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## Houston County CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students

# Agricultural Education Joint Legislative Council Meeting

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Houston County Young Farmer teacher, Ashley Denton, hosted the 2020 Agricultural Education Joint Legislative Advisory Council Meeting at the Argene Claxton Canning Plant on November 18, 2020. The meeting was chaired by Representative Terry England and Senator John Wilkinson. Both of these men have been strong supporters of Agricultural Education in Georgia for many years. Houston County Superintendent, Dr. Mark Scott, gave an update of our district and applauded the council for all they do to support the students in Houston County. They heard the status of Georgia's Agricultural Education Program from Program Manager, Billy Hughes. Also giving updates for Agricultural Education and other Career and Technical Programs was Dr. Barbara Wall, Georgia's CTAE Director. But the highlight of the day was hearing from students from Perry High School's FFA Chapter. The Chairmen, as well as Legislators and visitors heard from James McNeal. James is a wheelchair bound student that also shows a steer on the Perry High Livestock Show Team. Katie Spivey and Fraser Knappek, that placed second in the nation at the National FFA Science Fair, spoke about their project. Lastly, they got to hear from Margie Knappek who lost



Pictured above are: James McNeal, Norman Gay, David McDermott, Rep. Terry England, and Sen. Larry Walker, III

a show hog when the barn burned a few years ago. She talked about how it affected the students, teachers and Perry High community. All of the students did a fantastic job!



Pictured above is Kate Spivey and Fraser Knappek. At right, is Margie Knappek.



Pictured above are Joint Council Co-Chairmen, Rep. Terry England and Senator John Wilkinson.



Superintendent, Dr. Mark Scott, is pictured above meeting with the Council.



Northside High



Warner Robins High



Houston County High



Perry High



Houston County Career Academy



Veterans High

# Northside High School

## Northside High Food Science/FCCLA Students Assist in Thanksgiving Meal



Northside High Food Science class got some real life training and experience in food service by assisting Wanda Keene, the Nutrition Manager at their school. Students helped in preparation for the Thanksgiving meal by packaging the cranberry sauce, peas and red velvet cake for the meal to be served on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Keene also shared with them the types of careers available in the school nutrition program.

Pictured at left is Jalen Allen prepping English peas for the Thanksgiving meal. He will complete the Food and Nutrition Pathway this spring.

Kamia Ridley, Tre Grane, and Kameron Anderson are pictured at right getting red velvet cake ready for the NHS Thanksgiving meal. All three will complete the Food and Nutrition Pathway this spring.

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins, Georgia. Principal is Dr. Jody Dean. Dr. Candida Fielding serves as CTAE Supervisor and Jill Massee is the teacher for the Food and Nutrition pathway. For more information, contact them at 478-929-7858 or [candida.fielding@hcbe.net](mailto:candida.fielding@hcbe.net).





## NHS FCCLA Student Earns Award in Fall Leadership Rally



Northside High FCCLA student, Elizabeth May, won 3rd place in the brochure competition in the FCCLA National Programs category at the Fall Leadership Rally. Elizabeth is pictured with the brochure that she created on the Families First Program to help recruit members into the Northside High FCCLA and to let them know all that FCCLA has to offer by becoming a member of the organization. This year FCCLA celebrates 75 years of strengthening families, developing leaders, and giving service to the community. Northside High School Advisers are Jill Masee and Carla Jessup. Dr. Candida Fielding is the CTAE Supervisor.



## NHS FCCLA Delivers Care Packages



NHS FCCLA members wanted to find a way to help students remember that they are loved and supported during this school year. They decided that a great way to do that would be to create care packages to be delivered for Halloween and Finals week. The trick or treater care package contained popular Halloween candy, popcorn, and other Halloween treats. The fall finals survival care package contained a water bottle, candy, a Chick-fil-A gift card, and pencils. Information to place an order for the packages were sent through online forms and parent letters and social media. We had such a great response that the members are planning to do Valentine and Easter care packages next semester.



Pictured at left are: Zoe Babcock, Emma Collins, Meghan Emmott, and Heta Patel making trick or treater care packages.



Pictured at right are: Ha'ley Purvis, Elizabeth May and Kennedy Martin putting together the fall finals survival care packages.

# Warner Robins High School

WRHS Information Technology Courses Create Graphics



Several students in Allison Risaliti's classes used Photoshop to create graphics that were used on the scoreboard in the Demons' 2nd round playoff game.

Pride Shout out goes to Ms. Risaliti and her students: Chandler Rutledge, Corey Petty, De'jon Blackburn, Jada Byrd, Ja'kanye Ward, Makynzie King, Seana Winfield, and William White. Great job on creating these awesome graphics! #DemonPride

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 Making Success Possible Virtually

Members of the Houston County High School Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) participated in the first ever Virtual Fall Leadership Rally in October. As a part of this event, students had the opportunity to participate in several competitive events, including: Brochure Design Contest, Chili Cook-Off, Georgia Organic's Turnip the Volume Contest, Knowledge Bowl, Peanut Recipe Contest, and Promotional Presentation.

While competing virtually was a new experience for many Houston County High School FCCLA members, these students excelled in competitions and placed within the top five in the state within every category in which they competed. HCHS FCCLA was excited to receive the following wins:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Promotional Presentation – Aspen Mitchell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Peanut Recipe Contest – Grace Filer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Brochure Design Contest, General FCCLA Information Category – Alexis Keene
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chapter Award in Georgia Organic's Turnip the Volume Contest
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Chili Cook-Off – Matthew Sobieski
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place in Knowledge Bowl Final Rounds – Samantha Barlow, Maggie Duke, Andy Lu, and Abby McLean

For the majority of these competitors, this was the first time competing in FCCLA competitions. The opportunity to represent HCHS FCCLA as a competitor made these students feel that they were able to take their potential "Beyond Measure" as they represented the chapter and experienced successes and leadership within FCCLA.



**Andy Lu, Maggie Duke, Samantha Barlow, and Abby McLean placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the State in the FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Competition**

Not only did HCHS FCCLA members represent success in competitions, the chapter also had representatives take their leadership to the next level as HCHS FCCLA's very own Brynley Jones, FCCLA's National Vice President of Public Relations, and Madeline Hagemann, Georgia FCCLA's State Vice President of Competitive Events, led students across the state in the first ever Virtual Fall Leadership Rally. Brynley and Madeline played an important role in carrying out the familiar structure of the motivational Fall Leadership Rally within a new, virtual format so that students within FCCLA chapters from across the state could experience a worthwhile event of leadership, inspiration, and a celebration of successes in competitions and more.

## HCHS FCCLA Making Success Virtually Possible (continued)

The theme for this event, “Next Level”, was very appropriate as students who participated in the Fall Leadership Rally experienced how FCCLA can certainly take their skills and leadership to the “Next Level”. While the Fall Leadership Rally presented a new way to engage in leadership opportunities in a virtual way, the conference was not short on opportunities that allowed students to strengthen their skills and gain personal growth and leadership development. HCHS FCCLA members and competitors alike are motivated and inspired in new ways to take leadership within FCCLA to the “Next Level” for the remainder of the school year and watch how “Next Level” leadership has the potential to change lives.



Grace Filer prepared a unique original and modified side dish recipe using Georgia Grown peanuts and won 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State in FCCLA Peanut Recipe Contest.



Matthew Sobieski turned up the heat and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State in the FCCLA Chili Cook-Off.



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

# Houston County Career Academy

## HCCA Culinary Arts Students Prepare Dinners-To-Go

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, culinary arts students prepared 139 dinners-to-go. Culinary students were able to utilize many of their standards: catering, menu planning, stocks and sauces, chicken fabrication, and culinary math. Students were learning how to place food orders through USFoods system, so Chef Wilson reached out to Josh Butler, Chef at USFoods. Chef Butler, along with Joe Caum of USFoods, have served on the culinary arts advisory board for five years and have been very supportive of the program. Chef Josh worked with Chef Wilson and her students to ensure their success with dinners-to-go. Chef Josh discussed the current changes in the culinary industry due to Covid-19. He suggested using USFoods tamper evident labels and bags to ensure food safety. These tamper evident labels and bags are being used throughout the industry. The products are designed to show customers that their food has been safely sealed.

Culinary students worked very hard. Some students came in early and gave up their weekend to make sure the quality of the meals was perfect. Students showed the importance of work ethic, and what it takes to make an event like this run smoothly. All their hard work paid off; the feedback students received was amazing! Customers stated how impressed they were with the packing and safety of their food. Culinary students are looking forward to pushing out their next menu for dinners-to-go and continuing to use USFoods tamper evident bags and labels.



Jay 'Vain Stone (WRHS)



Olivia Kinser (VHS)



Fernanda Monta (NHS) is pictured at left using USFoods Tamper Evident Labels.



Reegan Fogarty (HCHS), is pictured above checking food to make sure the bags are secure as they are sealed for customer pick-up.



## HCCA Culinary Arts Students Unite the Way



HCCA Culinary Arts students helped raise \$900.00 dollars for United Way. The students' hard work enabled HCCA to double last year's donation. The Culinary students baked over 300 sweet treats and lunches for the HCCA staff and students to help raise the money. Culinary students wanted to raise more money, so they decide to create gift baskets that could be auctioned off. The gift baskets along with other auctioned items raised over \$200. Our HCCA Culinary students were proud and happy to give back to their community.



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

## HCCA Sports Medicine Students Pass EOPA



The Sports Medicine students at HCCA enjoyed the benefits of stress reviving yoga after the entire class earned their CTAE cords in healthcare by passing their EOPA.

2020 has been a year of first for many reasons, but these students represented by all five high schools persevered and earned 100% pass rating on the Sports Medicine Exam for the first time in the program.





# Youth Apprenticeship Program

## Perry High School Senior, Abigail Soisson



Perry High School senior, Abigail Soisson, is a second year Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) student whose job placement is with the Houston County Board of Education School Nutrition Program. Abigail's YAP experience introduced her to supply chain management, which she enjoys very much. She even used her YAP experience in her University of Tennessee application essay.

According to Abigail's essay, "one of the most difficult decisions high school students are faced with is what field they should pursue after they graduate... Had I not been offered an incredible internship, I would still be contemplating my answer to this question." She also wrote, "Before working at the School Nutrition Department, I could not tell you what an invoice, a check run, a bid, or even what supply chain management was. My internship has provided me with a hands-on experience in many aspects of not only supply chain management but also skills used in the business world. I am so grateful for the opportunities that my internship has provided me with and, most importantly, the interest in this field that it has created within me."

Abigail closes her essay writing, "With the University of Tennessee's supply chain management program being ranked nationally and my family's ties with the university and the state itself, I cannot help but have a connection and love for Tennessee. My two years working at the School Nutrition Department have piqued my interest in supply chain management and I look forward to continuing my exploration of it at the University of Tennessee next fall."

According to Kelli Gallman, HCBOE School Nutrition Department, "Abigail is an awesome YAP student. She always turns her assignments in on time and does fantastic on her job. Abby is a GREAT employee; she's a very quick learner and a team player." Because Abigail has worked over 720 hours since July of 2019 and she has earned the NOCTI Culinary Arts Cook Level 2 from her culinary arts classes, Abigail is also a Youth Apprenticeship Pathway Completer. She will receive a certificate for her pathway completion to go along with her Georgia Department of Labor Georgia BEST certificate. Abigail's future is a bright one!

Pictured above is Kelli Gallman (seated) and Abigail Soisson (standing).



## Teaching as a Profession Students Complete New Hire Processing with HCBOE



On December 3, 2020, Houston County Schools Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, traveled with five of the six newly selected Houston County Board of Education (HCBOE) CBE paid *Teaching as a Profession* students to HCBOE Human Resources Department to complete their new hire processing.



These students are currently working in elementary schools throughout Houston County as part of their Teaching as a Profession coursework. However, starting in January of 2021, they will be paid for performing their classroom duties as a part of the Youth Apprenticeship program. The goal is for students to learn more about the teaching profession and to come back to work in Houston County upon obtaining their education degrees.

Pictured above, left to right, are: Peyton Barfield, San Hla, Miranda Stokes, Sandi Couillard, Ashley Cruz and McKensie Saunders. Missing from group picture but pictured at left is Ariel Wynn.





# Feagin Mill Middle School

## FMMS FBLA Provides Gift Baskets and Activity for Assisted Living Residents

Feagin Mill Middle School FBLA created a Turkey Bingo activity for residents at The Phoenix at Lake Joy Retirement and Assisted Living.



**Thanksgiving!**

It sure looked different than years past, but one thing stayed the same for sure, and that's the smiles we saw from our residents having fun! A HUGE thank you to Julie Folse and her students at FMMS for putting together our Turkey Bingo activity and providing absolutely amazing gift bags for our residents, along with beautifully hand made cards that went to each of our residents.!

Feagin Mill Middle School is located at 1200 Feagin Mill Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Mark Sams serves as Principal.



Bonaire Middle

Feagin Mill Middle

Huntington Middle

Mossy Creek Middle

Northside Middle

Perry Middle

Thomson Middle

Warner Robins Middle

# Mossy Creek Mill Middle School

## MCMS FCCLA Thankful Tree

The FCCLA Chapter at Mossy Creek Middle School decided to end the last two months of 2020 on a positive note. After several days of tracing and cutting, approximately 700 leaves were ready for distribution. Members delivered the leaves to everyone on the MCMS campus. This included teachers, students, and all support staff. Every recipient was asked to write something on the leaf that each person was thankful for. The leaves were then attached to the "Thankful Tree" bulletin board at the school. This project took lots of time, devotion, and commitment for our FCCLA members, and the outcome was well worth it.



Mossy Creek Middle School is located at 200 Danny Carpenter Drive in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Andy Gentry serves as Principal.



## MCMS FFA and FCCLA Chapters Working Together for Others



FFA members showcasing collected mac-n-cheese boxes.

Mossy Creek's FFA and FCCLA Chapters participated in a fun competition to see who could collect the most boxes of mac-n-cheese for a local food bank, Loaves & Fishes, located in Perry, Georgia. FFA and FCCLA members together collected over 700 boxes of mac-n-cheese within the two week time span given for the competition. All members of both organizations were excited with the amount of boxes collected. Knowing that these boxes of mac-n-cheese were going to help local families made it even more meaningful for the students. All members of both the FFA and FCCLA were very thankful they could give to others in this Thanksgiving season.



FCCLA members are pictured standing in front of boxes packed up and ready for Loaves & Fishes.



Pictured above is a volunteer from Loaves & Fishes picking up the boxes that helped local families over Thanksgiving.

# Perry Middle School

## PMS School Staff Receive an Early Christmas Gift

Dr. Diana Phillips, FBLA Adviser, gave the Perry Middle School staff an early Christmas gift. All of the faculty and staff received a December Discount. The 2020 FBLA Discount Cards were distributed to everyone on staff at Perry Middle for a month of quality spending in Perry. Merry Christmas!



## FBLA at PMS Sell Discount Cards and Promote Local Businesses

With 2020 being a year of uncertainty, one thing is clear, the local business owners in Perry have not lost their dedication to education. Regardless of restrictions, these entrepreneurs have continued to support their local educational system. Dr. Diana Phillips, Perry Middle School's FBLA Adviser, reached out to these businesses and they answered the call. Patrons can purchase a Perry Middle FBLA Discount Card from Perry Middle School for \$15. This purchase helps the local chapter with expenses incurred from operational costs (i.e. community service projects, competition, chapter needs, travel, materials, etc.). The card can be used continually throughout the 2021 year at these local businesses for the discount offered by the business owner. Card buyers save money, provide funds to the school organization, and promote patronage to local businesses. Dr. Phillips would encourage everyone to buy a discount card (for personal savings) and remind everyone to shop locally when spending money. Help support those here in Perry who are facilitating the education of our kids.

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



### Perry Middle FBLA Discount Card 2021

**Available now at  
Perry Middle  
\$15 per card**

**\$19.99 Special Includes:**  
 1 large (11" long) pizza  
 1 1/2 liter of soda &  
 1 1/2 liter of iced tea



## PMS FBLA and Art Program Works Together to Spread Christmas Cheer

FBLA Adviser, Dr. Diana Phillips, and Art Teacher, Heidi McBair, at Perry Middle School joined forces this Christmas to spread a little cheer to some of the residents in the Arbor Manor Assisted Living Home in Perry. Art students created hand-made Christmas cards making each one special and unique. FBLA students purchased sanitizer, socks, candy, and tissue for the residents, and bagged all the items to be dispersed. There were 26 gift bags in total, one for each resident. Dr. Phillips delivered the gifts to the residents on Monday, December 14, 2020.



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