Program Families First. A highlight of the evening was guest speaker, Tarah Faiella, the NHS Parent Involvement Coordinator. She spoke to the group about the importance of communication within the family and gave tips on good communication skills. Other activities included conversation starters on the tables to get families to practice communication, and a game based on the Newlywed game to see how well the parents and their children knew each other. Research has shown that parent involvement engagement is associated with children's academic performance and social competence. Advisers for NHS FCCLA are Jill Massee and Carla Jessup.



Tarah Faiella is pictured speaking to families about communication



Pictured (left to right) are Taylor Hodges and Lizzie Lockhart



FCCLA member, Shyteria Waters, making s'mores with her family

SkillsUSA Club at NHS Sponsors Competitions



Northside High School's HVAC SkillsUSA Club recently sponsored two competitions in the beginning pathway classes to attract membership and interest.

During the end of the hand tools module the club sponsored a nail driving contest. Skylar Hicks from third period was the grand winner and was awarded a Chick-Fil-A Gift Card.

The second contest sponsored was a Birdhouse Contest. It was held at the end of the power tool and construction math modules. The winners came from fifth period. Pictured from left to right are: Zach Kromer, Shy'Kaga Duncan, Eh Nar, Mike Coffman and Hanni Al-tousy.



NHS SkillsUSA Partners with the Salvation Army



During the month of November, the Northside High School SkillsUSA club partnered with the Salvation Army. The mission was to collect canned food to help families in need for the Thanksgiving holidays. The club set out brown paper bags on porches in neighborhoods around Northside High School. Attached to the bag was a letter addressed to the homeowner asking them to place any unwanted or spare canned food items inside. The next day, the students went to the homes again and collected the donated food. The students collected 250 cans over a period of two days. Next year, the club plans to have a longer collection time and hopes to collect a larger volume of

food. They were very thankful for the response they received from the community supporting their effort to help those in need.

NHS FFA Members Compete in State Floral Design Career Development Event



For twelve FFA members, long hours of practice paid off as they competed in the State Floral Design Career Development Event held at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College. Placing 7th in the Junior Division Competition was Brianna Beard. Placing 5th in the Senior Division Competition was Kelly Patel. These students were trained by their agriculture education teachers Virgil Blalock and Matthew Darby.

Georgia Florist Association is the educational sponsor for the competition. Numerous floral industry representatives served as judges for the state competition this year. Special thanks goes out to a local supporter of our Floral Design

FFA Members. Daisy Patch Flowers, owned by Penny Stapleton. This support does not go unnoticed. Thank you for supporting the future of agriculture.

The FFA Floral Design Competition consists of a written exam, identification of the florist plant and equipment, and hands on skills test in creation of a given floral design. The competition is based on the educational objectives of the Georgia Agriculture Education horticulture curriculum and standard practices in the horticulture industry.



The purpose of the career development event is to connect students with what is taught in the classroom to practices utilized in the floriculture industry. Additionally, the competition promotes academic achievement and competence for students who seek a future in the horticulture industry.

This event is one of the many educational activities in which the FFA members apply classroom knowledge to real life situations. The Georgia FFA Association has

the third largest FFA membership in the nation with over 42,000 members. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of the students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.



NHS Hosts Advisory Committee Meeting



On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, the Northside High School/Thomson Middle School Business and Information Technology Advisory Committee met in the NHS Media Center. NHS Future Business Leaders of America officers gave updates on Fall FBLA events, upcoming community service activities, and FBLA competitive events to take place in January (Regional) and March (State). One topic of particular interest was a long discussion about desired skills/abilities needed for entry level applicants. Eye contact, confidence, positive attitude, previous customer service experience, communication skills, cash handling experience, and computer skills were stated as most important, along with proper dress and attention to tattoos and piercings. The committee will meet again in the spring of 2018.

Houston County High School

HCHS FCCLA Members Lead and Learn at Leadership Rally

Youth from the Houston County High School Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently participated in a motivational rally held on Wednesday, October 11th at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Over 3,700 students and advisers from schools across Georgia participated in the leadership rally session and competed in competitions. Houston County High School was well represented with over 20 FCCLA members utilizing time during their Fall break to become stronger leaders by volunteering with FCCLA State Staff to help behind the scenes with the motivational rally or in competing in events.



Dedan McFadden, Georgia FCCLA State President, (pictured at left in center), kicked off the motivational leadership rally, along with other Georgia FCCLA state officers, by motivating FCCLA members and advisers to commit to becoming leaders in community service, grow through FCCLA National Programs, and advocate for careers in Family and Consumer Sciences throughout the year. This event is one of four major conferences that Dedan will lead as State President this year.

Houston County High School FCCLA members not only gained personal growth and leadership development by attending the FCCLA Leadership Rally, they also gained confidence as they participated in competitive events. Abby Brown, Illiana Esquivel, Anmol Patel, and Vinit Patel, pictured at right, placed fourth in the Fall Rally Knowledge Bowl Competition that covered a variety of information pertaining to Family and Consumer Sciences subject matter and FCCLA knowledge. Additionally, Mary DeTota represented the chapter in the Peanut



Recipe Contest sponsored by the Georgia Peanut Commission and the Houston County High School FCCLA Chapter was recognized as the third place winner in the FCCLA Brochure Competition.



FCCLA members having fun at Fall Rally
Chasity Williams and
Nealy Morgan

Mary DeTota remarked, "I was so excited to have the opportunity to attend the FCCLA Leadership Rally this year, especially to represent our chapter in the Peanut Recipe Contest. This rally motivated me to become a better leader, get involved in my community, and grow in FCCLA this year." Mary and other FCCLA members are currently taking what they have learned about leadership and involvement in FCCLA from this conference to make their chapter a success this year.

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

HCHS FCCLA Recognizes Member of the Month



In an effort to recognize outstanding FCCLA members, HCHS FCCLA will be recognizing a Member of the Month each month. The October Member of the Month was announced early in November and Sarah Mondock was recognized with this distinction.

Sarah has been very involved with community service opportunities through FCCLA and is active in FCCLA STAR Event competitions. When asked how FCCLA inspires her, Sarah said, "FCCLA inspires me to get more involved in serving my community, building friendships, and developing skills that will help me to become a better leader with a bright future."

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

HCHS FBLA State Secretary and Adviser Attend National Fall Leadership Conference



This November, Sabina Ashurova, the Georgia FBLA State Secretary and her adviser, Jenny Jackson, flew to the great state of Missouri for leadership training and development. Sabina attended the State Officer track where she was able to network with student leaders from across the country and improve her public speaking and leadership skills. She and Mrs. Jackson attended valuable workshops led by industry leaders and business professionals.

Sabina and Mrs. Jackson (pictured at left) also received recognition for their outstanding achievement in the National chapter membership campaign: Super Sweeps. Sabina also represented the state of Georgia on stage accepting several

awards including the Largest State Chapter.

In addition, they were able to explore historic Saint Louis and visit the famous Arch and the courthouse where the Dred Scott v Sanford case took place in 1846. They had a successful conference experience and are looking forward to what the rest of the year will bring for FBLA!

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



Eu Ro Wang (Massachusetts),
Oswin Nwabude and
Sabina Ashurova



Work-Based Learning

College and Career Readiness Week at Northside High School



The week of November 13th-17th was College and Career Readiness Week at Northside High School. Besides visits from college and local businesses, a door decorating competition was also held. Work-Based Learning students, Jaden Bryant (pictured), Jakila Hicks, and Kadeja Wright, created a beautiful and informative door decoration for Mrs. Couillard's door. The emphasized two-year college, technical schools/certificate programs, four-year colleges and universities, and local potential employers.

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VHS Work-Based October Student of the Month

Veterans High's Senior, Savannah Daniel, serves as an Internist through the Work-Based Learning Program for the second year at Bonaire Middle School. She also works part-time at Waterford Golf Club. She balances her school schedule with work while helping maintain her younger brother's busy schedule as well. Cynthia Ramsey, Principal and Patricia Pierce, Secretary, amongst the office staff and teachers have imparted quality skills into Savannah while working at BMS. They are working with her on customer service, soft skills and employability skills. They are training her to be effective and efficient in working and managing an office prior to entering the real world.



Pictured from left to right are Savannah Daniel (VHS student) and Patricia Pierce (BMS Secretary). Veterans High is located at 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen. Christopher Brown serves as Principal. Sherry Johnson serves as Assistant Principal/CTAE Supervisor.

Huntington Middle School

HMS FCCLA Members Attend National Meeting in Washington, D.C.



Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members from Huntington Middle School attended the FCCLA National Cluster Meeting in Washington, D.C. November 9-12. 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. Pictured in front of The White House are Jameela Brown, Keeli Wells, Macy Stephenson, Destiney Pope, Terra Zachery, Keaira Ward, Mariah Hodges, and Lamorria Angry. Chapter Adviser is Melanie Bratcher.



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



Huntington Middle	Mossy Creek Middle	Northside Middle	Perry Middle	Thomson Middle	Warner Robins Middle	Bonaire Middle	Feagin Mill Middle
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Perry Middle School

PMS Team Panther Bots to Participate in First Lego League Region Qualifier Tournament



FIRST LEGO LEAGUE- TEAM PANTHER BOTS- PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROW 1: WILL JACKSON, SHEP RICHARDS, LOGAN PRYDE, SAHASH PATEL

ROW 2: CORY BURK, ROBERT ALEX KENNEDY, TRICCEA GARDNER, SHAMIRACLE WALTON,
CAITLYANE COX, ATIANA CLAN

ROW 3: KAITLYN MCDONALD, MATTHEW KREISCHER, LAILAH MALIK, KENDRA EVERETTE,
MEREDITH TUCKER, NOT PICTURED: CHARKYRIYA BROWN, DARRION LAWRENCE

STARBASE 2.0

First Lego League

Team Panther Bots

Perry Middle School

Primary Coach - Jacqueline Bowman

Perry Middle School students will participate in the FIRST® LEGO® League - Middle Georgia FLL Region Qualifier Tournament at Byron Middle School on December 16, 2017. Students advancing in the robotics tournament will attend the following Super Regional Tournament:

13th Annual Central Georgia FIRST Lego League (FLL) Super Regional Qualifier

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Time: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Location: Century of Flight Hangar (#2) of the Museum of Aviation

Address: 1942 Heritage Boulevard, Warner Robins, Georgia 31098

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

Bonaire Middle School

BMS FCCLA Members Attend National Cluster Meeting in Washington D.C.



Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members from Bonaire Middle School attended the FCCLA National Cluster Meeting in Washington, D.C. November 9-12. 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. While at the conference, Samantha Jacobs placed third in the Impromptu Speaking competition. Bonaire Middle School was also chosen to participate in the iBuckleUp, weBuckleUp Seat Belt Summit. Only ten middle school chapters from across the nation were chosen to participate. Pictured above are BMS FCCLA members during the closing session of the conference. Chapter Adviser is Holly Anderson.



Bonaire Middle School is located at 125 GA Highway 96 in Bonaire. Cindy Randall serves as Principal.

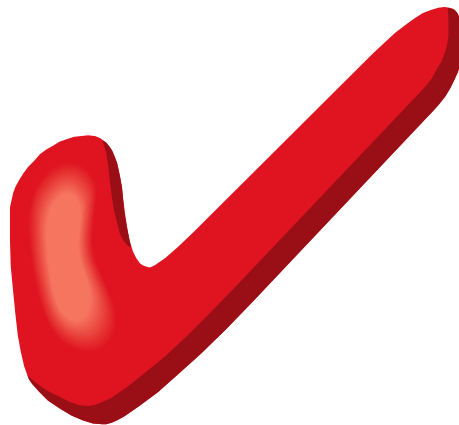
For more information regarding FCCLA, please visit www.fcclainc.org.



Samantha Jacobs, Impromptu Speaking competitor.

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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.
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MCMS



Greg Ellison
NMS



Cameron Andrews
WRMS

Not pictured: Ernest Harvey, HMS; Kizzy Johnson, PMS; and Jami Moore, TMS.

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Cindi Holly
YAP Facilitator



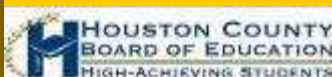
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