



Houston County CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students

Veterans High School

VHS FBLA Holds Holiday Gathering

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On Tuesday, December 13th, Veterans High Officers met with their Advisers, Belinda Collier and Monica Kearsse for a Zaxby's Dinner. At this dinner, the advisers and officers spent quality time discussing their FBLA journey so far and upcoming events within the chapter. Pictured above (left to right) are: Ahm'Unique Brown, Jada Bolden, Katelin Davenport, Alyssa Woodruff, Sameria Robinson, Jessica Marshall, Lauryn Kearsse, Mackenzie Coffee, and Chris Atkinson.



Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, GA, where Chris Brown is Principal. Belinda Collier, Monica Kearsse, and Jeff Sans are FBLA advisers.



Veterans High



Northside High



Warner Robins High



Houston County High



Perry High



Houston County Career Academy

VHS WBL Student Goes from Taking Orders to Giving Orders

Kirstin Stowe, Manager-WBL Student with Meghan Chumbley, General Manager



Kirstin Stowe is a 17 year old senior at Veterans High School. She was hired at the new Fazoli's Italian restaurant that recently opened in Warner Robins, GA. With the culinary arts experience she received during her two years at the Houston County Career Academy, she was hired as an Associate Supervisor.

Kirstin says she really enjoys her job and the satisfaction that comes along with it. She enjoys helping other employees to become fully trained and ready to serve the customers. During the initial

training before the grand opening, she received a first place award for training in the front side of the restaurant. Her duties included delivering food to customers in the restaurant, attending to the dining room and working the drive through.

When Kirstin was asked about her enthusiasm, this is what she said, "My motivation and drive paid off a couple of weeks ago when I was promoted to a manager. My responsibilities have increased with the new role. I am now training to run the entire restaurant from food preparation to the dining room and managing the staff. It is a lot of responsibility to ensure our guests have a positive dining experience. I plan to attend a Culinary Arts program for college and eventually run my own restaurant. The experiences I am getting now are invaluable towards my goals. I enrolled in the Work-Based Learning (WBL) Program this year. WBL has truly helped me get more experience in the work place while still managing my school workload. I am able to get most of my homework and studying completed before going to work. Once I get home from work, I do not have to stay up too late doing homework. WBL is a wonderful program and I am happy to be a part of it."

Sherry Johnson is Assistant Principal and CTAE Supervisor at Veterans High School.

Pictured is Meghan Chumbley, General Manager and Kirstin Stowe, Manager-WBL Student



Northside High School

NHS FCCLA Day at the Falcons Game



Northside High FCCLA attended FCCLA Day at the Falcons game on December 4th. They joined many other chapters from across the state to cheer on the Atlanta Falcons. This event was a fundraiser for the State FCCLA Foundation that awards students with scholarships to attend the FCCLA National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee this summer. Northside High members enjoyed watching Steven Nelson, a former student of Northside High that is a defensive starter for the Kansas City Chiefs, play during the game. FCCLA students attending were Brittany Bowman, Karen Kinsaul, Treyvon Mitchell, Jay Ray, Terrell Bryant, Shayla Foston, and Jared Meck. Advisers attending were Carla Jessup and Jill Masee.

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



Pictured at right
is Karen Kinsaul



Warner Robins High School

WRHS FFA Completes Service Projects

WRHS FFA completed two major community service projects for the holiday season. WRHS FFA members Korai Williams and Cameron Smith sorted through over 100 hygiene packages for the local community shelter and foster care service. One hundred toys were also donated to one of the local schools for the holiday season. These community service projects fulfill the last line in the FFA motto; Living to SERVE. Serving and helping others is one of the primary focuses of WRHS FFA.

Pictured are Korai Williams and Cameron Smith. Warner Robins High School is located on 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, GA. Dr. Veronica Sanders is the agriculture teacher and Chris McCook is Principal.



WRHS FFA Competes at FVSU



Warner Robins High School FFA competed in the Floriculture and Agriculture Communications CDE held at Fort Valley State University on December 8, 2016.

The Agricultural Communications CDE prepares students for careers in journalism, radio and television broadcast, web design, marketing and more. Members of the Agriculture Team were Porche Mann, Azya Smith, Jillian Hawkins and Tian Jones.

The Floriculture CDE requires students to identify plants, judge flower arrangements and solve problems. Participants also demonstrate skills in flower arranging, propagation and the preparation of floral and foliage products for sale. Members of the Floriculture team are Cathleen Politino, Emily Edelman, Lucas Hall and Travis Kirkland.

Pictured above are the WRHS FFA Agriculture Communications and Floriculture team.

WRHS's Dr. Sanders Presents at a Workshop at the NAAE Convention



Dr. Veronica Sanders was selected to present a workshop at the 2016 NAAE Convention. This year's convention was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, November 29 - December 3, 2016 along with the ACTE Career Tech Vision. The workshop was entitled "E is for Eggcellent!!!! Excellent ways to teach about the poultry science. Specifically, the parts of the egg and etc."

The National Association of Agricultural Educators is a federation of state agricultural educator's associations with more than 7,800 members. Members are involved in school-based agricultural education at any level, from middle school through postsecondary, and state and national agricultural education leaders.

Pictured are FFA Advisors/agriculture teachers from across the United States. Also pictured is Mrs. PJ Simon, Program Administrator at DuPont Company.



Houston County High School

HCHS WBL Student Actively Pursues Future



Alexandra Neibaum is excited about being hired for her first job at Critter Fixer Veterinary Hospital in Bonaire, GA. She is the youngest employee there and now holds the position of technician assistant. Alex wants to work at a veterinarian office to expand her knowledge of animals, and she has already a greater understanding of dogs and cats. She mainly works in the dog kennels; letting dogs out, cleaning their kennels, making sure they have food and water, and washing food and water bowls. Alex also helps properly hold dogs and cats while they are receiving shots or other procedures. An experienced technician is helping Alex gradually learn basic technician responsibilities so that she will be able to have more responsibilities.

Alex is a part of the Worked Based Learning Program at Houston County High School. This program allows her to receive school credit for her job and leave school early to go to work. Alex says she hopes to gain good experience being on the job from the program and hopes it will prepare her for a career and future jobs. Andrea Wallace is Alex's supervisor. The owner of the practice is Dr. Vernard Hodges. Dr. Hodges is a great mentor to Alex. He is always checking up on her at work and giving her great advice about picking a college and pursuing a career in animals. Alex wants to go into animal assisted therapy. Working at Critter Fixer is helping Alex understand and learn more about animals. This job will definitely help Alex on her pathway to pursuing an animal career.



Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins, GA. Dr. Douglas Rizer is Principal.

Perry High School

PHS FCCLA Holds Annual Christmas Party



FCCLA members held their annual Christmas party in the FACS room at Perry High School. Students brought in a white elephant gift to participate in the gift exchange game as well as their favorite holiday dish to share. Members were also encouraged to wear their tackiest Christmas sweaters to compete for a prize for the tackiest sweater. There were several members in attendance as many

said they would not miss the Christmas party because it was their most favorite FCCLA social event. After feasting on quite a spread of holiday treats members gathered around the gift table to begin the unwrapping, showing off and stealing of gifts. There were lots of laughs and tons of fun had by both advisers and chapter members. Everyone left this event filled with the spirit of the holiday season.

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



PHS FCCLA Collects Macaroni and Cheese for Perry Volunteer Outreach



Perry High School students collected Macaroni and Cheese to be donated to Perry Volunteer Outreach. Perry Volunteer Outreach provides an excellent program in which families in need during the holiday season receive a box filled with all different types of food items. Perry High FCCLA's part in this program is to provide 1500 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese. Perry High FCCLA encouraged the entire school to participate in this macaroni and cheese drive. Faculty, staff and students collected over 3,113 boxes of macaroni and cheese, the total collected far exceeded expectations for the school. FCCLA Adviser, Kama Beaumarchais, stated that she is so richly blessed to work with such a wonderful and giving faculty, staff and student body.

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 is the only in-school organization with the family as its central focus. Members strive to strengthen the bond between youth and adults while building stronger families for the future.



PHS FCCLA Packs Food Boxes for Perry Volunteer Outreach



Perry High FCCLA members were empowered by the spirit of giving this holiday season as they joined hands with Perry Volunteer Outreach and Grace Village to help pack boxes of food for families in the middle Georgia area. Many FCCLA members were in attendance to lend a helping hand. Some were divided among food stations including such items as flour, sugar, grits, canned vegetables, cake mix, oil, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes and rice while other students pushed carts holding boxes to each station to be filled and then finally unloaded the filled food boxes into rows for families in the community to come pick up. Perry High FCCLA members voluntarily took time out of their busy holiday season to help someone else in need. When asked why they chose to participate most students said that they simply enjoy helping others. Other members said they enjoy helping pack the boxes each year and that it is fun. The Perry Volunteer Outreach sponsor Larry Wood was very impressed with the motivation and drive of these students. Perry High FCCLA is proving time and time again that together with their community they are successful.



Houston County Career Academy

HCCA Law Enforcement Guest Speaker Months

In the month of October and November the Law & 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.



Sergeant Roy Smith,
Georgia State Patrol



Lieutenant Jeff McCommon,
Warner Robins Police Department



Retired Major Overby, Monroe County
Forensic Files/Court TV



Georgia Bureau of Investigations
Special Agent Sasnett



Communications Officer Veronica Eden
Houston County 911

HCCA Students are Certified in First Aid/CPR

Second year Crime Scene Processing Students at the Houston County Career Academy are certified in First Aid/CPR by the Central Georgia Technical College Radiology Personnel. As law enforcement personnel, students are aware that they may arrive on the scene first and will need to render aid until EMS arrives.



HCCA Students Host ESOL “Conversations with Community” Family Night



Students from the Public Safety/Law & Justice Pathway along with other pathways were invited to attend the ESOL Family Night at Miller Elementary School. The students that attended from the Law & Justice Pathway are both multilingual and were able to share with the Miller Elementary Community the diversity of our Pathway, the collaboration with Central Georgia Technical College and the resources that the Houston County Career Academy offers.

HCCA Participates in HOSA Week Activities



High School), Meredith Starley (Veterans High School), and Jeremiah de Sesto (Houston County High).

On Thursday, November 11, 2016, the HOSA meeting was held at the Houston County Career Academy. The members participated in multiple activities including how to perform sutures and IV's. Snacks were provided. Students enjoyed the Fall Leadership updates, activities, and preparing for Spring Leadership to be held in March.

This picture shows Nil Patel performing sutures. He attends Houston County High School.

HOSA week's kickoff activity was the Fall Leadership Conference in Atlanta on November 7-8, 2016. There were a lot of workshops that focused on different aspects of healthcare such as: Are You Ready to Create Miracles and Make an Impact on the World, Athletic Training: An Introduction to The Field, Breakthrough, Cardiothoracic Surgery, and Exploring Health Careers. Patrick Grady was the keynote speaker who talked about deeper mutual concerns and insights between family, friends, acquaintances, students and/or educators.

Pictured are, (left to right), Marbella Barretero (Northside High School), Lindsey Sparks (Perry



Houston County Robotics Team Hosts a Robotics Showcase for BMS FIRST Lego League



In the month of December, the Houston County Robotics Team hosted a robotics showcase for the Bonaire Middle School FIRST Lego League Team. The Houston County Robotics Team is led by lead advisers William Smith Jr., Engineering Instructor at the Houston County Career Academy, and Tom Stahl, Physics Teacher at Northside High School. The Bonaire Middle School FIRST Lego League is led by Engineering & Technology Teacher, Stacey McDuffie. During the robotics showcase, members of the Houston County Robotics Team displayed the functions of the robots, how they were created and designed, and how the robots worked. Finally, the members of the Houston County Robotics Team turned on the robots and performed an actual demonstration. The middle school students were excited and astounded to see the robots move!

Questions arose from the robotics demonstrations and curiosity began about the operation of the robots. Members of the Houston County Robotics Team gladly answered any questions from the students of the Bonaire Middle School FIRST Lego League. The middle school students were very interested in how long it took to construct the robots, how much money was used to pay for the parts of the robot, and what are the age requirements to join the robotics team.

The robotics showcase was a huge success! The Bonaire Middle School FIRST Lego League members gained powerful insight of how robots work and how they operate. This showcase sparked interests in the middle school students and it created a pipeline for these students to join the robotics team once they begin high school. The Houston County Robotics Team members gained confidence and real world experience in presentation skills and communication skills needed to be successful in today's world.

The Houston County Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins, GA. Sabrina Phelps serves as Principal. For more information, contact the Director of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, David McDermott, at 478-988-6222, ext. 10226 or david.mcdermott@hcbe.net.



HCCA Student Receives GOAL Award



NOMINEE



The GOAL award is the highest award a student in the Technical College System of Georgia can receive. The purpose of the competition is to select the “best of the best” spokesperson for Technical Education in Georgia. Lauren Hughes was nominated by Kim Gunn, High School Coordinator Director and Dr. Cheronie Blunt, Criminal Justice Instructor. Ms. Hughes had to complete two series of interviews and from her first interview was selected to move on as part of the top four candidates for the GOAL student for Central Georgia Technical College. Ms. Hughes is the first Move-On-When Ready student to ever be nominated for this high honor. She is currently a Senior at Veterans High School in the second year Public Safety/Law & Justice Pathway at the Houston County Career Academy.



CTAE Leaders Attend Winter Conference



The Houston County Career Technical and Agriculture Education leaders participated in Georgia's Winter CTAE Leadership Conference in Macon, GA on January 23rd and 24th. Georgia's State Department of CTAE Director and Program Specialists delivered updates and other pertinent information relating to sustaining and maintaining a vital school based program. Pictured at left are: (front row L- R) Sabrina Phelps (HCCA), Sherry Johnson (VHS), Karma Hayes (HCHS), (back row L – R) Chadwick Simmons (NHS), Heath Burch (WRHS) and Christopher McPhail (PHS).

The Houston County Career Technical and Agriculture Education department received multiple awards at Georgia's CTAE Winter Leadership Conference in recognition of its outstanding participation in Career Technical Student Organizations. "I'm extremely proud of the CTAE instructors and students for their hard work" said David McDermott, Houston County's CTAE Director.



Thomson Middle School

TMS FBLA Brings Home Awards from Leadership Conference



Thomson Middle School FBLA Region 5 Leadership Conference Winners:

- Ana McCan – 4th Place – FBLA Concepts
- Braden Newsome – 4th Place – Marketing Concepts
- Sarah Riffle – 4th Place – Parliamentary Procedure Concepts
- Ishaan Vyas – 1st Place – Personal Financial Concepts
- Rebecca Thomas – 2nd Place – Microsoft Office Concepts AND 1st Place – Computer & Internet Concepts

Congratulations to the FBLA TMS TIGERS!



Adult Computer Classes Offered

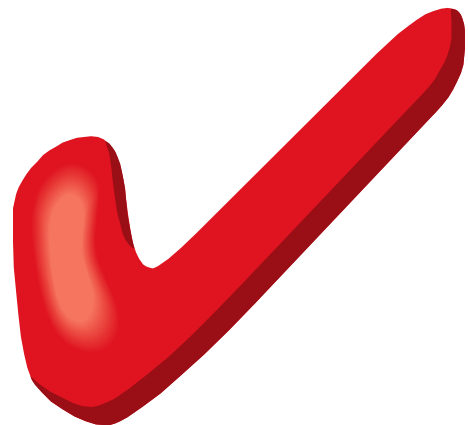
Houston County School System employees offered basic computer classes free of charge to our adult community in October. **All classes were taught from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** There was no cost for these classes. To sign up for classes, please call Lorrie Nix at 478-988-6222 ext.10090. For questions related to these classes other than registration, contact David McDermott at 478-988-6222 ext. 10226.

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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.
5. Submit to lorrie.nix@hcbe.net



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