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Organizations that talked to current 9th graders

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him for post high school/college.

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NHS FBLA Presents at 9th Grade CTAE Day

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Houston County Career Academy

Veterans High

Approximately 500 9th graders attended CTAE day on Friday, February 23rd. Future Business Leaders of America was one of several Career Tech Service about how to get involved and the impact of Career President of Public Relations, explained to students what FBLA is, how to get involved and the impact

Javier Guillen

NHS FBLA Junior Earns Award at FBLA State Leadership Conference



Amir Hibbert placed 8th in Spreadsheets at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Atlanta on Saturday, March 23rd. Amir currently serves as the Treasurer for the chapter. This is his first year competing in the event. This is his third year in FBLA.

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

NHS Entrepreneurship Class Holds Small Business Bazaar

On March 6, 2018, Northside High School students in Mrs. Couillard's Entrepreneurship class held a Small Business Bazaar in the Northside Common's Area. Entrepreneurship students created their own businesses, completed business plans, produced products or services, and set up their vending booths prior to having students in other business classes come to make purchases with play money. The Bazaar was beneficial to Entrepreneurship students because it allowed them to evaluate their products, pricing, and selling strengths and weaknesses. This was the third year of the Small Business Bazaar and plans are to continue it in the future.







Azucena Munoz Villanueva and Xander Abshire





Thomas Eskew

NHS Entrepreneurship Class Holds Small Business Bazaar (continued)









Kiara Mack-Blue and Makayla Britt

Vendors not pictured: Kayla Reynolds, Austin Matthews, Jaylen Goodine, La'Eriel Jackson, Jaheim Morris, Rodquerrius

FCCLA Students at NHS Attend State Leadership Conference

Northside High School FCCLA students attended FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Atlanta on March $9^{th} - 11^{th}$. During the conference students competed in Star Event Competitions. The following students competed and received medals:



The three boys headed to National Competition in July are pictured left to right: Jared Meck, Riley Green, James Stephens-Chapter Service Display Project, "The Thirst Project" Raised \$500.00 to assist in providing clean well water for under-developed countries.



Pictured from left to right: Back row: Alex Dimas, Masona Fofana, Shyteria Waters, Emma Lewis, Jared Meck, Dekiya Gibson, Riley Green, Anniyah Plummer, James Stephens, Jamia Williams, Front Row: left the right: Taylor Hodges, LaShadia Jimenez, Nya Warren, Caroline Jones, Elizabeth Lockhart



NHS FFA Team Wins State Runner-Up Honors



The Northside High FFA Junior Nursery/ Landscape Team recently won second place in the State FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event. The event was held at The University of Georgia in Athens, GA on March 24, 2018.

Team members Brianna Beard, Kelly Patel, Kadie Martin, and Abigail Vogh became eligible to compete at the state event after placing second in the Area III Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event March 1, 2018, at Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, GA.

The Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event allows students to demonstrate their knowledge in plant materials, cultural practices, supplies and equipment, safety, interpersonal relations, marketing and records and reports.

FFA is a national organization of over 600,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA is an integral part of the agricultural education program in public schools. The FFA mission is to make a positive

difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Virgil Blalock and Matthew Darby are Northside High FFA advisers. The Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event is sponsored by the Georgia FFA Foundation.

For more information, please email FFA adviser Virgil Blalock at <u>Virgil.blalock@hcbe.net</u>

Pictured in the photo above is Kelly Patel, Brianna Beard, Virgil Blalock, Abigail Vogh and Kadie Martin.



Warner Robins High School

WRHS FFA Marketing Team Competes



The WRHS FFA Marketing Team, Bre'Ara Everett, Kayla Kroger, Emily Edelman and Adriane Adkins competed at state event held at Fort Valley State University on February 10, 2018. The Marketing Plan Career Development Events develop and present a marketing plan for a current agricultural product, supply or service. WRHS ranked in the top 10 for the competition.

Pictured above are Warner Robins High FFA Marketing team and members of the State FFA officer team. Warner Robins High School is located on 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Veronica Sanders is the agriculture teacher and Chris McCook serves as Principal.



Houston County High School

HCHS FBLA Succeeds at State Leadership Conference



On March 23rd and 24th, fifty-two students from Houston County High School FBLA competed in the 2018 Georgia FBLA State Leadership Conference at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Atlanta. Sabina Ashurova, State Secretary and Houston County High FBLA Secretary, organized and presented a workshop called Don't Pause, Resume. She taught members how to build and create their resumes. Houston County Members attended various other workshop including public speaking and business leadership skills in addition to participating in final rounds of competition.

Houston County High FBLA won Gold Chapter, Superior Chapter, and 8th Place Gold Chapter. Adviser Jenny Jackson was recognized as an Adviser of the Year. State Secretary, Sabina Ashurova, received a Who's Who scholarship and recognition based on her merits and an interview.

HOCO was especially proud of their Public Service Announcement team Wesley McDuffie, Austin Nguyen, and Dhru Patel. Dhru is a deaf student at HOCO who excelled with his team at state. One of the judges stated, "I am scoring him based on his ability, not his disability." Advisers and members from all over Georgia were impressed with this team's diversity and how well they worked together. The applause for this team was overwhelming when they received their award and qualified for nationals.

Houston County High members who competed and achieved recognition are:

Business Law: 1st – Vinit Patel (national qualifier) Future Business Leader: 1st – Sabina Ashurova (national qualifier) Job Interview: 1st – Sabina Ashurova (national qualifier) Personal Finance: 1st – Krina Patel (national qualifier) Accounting: 2nd – Deforrest Braly (national qualifier) Banking & Finance, Team: 2nd – Morgan Carr and Kate Chung (national qualifiers) Help Desk: 2nd – Somto Nwagbata (national qualifier) Public Service Announcement, Team: 2nd – Wesley McDuffie, Austin Nguyen, and Dhru Patel (national qualifiers)

HCHS FBLA Succeeds at State Leadership Conference (continued)

Who's Who: 2nd – Sabina Ashurova Electronic Career Portfolio: 4th – Jonathan Pegues (national qualifier) Entrepreneurship, Team: 4th – Anmol Patel and Harsh Singh Entrepreneurship, Individual (national qualifiers): Anmol Patel, Harsh Singh Parliamentary Procedure, Team: 4th – Alden Burke, Anchal Patel, Keerti Soundappan, and Allison Yates Parliamentary Procedure, Individual (national qualifier): Keerti Soundappan Emerging Business Issues, Team: 5th – Love Lee and Keerti Soundappan Management Information Systems, Team: 5th – Gabriel McAlister Management Information Systems, Individual (national qualifier): Gabriel McAlister Publication Design, Team: 5th – Alex Cooper, Rumi Lee, and Rushi Patel Business Calculations: 6th – Alisha Patel; 9th – Kate Chung; 10th – Virali Patel Marketing, Team: 7th – Daniel Grigsby, Lukas Kriechbaum, and Victoria Roy Marketing, Individual (national qualifiers): Daniel Grigsby, Victoria Roy Spreadsheet Applications: 7th – Roy Patel Cybersecurity: 9th – Somto Nwagbata Intro to FBLA: 9th – Sophia Aslam Intro to Information Technology: 10th – Cheluchi Nwagbata Word Processing: 10th – Sophia Aslam Hospitality Management, Individual (national qualifier): Vennela Gosukonda

Houston County High School's FBLA Advisers are: Jenny Jackson, Ms. 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.



Pictured left to right are: Adviser Gina Jessup, President Alex Cooper, State Secretary Sabina Ashurova and Adviser Jenny Jackson.

Success at State for HCHS FCCLA

On March 8th - 11th over 1,800 middle and high school students in Family and Consumer Sciences attended the Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference at The Sheraton and AmericasMart in Atlanta. Students "Channeled Their Inner Leaders" by attending general sessions, leadership workshops, and competing in different Competitive Events.



At the 2018 State Leadership Conference, Houston County High School FCCLA members truly excelled in their leadership skills and received outstanding recognition for their skills and success in FCCLA. The conference sessions were led by Dedan McFadden, Georgia FCCLA State President. McFadden was also recognized and celebrated for his exemplary leadership, contributions, and dedication to the student organization throughout his term as FCCLA State President. Additionally, HCHS FCCLA State Officer Candidate, Wahome Muriuki, was elected to serve Georgia FCCLA as the State Vice President of Membership for the 2018 – 2019 year.

To add to the success of the conference, FCCLA competitors from Houston County High School shined in their competitions. HCHS FCCLA brought home 22 gold medals and 5 silver medals in STAR Event Competitions, with all 11 competing teams placing in the State Top 10, and 10 teams placing either first or second in the state and advancing to the National STAR Events Competition. It is with sincere pride that HCHS FCCLA would like to congratulate the following competitors:

- Mary DeTota and Dalton Vasquez 1st Place, Receiving Silver and Advancing to Nationals in Chapter Service Project Display Senior
- Lawson Smith, Maryah Booker, and Mackenzie Pellegrino Receiving Gold and Advancing to Nationals
- Illiana Esquivel and Marcus Milton Receiving Gold and Advancing to Nationals
- Abigail McDowell, Shewta Patel, and Jaidan Beal 1st Place, Receiving Silver and Advancing to Nationals
- Bhumi Patel, Megha Patel, and Prital Patel 1st Place, Receiving Gold and Advancing to Nationals
- Karlyn Griggs, Sarah Mondock, and Katie Hampton Receiving Gold
- Emma Owens and Madeline Hageman Receiving Gold and Advancing to Nationals
- Alisha Patel and Virali Patel 1st Place, Receiving Gold and Advancing to Nationals
- Anjali Patel, Anchal Patel, and Krina Patel 1st Place, Receiving Gold and Advancing to Nationals
- Elizabeth Deal and Nikita Shetty 1st Place, Receiving Gold and Advancing to Nationals
- Jonathan Pegues and Anmol Patel Receiving Gold and Advancing to Nationals
- Laurel Gaskin Statesman Winner

Success at State for HCHS FCCLA (continued)

While the success through competitive events was truly exciting in itself, HCHS FCCLA continued to be acknowledged by receiving the honorary distinction of being named the 2017 – 2018 FCCLA High School Chapter of the Year and recognized with Largest Chapter Membership in the State.

"These students have amazed us with their leadership, dedication, and involvement with FCCLA. They are wonderful representatives of our school and county; they are truly what we want to see as the face of the future. They have shown endless drive in service, engaging their skills and leadership in competitions, and a willingness to embrace whatever opportunities FCCLA can provide



Houston County High School FCCLA Members being recognized at the State Leadership Conference Recognition Session as the 2017 - 2018 Chapter of the Year and acknowledged as having the Largest Chapter Membership in the State

them. It is an honor to help keep their passion for FCCLA growing and watch their hard work pay off through competitions and overall chapter success," said Brittany Tolleson, FCCLA Adviser.

Houston County High School FCCLA is proud to be recognized for its successful year and looks forward to continuing success by engaging students in "The Ultimate Leadership Experience" in FCCLA.

For more information on Georgia FCCLA, visit www.gafccla.com.



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.

Pictured, left to right: Shonda McFadden, HCHS FCCLA Adviser, Dedan McFadden, 2017 - 2018 Georgia FCCLA State President, Wahome Muriuki, 2018 - 2019 Georgia FCCLA Vice President of Membership, Brittany Tolleson, HCHS FCCLA Adviser

HCHS TSA Makes a Mark at the Georgia TSA State Leadership Conference

The Georgia Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference was held in Athens, Georgia March 15-17, 2018. The State Leadership Conference for Georgia TSA is designed to provide members and advisers the opportunity to increase their leadership, communication, and team building skills by seminars and general sessions and competing in competitive events. This conference provides over 75 events for middle and high school students to compete in, as well as several GA TSA only events. After months of preparation, the HCHS chapter represented the school with 13 members in 14 events. Of the 14 events, the chapter placed in the top 10 for 5 events and garnered the top award for Computer-Aided Design in Architecture. The overall standing of the chapter is 18th out of 143 high schools who competed during the conference.



HCHS Technology Student Association is sponsored by Aileen L. Jackson, the Engineering and Technology teacher. For more information, contact her through email (<u>aileen.jackson@hcbe.net</u>) or phone (478)-988-6340.

Perry High School

FCCLA Students at PHS Attend the Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference



Over 1,800 middle and high school students in Family and Consumer Sciences attended the Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference at The Sheraton Atlanta and AmericasMart Building 2. Students "Channeled Their Inner Leaders" by attending general sessions, workshops and competing in different Competitive Events.

Congratulations to Perry High FCCLA state competitors who scored high in their competitions. Perry had 25 students competing in six different Star Events.

- Lauryn Cernaro and Allan Lee received a gold medal and a perfect score of 100 in their Food Innovations Senior event.
- Malika Jackson and Monica Williams received a gold medal in their Food Innovations Occupation event.
- Miranda Gorostieta received a silver medal in her Recycle and Redesign Occupational event.
- Elisa Wade, Ty'Khia Burden, Savannah McKleroy, Karla Arias, Asia Berry, Sophia Di Sarli and Damon Negron received silver medals in the Parliamentary Procedures Junior event.
- Grace Peavy, Maddie McKleroy, Briana Brown, Emily Davis, Katelyn Finnegan, Tionna Kendrick and Jaila Westbrook received gold medals in the Parliamentary Procedures Senior Event.
- Kyli Smith, Katherine Weaks, Jaylah Jones, Skyler Bullard, Madison Gillman and Aniya Rumph received gold medals in the Parliamentary Procedures Occupation event.

"These students are truly the face of the future. They competed in activities that showcased not only their knowledge, but their leadership skills," said Kama Beaumarchais. "Congratulations to the students for their hard work and preparation."

For more information on Georgia FCCLA, visit www.gafccla.com.

Principal of Perry High School is Wesley "Del" Martin. Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry, Georgia.



Houston County Career Academy

CGTC/HCCA Instructor Named Houston County's 2018 Exceptional Child General Educator of the Year



Dr. Cheronie Blunt, a Central Georgia Technical dual enrollment instructor at the Houston County Career Academy in the Criminal Justice Program, was recently named Houston County's 2018 General Educator of the Year by the Council for Exceptional Children. Dr. Blunt firmly believes that it is important for her students who plan a career with the criminal justice system to learn to appreciate, value and understand all people. In that endeavor she has started a Partner's Club at HCCA this school year to encourage a relationship between the Transition Academy students and her classroom students. The students who have joined the Partners Club attend all Houston County high schools. The Partner's Club supports the Transition Academy students in many ways. The transition students have participated in class activities including watching the solar eclipse and listening to class speakers. The criminal justice partners are cheerleaders at Special Olympics bringing banners to hang in the gym and gifts for the Transition Academy students. They participate in cooking activities and play games like basketball and ladder toss. Each month activities are planned to support the relationships formed between these students. The support for the Partners Club and the relationship between both groups have grown so

much in one year that next year several other pathway classes at HCCA want to join the club! Dr. Cheronie Blunt exemplifies the true meaning of being a teacher for all students!

The Houston County Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. For more information, contact Mrs. Sabrina Phelps, Principal, at 478-322-3280 or sabrina.phelps@hcbe.net.



HCCA/CGTC Student Has Sights Set on COMPTIA A+ Certification

Houston County Career Academy and Central Georgia Technical College are proud to announce that Hunter Harkness, of Houston County High School, has passed the COMPTIA A+ 220-901 Exam, the first of two exams required for COMPTIA A+ certification in computer repair.

The A+ exam is internationally recognized as a minimum standard for employment in the Information Technology field. A study by COMPTIA in 2015 showed that 72% of employers required IT certifications as a condition for employment (www.CompTIA.org).



HCCA Engineering Application Classes Construct and Program VEX Robots



In March, Mr. Smith's Engineering Application classes at the Houston County Career Academy constructed and programmed VEX robots. VEX robots are small robots designed by and created by the founder of FIRST Robotics, Dean Kamen. These robotics kits give students the knowledge and experience to code and program and learn how to engineer and construct robotic systems. The classes began by creating a Clawbot, which has a robotic arm/ gripper to pick up objects. Next, the students learned how to code and program the Clawbots to maneuver and go through a student-created obstacle course.

Robotics competitions are a strong component of the STEM courses because it inspires and creates teamwork, comradery, and the spirit of friendly robotics competitions. The students enjoy the hands-on approach and project-based learning style. The Engineering Application classes even engaged in robot soccer. The students enjoyed the robot soccer competition because they had to learn how to construct a safe and stable robot, how to adjust the robot's speed, and how to drive and maneuver the robot.

Engineering is a very broad discipline and robotics engineering is just a small percentage of this vast discipline. STEM careers are in high demand and engineering is one of the highest paid bachelor's degree coming out of a four year institution. Robins Air Force is a catalyst in the recruitment of engineers and computer scientists and the Houston County School System is also a major proponent in STEM Education.

Pictured above are Braeden Jackson and Michael Vaughan who are both 12th grade students at Northside High School.

HCCA's Engineering Classes Attend Dixie Crows Symposium



Pictured, left to right, are: Front row- Byron Harper (PHS), Reilly Evans (PHS), Sabrina Phelps, HCCA Principal. Back row - Beth Turner (HCCA Staff), Demetrice Parks (HCHS), Braeden Jackson (NHS), Michael Vaughn (NHS), Suleman Atoum Ahmed (HCHS), Keondre Covington (HCHS), Khorey Flether (HCHS), Nicholas Shawhan (VHS), William Smith (HCCA, Instructor), Michael Evers (WRHS) and Basil Flournoy (WRHS)

On March 21, 2018, the engineering students at the Houston County Career Academy attended the Dixie Crows Symposium held at the Museum of Aviation. The Dixie Crows Symposium is held annually in March and is a collaboration of engineers, scientists, and individuals who have common interests in engineering, electronic warfare, and electronics.



Nicholas Shawhan (12th grade VHS) -Ready for take off

The engineering students in William Smith's classes gained valuable engineering knowledge as they toured the various military contractors and spoke with them about relevant engineering topics. Several military contractors were there including Northrop Grumman, Boeing, and Raytheon. Georgia Tech had a booth at the Symposium and several future Georgia Tech students were able to see the pipeline from HCCA to college and then to becoming an engineer. Several of the students were amazed of the many engineering opportunities in Houston County and on Robins Air Force Base.

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Demetrice Parks (11th grade -HCHS) - Testing flight helmet



Braeden Jackson and Michael Vaughan (12th grade-NHS) testing MRE - Meals Ready to eat for pilots and astronauts



HCCA HOSA Students Attend State Leadership Conference



ouston County Career Academy Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) students attended the HOSA State Leadership Conference March 8-10th in Atlanta. Students competed in areas such as: Extemporaneous Health Poster, Interviewing Skills, Clinical Specialty and Physical Therapy. Students were also able to network with over 4,000 students from Georgia. They attended workshops in their interest area and were able to visit with prospective colleges and potential career fields in the exhibit halls. Students gained valuable knowledge for future competitions through this experience.

Pictured above, left to right, are: Rosalin Sarceno-WRHS, Kathy Williams - Instructor, Amber Sostarich- VHS, Isabella Casanova- WRHS, Seth Dixon- HCHS, Alisyn Harper- PHS, Savannah Wrye - VHS, Stephanie Burch, Instructor.



HCCA Robotics Team Wins at Regional Event



The district's robotics team, the Flying Legion #3635, won two awards at the annual FIRST Robotics regional competition. The event was held 22nd-24th March in Columbus, Georgia. The team won both the Finalist and Creativity Award. Team #3635 was the captain of the alliance team which made it to the final round of the competition.

Flying Legion team members are pictured here at the event with their robot.

HCHS: Rickey Weston, Richard Day, James Laburda, Sean Pursley, and JaLexia Alexander

NHS: Lee Dunn

VHS: Bruno Grosskopf, Natalie Van Slyke, Hunter

Hoffman, Jordan Greene WRHS: Jonathan Newton

Those on the team but not pictured are: HCHS - Abrial Currie, NHS - Jared Oberlin, VHS - Dakota Wilkes, Victoria Wiley and Shamika Morris

The students, advisers and mentors prepare for build season starting in the fall. Then in January and for six weeks they meet on Saturdays and after school to build their robot and to get ready to compete. Each team member must put in 30 hours of work time during build season, most of the team members had over 50 hours of work time. The team is led by Northside High physics teacher Tom Stahl, Houston County Career Academy construction teacher Steve Waters and Bruno Grosskopf, Michael Day and David Gentry who are local engineer mentors.





Superintendent Dr. Mark Scott viewing the team's robot Competing is expensive and the team is thankful to have sponsors who help fund participation. Entry fees alone cost \$5,000 for the two regional events an additional \$4,000 for the state competition and if the

team qualifies an additional \$5,000 to the world competition. This does not include the cost of robot parts, transportation or lodging at competition. Many thanks are expressed to the following 2018 season sponsors:

DoDSTEM, Booz/Allen/Hamilton, Dixie Crow Chapter 41, RobinsOSC, SMA "Southern Marketing Assoc.", Alfa Insurance-Devon Joiner and family and friends.

The mascot is a unique Griffon, that reflects the mascots of all five high schools. The Griffon head and front claws represent the Northside Eagles and the Veterans Warhawks; the hind legs with padded feet are for the Houston County Bears; the whip of the tail is for the Perry Panthers; and the pitchfork is for the Warner Robins Demons. The team's mascot costume was created and donated by Anna Newman.



For more information, please contact HCCA Principal, Sabrina Phelps, at 478-322-3280 or visit <u>www.flhyinglegion3635.org</u> and <u>https://firstinspires.org/robotics/frc</u>.

HCCA SkillsUSA Students Participate at State Competition





Congratulations to the Houston County Career Academy SkillsUSA Participants. They competed in various Cosmetology, Welding, Fine Furniture, & Public Safety



competitions at the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference in March. Kaylie Heath, Junior at Veterans High School won 1st Place in Career Profile Portfolio (Job Shadow with Georgia Bureau of Investigation) and Heaven Taylor also, Junior at Veterans High School won 2nd Place in Information Technology.

Chase Waters, freshman at Houston County High School won 1st Place in Woodwork Display. Houston County Career Academy is very proud of all of their students!



Teaching As A Profession Students at HCCA Get Hands On Experience



Pictured, left to right, are: Shakendra Wright, Jaylah Jones, Jessica Tobias, Sayonneh Alexander, Kezia Rutledge, Emily Strange, and Shayna Gordon after receiving certificates for their efforts.

Teaching as a Profession students volunteered as student ambassadors for the county's 3rd grade Market Day events at the Cary Martin Center on February 15th and 16th. They also volunteered at 4th grade Day and the Museum on the February 23rd. Students were able to get hands on experience working with students and shadowing teachers.





Christina Dokey working with Russell Elementary students

Jahnyiah Davis and Tionna Kendrick working with Tucker Elementary students

HCCA Teaching As A Profession Students Intern at Russell Elementary School

Houston County Career Academy Teaching as a Profession students have been interning at Russell Elementary as part of their second course, Contemporary Issues in Education. Students are paired with mentor teachers across different grade levels by Russell Elementary Principal, William Wilson, and work with students both academically and socially. Students are given feedback on their interactions by their host teachers and their classroom teacher, Melissa Wood. The experience is very rewarding for the interns and for the elementary students.



Haley Adams is pictured visiting the media center with her students.



Pictured is Shakendra Wright running a small group session with some Kindergarten students.

Shayna Gordon is pictured monitoring students at recess.



HCCA Students Tour Robins Air Force Base



On March 20th, students in the Industrial Maintenance and Welding programs at Houston County Career Academy had the opportunity to tour Robins Air Force Base (RAFB) to explore career opportunities available in the skilled trade areas. This visit was made possible through the Trade Five Foundation Grant which funds fieldtrips for students to local manufacturing companies. Through participation in these site visits, students are able to connect real world jobs to classroom instruction. Areas toured while at RAFB included the F-15 Wing Shop, the C5 Hanger, and the Welding Shop.

Sabrina Phelps, Principal at Houston County Career Academy and Cindi Holly, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, accompanied these groups on the visits in an effort to open discussions of manufacturing opportunities available in the Central Georgia area. In addition to funding the fieldtrip to RAFB, students also hope to visit Graphic Packaging, Gilmer, Frito Lay, Cemex, Perdue, Anchor Glass, Sandler, and Blue Bird.



Veterans High School

VHS CTAE Department Celebrates CTAE Month by Hosting a CTSO Dinner



On February 28, 2018, the Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) of Veterans High School came together to show that CTAE Month is important and why. Members of the Board of Education, Advisory Councils, the community, as well as Mayor Jimmy Faircloth of Perry and Mayor Randy Toms of Warner Robins, were presented with information about the various organizations at the school and their accomplishments.

The organizations offered insight about their accomplishments at competitions, social events, and overall member productivity. The mayors later read the city proclamations officially acknowledging February as CTAE Month. Chef Suni Wilson and the Culinary Art students from the Houston County Career Academy provided the delicious food.

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

Pictured, left to right: Cadet Colonel Hannah Sieg, Corp. Commander of AFJROTC; Isaiah Trotter, SkillsUSA President; Makaela Fitzwater, FCCLA President; Mayor Randy Toms, Mayor of Warner Robins; Mayor Jimmy Faircloth, Mayor of Perry; Channing Ferguson, FFA President; Sameria Robinson, FBLA President; and Bryce Johnson, DECA President.



VHS SkillsUSA Welcomes Upcoming 9th Graders

The upcoming ninth graders from Bonaire Middle School attended the Countywide 8th Grade Visit and Tour at Veterans High School on March 21, 2018. The SkillsUSA group arranged a table outside the Graphics classroom, where SkillsUSA member provided information about the Graphic classes and SkillsUSA. The display and participants assisting were featured in a photo on the BMS Facebook page.







VHS SkillsUSA Chapter Attends State Leadership and Skills Conference



The Veterans High SkillsUSA chapter attended their annual State Leadership and Skills Conference held on March 22-24, 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Georgia International Convention Center. Eleven students travelled to Atlanta with their Adviser, Ashley Cline Carman to compete at the state level.

The chapter was able to place in three events:

Chapter Display	Placed 1 st and advanced to Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky	Team included: Hannah Grove Trevor Johnson Isaiah Trotter
Quiz Bowl	Placed 3 rd	Team included: Noah Woodyard Landon Kirkland Brendon Rice Dakota Wilkes Mitchel Groover
Mathematical Applications	Placed 3 rd	Conner Rice

Students who attended were:

Hannah Grove, Trevor Johnson, Isaiah Trotter, Noah Woodyard, Landon Kirkland, Brenden Rice, Dakota Wilkes, Mitchel Groover, Jack Laughlin,

Conner Rice, and Katelyn Vazquez

Winners pictured on stage are Trevor Johnson and Isaiah Trotter (not pictured- Hannah Grove)



Work-Based Learning

HCHS Work-Based Learning Student of the Month



Lucie Weatherall is Houston County High School's Work-Based Learning Student of the Month. She is employed at



Chick-fil-A on Highway 96 and has been for over a year and a half. Lucie applied to Chick-fil-A several times before she was hired, but her persistence paid off. Lucie was training new employees in a matter of months, and was promoted to team leader quickly.

Lucie is a senior at Houston County High School and this is her first year in the Work-Based Learning program. She has been accepted to go to Georgia College in the Fall and wants to major in Nursing. While working at Chick-fil-A is not directly related to her long-term goals, Lucie cites the value of the program to her future, "Work-Based Learning provided me with the instrument to work during the school day leading to more experience and more hours. Mrs. Jones has helped me not just with work advice, but has been an adviser about college and the future. I really appreciate her and the WBL experience!" According to Manager, Anslea Morris, "Lucie is a hard worker and is always happy. I really enjoy working with her. "Chick-fil-A has been a great working experience", according to Lucie and she values the relationships that she made and the great work environment. Mrs. Jones says thank you to Chick-fil-A for being such an outstanding partner with Work-Based Learning and for providing our students with such great experience.

Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Doug Rizer is Principal and Karma Hayes is CTAE Supervisor.



Huntington Middle School

HMS FCCLA Students Attend FCCLA State Leadership Conference



Students from the Huntington Middle School Chapter of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America attended the Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference March 9-11 in Atlanta. While attending the conference, students had the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication necessary in the workforce. Activities at the conference included competitive events and motivational general sessions. Attending the conference were Destiney Pope, Bryston Tharpe, Macy Stephenson, Buddy Mann, and Keeli Wells. Bryston Tharpe placed first in the junior category of the Toys That Teach State Event.

Huntington Middle School is located at 206 Wellborn Road in Warner Robins. Dr. Gwendolyn Taylor serves as Principal and Melanie Bratcher is Chapter Adviser.



Northside Middle School

Northside Middle School FCCLA Wins Middle School Chapter of the Year



Trystan Napier, Casey Ruffin, Dylan Faiella, Andrew Hebenstreit, Kaylyn Ordonez and Cindy Ordonez

Six Northside Middle School FCCLA students, their Adviser and two parent volunteers attended the FCCLA State Conference March 9-11, 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia. They brought home some wonderful honors to Houston County. Northside Middle FCCLA won the Middle School Chapter of the Year. In addition, they were awarded a plaque for Honor Roll with Distinction. Trystan Napier competed in National Programs in Action and a won silver medal. Casey Ruffin competed in Creed Speaking and represented our chapter as Chapter President. Dylan Faiella volunteer throughout the conference and represented Northside Middle School as a chapter member. Andrew Hebenstreit competed in Entrepreneurship and won top score

for the state and a gold medal. He will advance to Nationals this summer. Kaylyn and Cindy Ordonez competed in Chapter Year in Review Display and won top score for the state and silver medals. They will advance to Nationals this summer. All six students represented NMS FCCLA by showing off all their FCCLA knowledge with the Statesmen Test. These young leaders made NMS proud!



Trystan Napier



Andrew Hebenstreit



Cindy and Kaylyn Ordonez

Northside Middle FCCLA Student Earns Award

NMS FCCLA is proud to announce that Miss Elena Gonzalez scored 2nd place for the entire state in online proficiency testing. She studied hard and made NMS FCCLA shine. She was unable to attend State Conference in Atlanta due to being at a swim meet at GA Tech at the same exact time. She will attend National Conference this summer and compete in Star Events with her two teammates.



NMS FCCLA Hosts Safe Driving Assembly

Northside Middle School FCCLA had a life changing experience for all of their 8th grade students on March 19, 2018. All 260 8th grade students had the opportunity to watch a 3D interactive cinema experience focused on safe driving. They learned how to deal with teen social issues and ways to stay safe. They learned a lot about safe driving "dos" and "don'ts". FCCLA wants to thank Mr. Melnick, their Principal, for allowing them to have the assembly. In addition, they want to thank the NMS Connections Team for helping with the logistics of the assembly.









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