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# Houston County High School

## HCHS FBLA Students Place Top Five at Nationals

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Pictured left to right: Victoria Roy, Sabina Ashurova, Mrs. Jenny Jackson, Krina Patel, Nivedha Soundappan, Harsh Singh

This summer, five Houston County High School students and their Adviser, Jenny Jackson, attended the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. Members were able to create unforgettable memories at Disneyland, while also being able to prepare for their competitions and network with other members from all over the country. During the trip to California, members along with their Adviser went to Huntington Beach and soaked up the California sun. The students were able to show their competitive edge as they went head to head with the best of the best. All NLC attendees from Houston County High School were able to walk across the stage during the awards of excellence program and even place top five in the nation. The Houston County FBLA chapter earned the title of Diamond Chapter and also won the Hollis and Kitty Guide Gold Seal Chapter Award Merit. During the conference, members were able to learn new ideas about shaping their career future and were able to begin their legacy of leadership.

Nivedha Soundappan was able to represent the state of Georgia as the recipient of the Who's Who scholarship and Sabina Ashurova received recognition for completing over 500 hours of community service, allowing her to finish all three levels of the Community Service Awards. In addition, Sabina was recognized for her competition of the Business Achievement Awards and represented Georgia as the State Secretary. She attended the Institute for Leaders, a high-energy, intensive, two-day seminar focused on leadership development for elected officers.

When the students were asked what their secret to such great success was, Harsh Singh stated, "We truly could not have done any of this without our amazing Adviser, Mrs. Jackson. Her coaching and support is the reason we made it to the stage."

Houston County High School FBLA is looking forward to an amazing year focused on Elevating their Future. They can't wait for the next National Leadership Conference in Baltimore, where they hope to have even more students shine in their competitive events!



Houston County High



Perry High



Houston County Career Academy



Veterans High



Northside High



Warner Robins High

## HCHS FBLA Students Place Top Five at Nationals (continued)

Congratulations to the following members for placing top five in the nation:

Business Communication: Victoria Roy (1<sup>st</sup>)  
 Future Business Leader: Nivedha Soundappan (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
 Business Law: Krina Patel (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
 Client Service: Sabina Ashurova (4<sup>th</sup>)  
 Intro to Business Procedures: Harsh Singh (5<sup>th</sup>)

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

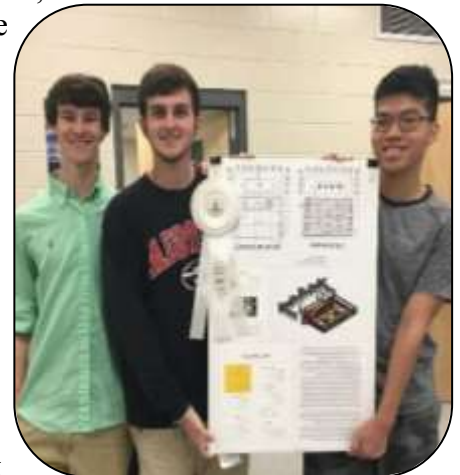
## HCHS TSA Technology Day and Fall Leadership Conference Winners



Houston County High School Technology Student Association represented the Bears well during the Technology Day at the Fair last month and during the Fall Leadership Conference.

Jonathan Pegues and Jonathan Friesen (shown on left) won second place for their Perpetual Motion Machine.

Christopher Saetia, Lawson Smith, and Noah Prickett won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the Architectural Design. (Shown at right.)



Charlton Williams and Aaron Mathieson placed 4<sup>th</sup> for their Mousetrap Driven Vehicle (shown at left).



These students and the other entrants in other events (Structural Design and Pin Design) worked hard for several weeks designing and creating their products during their class sessions.

At Fall Leadership Conference, Christopher Saetia scored 100% for the TSA Statesmen Test. This was his first time taking this test.

HCHS Technology Student Association is sponsored by Aileen Jackson, Engineering and Technology teacher. For more information, you can contact Ms. Jackson at (478) 988-6340.



## HCHS FCCLA Students Recognized at National Leadership Conference



**Pictured above, left to right are: Vinit Patel, Wahome Muriuki, Shweta Patel, Desiree Singleton, Illiana Esquivel, Emory Jolley, Dedan McFadden, Cori Calvert, Rod Michael, Cassidy Hindman, Anmol Patel, Marcus Milton and Laurel Gaskin**

Middle and high school students in Family and Consumer Sciences from across the nation attended the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in July. Students became “Inspired by FCCLA” by attending conference sessions and leadership workshops, as well as, by competing in many competitions.

At the National Leadership Conference, Houston County High School FCCLA members truly excelled in their leadership skills and served as outstanding student representatives for the school and county. Dedan McFadden exemplified outstanding student leadership as he led and represented FCCLA members in his capacity as National Vice President of Programs.

Ten Houston County High School FCCLA members competed in STAR Events, bringing home four silver medals, six gold medals, and all placing top eight or higher in their categories. Five FCCLA members from Houston County High School also represented Georgia FCCLA as a National LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Team, competing in the final rounds with teams from across the nation in categories related to Family and Consumer Sciences.

The students that represented Houston County High School FCCLA in STAR Event competitions are as follows:

- Anmol Patel and Vinit Patel – Illustrated Talk
- Emory Jolley – Chapter in Review Manual
- Cori Calvert and Cassidy Hindman – Chapter in Review Display
- Illiana Esquivel and Laurel Gaskin – Chapter in Review Display Occupational
- Lawson Smith and Maryah Booker – Chapter Service Project Display
- Wahome Muriuki – Early Childhood Education

Rod Michael, Marcus Milton, Shweta Patel, and Desiree Singleton represented as National LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Competitors.



## HCHS FCCLA Students Recognized at National Leadership Conference *(continued)*

“These students have excelled in their leadership, dedication, and involvement with FCCLA. They have made it to the highest level of competitions with FCCLA and have proven to be outstanding representatives for our school and county. As they have engaged in leadership initiatives and displayed their commitment to showcasing their skills through competitions, these students have developed stronger leadership and have helped to make HCHS FCCLA chapter successful,” said Brittany Tolleson, FCCLA Adviser.



For some of these students, this was their first opportunity to compete in a National FCCLA competition. Maryah Booker remarked, “I will never forget the excitement I felt knowing that I was representing our school on the national level through my competition. This opportunity has increased my confidence, drive for leadership, and has made my passion for FCCLA stronger. I am excited to promote FCCLA more in the upcoming school year as we find more opportunities to find success and inspiration through FCCLA.”

All HCHS FCCLA members that attended the National Leadership Conference would like to wholeheartedly thank all individuals within the community that supported this opportunity to compete and attend this conference through fundraisers, donations, and support.

### **About FCCLA**

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.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because it is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.



# Perry High School

## FCCLA From PHS Attend Fall Leadership Rally

Youth from the Perry High 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 events. Along with other advisers and members from across the state, Perry High's FCCLA Chapter Advisers, Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick accompanied 25 members to the meeting.



The Georgia National Fair competitions began with students competing in the Annual Chili Cook-Off for high school and middle school students. The next day, students attended the 2017 FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally in Reaves Arena. The motivational rally was followed by the Peanut Recipe Contest sponsored by Georgia Peanut Commission, the Family and the Consumer Sciences Knowledge Bowl.

Perry High brought home several ribbons and awards to include a first place win in the Brochure Competition. The brochure was created by Perry High FCCLA Chapter President, Grace Peavy (pictured at left). The brochure was created with the male audience in mind which is always an important part of membership recruitment and retention. In the Chili cook-off sophomore Kelly Potter (pictured below right) took the first place ribbon. Kelly created her own Chicken Chili recipe in hopes of wowing the judge's taste buds. This was her first ever cooking competition and she is fired up to compete again. Finally the Family and Consumer Sciences

Knowledge Bowl team (pictured below left) to include Junior Kyli Smith, Sophomore Abigail Wiggins, Sophomore Jaylah Jones and Freshman Damon Negron took 3rd place. Advisers and chapter members were thrilled with this excellent representation of their chapter and hometown at the Georgia National Fair and FCCLA Fall Rally.



For more information on Georgia FCCLA, visit [www.gafcla.com](http://www.gafcla.com).

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



# Houston County Career Academy

## HCCA Culinary Students Cater United Way Luncheon



Advanced Culinary Student of the Month Jeneva Gibson, led her fellow classmates in a catering event for United Way. Chef-in-training Gibson and her staff made a taco bar that featured toppings of refried beans, salsa, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, and cheese.



Jeneva's fellow students follow her lead with setting up stations and groups to be able to get the task done quickly and efficiently. One group was responsible for setting up and decorating the dining area.



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



## HCCA Health Care Professionals Membership Kick Off



The 2017-2018 HOSA (Health Care Professionals) year is in full effect at HCCA. Mrs. Burch and Ms. Williams took HOSA information and applications to each of the high schools in the district. There are students in the county who want to be members but do not take classes at HCCA. Students do not have to take classes at HCCA to become members of this CTSO that is 100% health care.

Interested students were allowed to ask questions and search the HOSA website for information on competitions, HOSA official dress, the mission and purpose of HOSA. Several of the attendees had an idea of the competitions they wanted to compete in at the State Leadership Conference/Competition in March.

The CTSO was busy preparing for the Fall Rally to be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds, October 13th. The Fall Rally is a big pep rally for HOSA that gets the students pumped up for the year. In November they will be going to Fall Leadership where students will attend workshops presented by health care personnel and also workshops on how to compete in March.

March is the Leadership/Competition in Atlanta. The students will take their talents to compete against other students in the state. Mrs. Burch and Ms. Williams will have community partners working them to perfect their competition. The goal of the March Competition is to go to international conference in June. The top five finalist in a category qualify for international conference.



## Lt. Governor Cagle Announces Student Leadership Award Finalists Ahead of Business and Education Summit

On November 8, 2017, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle announced the nominees for the Lt. Governor's Student Leadership Award. Georgia's College and Career Academies (CCAs) offer students endless opportunities for furthering their career and educational pursuits. The students selected as nominees for this prestigious award represent highly-motivated individuals who are extremely committed to creating successful futures.

"I am extremely proud of the students in our College and Career Academy Network," said Lt. Governor Cagle. "Many of these students are graduating high school with an associate's degree and industry certification which allows them to get straight to work with high-paying, high-skill careers rather than accumulating exorbitant student loan debt."

The winner of the Lt. Governor's Student Leadership Award will be announced during the Lt. Governor's Business and Education Summit closing ceremony on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The nominees include: Madeline Bumgardner (Calhoun CCA), Doster Harper (Newton CCA), Mitchel Holcomb (Northwest Georgia CCA), Ethan Holder (Polk County CCA), John King (Houston County CCA), Donovan Mitchell (William S. Hutchings CCA), Mark Moran (Floyd County Schools CCA), Jared Oberlin (Houston County Career Academy), Dylan Powers (Putnam County CCA), Deonte Sandoval (Athens Community Career Academy), and Amun Bassue-Youngblood (Athens Community Career Academy).

The Lt. Governor's signature initiative – the College and Career Academy Network – is the envy of the nation. College and Career Academies allow students to survey different career paths and graduate high school with a diploma, industry certification, and an Associate's Degree. These institutions boast 98% graduation rates, and a graduate of a CCA earns more than twice as much as a traditional high school graduate. By working with local industries, these schools create a pipeline of quality workers that greatly benefits the community and the students.

To learn more about Georgia's College and Career Academies, visit: <http://georgiacareeracademies.org/>.





## Northside HIGH SCHOOL

### NHS FCCLA Members Recognized at the HCBOE Board Meeting



Northside High FCCLA members were recognized at the HCBOE October meeting for winning medals at the National Star Event Competition that was held in July in Nashville, Tennessee. Alexis Monroy received a silver medal in National Programs In Action and Meagan Joyner and LaShadia Jimenez both received gold medals in Chapter in Review Display.

Pictured from right to left are: Mr. Fred Wilson, Chairman of the Board; Jill Masee, FCCLA Adviser; Alexis Monroy, Meagan Joyner, LaShadia Jimenez, Carla Jessup, FCCLA Adviser; and Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent.

### FCCLA Members at NHS Attend Fall Leadership Rally

Northside High School FCCLA recently participated in a motivational rally held on October 11th at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. NHS's FCCLA Chapter Advisers, Carla Jessup and Jill Masee, accompanied 14 members to the meeting. The students attended the 2017 FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally followed by the Peanut Recipe Contest sponsored by Georgia Peanut Commission and the Family and Consumer Sciences Knowledge Bowl. Six students from Northside placed in the top 16 schools in the state in the Knowledge Bowl Contest. Those competing were Jewel Blount, Anniyah Plummer, James Stephens and Jamia Williams.



Pictured left to right are James Stephens, Masona Fofana, Caroline Jones, Shyteria Waters, Sydni Jarrell, Jewel Bount, Anniyah Plummer, Lizzie Lockhart, Chassidy Perrimon, Jamia Williams, and Noah Fofana.

## NHS FCCLA Students Attend Fall Leadership Conference



Northside High School (FCCLA) recently participated in a leadership conference held October 17th-18th at the FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia. The students attended leadership workshops, planned the chapter's program of work and participated in T-shirt Design, State Lapel Pin Design, Membership Recruitment and Statesman test. Students were motivated by the conference theme "Getting S'more Out of Leadership." Northside High School's FCCLA chapter Advisers, Carla Jessup and Jill Masee, accompanied six members to the conference.

Pictured left to right are Caroline Jones, Nya Warren, Carla Jessup, advisor, Jamia Williams, Emily Wroblewski, Talia Calhouon, and Jill Masee, Adviser.

## Northside High FCCLA Sponsors a "Walk for Water" Walk-a-Thon



Northside High FCCLA (Family, Career Community Leaders of America) sponsored a "Walk for Water" walk-a-thon on October 21st at the NHS track. The purpose of the event was to raise money for the Thirst Project, which is the largest youth water organization, to build wells in developing countries. Jared Meck, James Stephens and Riley Green put the

fundraiser into action because they wanted to help those that don't have access to clean drinking water. Northside High FCCLA raised \$500 to send to the Thirst Project. Through this organization and with the help of many youth around the country, many wells are being built to provide clean water to villages of people that will forever change their lives. Northside High FCCLA Advisers are Jill Masee and Carla Jessup. Pictured above is a group picture of the participants for the Walk for Water.

Pictured at right, left to right are: Riley Green, James Stephens, Lauren Bouffard, Jared Meck, and Phoenix Cowart.





## NHS DECA Attends Fall Leadership Development Conference



Six members of the Northside High School DECA Chapter attended DECA's Fall Leadership Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on October 19-20, 2017. The students participated in leadership development, competition preparation, and social networking activities. Pictured are (L-R) Riya Patel, Jacob Lifsey, Jaren Walker, Kayla Morris, Krina Patel, and Chloe Warnock. Their Adviser is Elaine Tignor.

## Northside High School Students Send Cards to U.S. Soldiers



Pictured above is Mrs. Jolley's Banking, Investing and Insurance class posing with their letters and cards.

Mrs. Jolley's classes wrote letters to U.S. Soldiers serving abroad.

Over 200 letters were written by students to give out to soldiers overseas during the holiday season. This effort was part of the Cumulus Radio Station B 95.1, The Bert Morning Show.



Student Letters to Soldiers



## FBLA and Entrepreneurship Class at NHS Learns About Chick-fil-A



On October 5, 2017, local Chick-fil-A owner and operator, Pat Braski, visited Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members and Mrs. Couillard's Entrepreneurship class to talk about the success of Chick-fil-A. Mr. Braski currently owns two Chick-fil-As and plans to soon own a third store. Owning more than one store is very rare in the corporation and he is proud to be one of the few. He said the focus of his company is the people and when the focus is on the people, then success follows.

Besides ensuring a high level of customer satisfaction, the company focuses on elevating their staff. As a matter of fact, Northside graduate, Stephen Richardson, who started working at the Watson location when he was just seventeen years old, just got his own store in California and is

doing a great job! Mr. Braski also emphasized the importance of setting goals and maintaining a positive attitude and good work ethic to achieve goals. Students were excited about the Chick-fil-A gift cards left for them at the conclusion of Mr. Braski's talk.

## NHS FBLA Attends Fall Rally at the Georgia National Fair



Northside High School FBLA members attended the Fall Rally at the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia.

On Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, nine members attended FBLA's Fall Rally. A committee of students designed the t-shirt they wore and entered in the t-shirt contest.



## FBLA at NHS Holds Officer and Member Induction Ceremony



On Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, officers and members were invited to their annual Induction Ceremony. Over 30 members attended. Refreshments were served afterwards.

FBLA Officers at the Induction Ceremony. From left to right: Amir Hibbert, Eric Bateman, Hoy Thurman IV, Javier Guillen and Nahla Cater.



FBLA Members taking their pledge as part of the Induction Ceremony.



Refreshments Served at the Induction Ceremony



## NHS FFA Students Bring Home Blue Ribbons



The Northside High FFA students exhibited several projects at The Georgia National Fair, from showing livestock to chapter built projects. Northside High School received some of the highest awards given at the fair. Madison Howard, Brianna Beard, and Kelly Patel all received Grand Champion Awards for their Mini Booth Projects. Anniston Hall and Alecia Dumas won Reserve Grand Champion for Mini Booth

Projects. Northside High received 15- blue first place ribbons, 13- red second place ribbons, and 7- white third place ribbons for all the projects entered into the fair. "I am incredibly proud of the work and the effort that it took our students to construct these projects," said Agriculture Teacher Virgil Blalock. "Their dedication and hard work were recognized by the Georgia National Fair judges for excellence projects. It once again shows the strength of the Northside High School FFA Program."





## Westside Elementary Visits NHS Agriculture Program



Westside Elementary third grade students, on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, took a field trip to Northside High School and participated in many agriculture activities and demonstrations, including composting, photoperiodism, and the importance of pollination. All students left Northside High School with a hummingbird feeder to take home and one for each elementary teacher. Pictured above with students are Virgil Blalock, Agriculture Teacher (left) and Chad Simmons, Assistant Principal and CTAE Supervisor (right).



Pictured at left speaking with students is Brianna Beard.



Pictured above is Levi Dodgen talking to students about composting.



# WARNER ROBINS HIGH SCHOOL

## WRHS DECA Attends Fall Leadership Conference



Nineteen officers and members of WRHS DECA traveled to Atlanta for the Georgia DECA Fall Leadership Conference on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. While there, our chapter began their journey by completing the DECA Statesman test. Eleven WRHS DECA members received the Georgia DECA Statesman Award and received a pin as a result of their knowledge about DECA. Next, students attended opening session, where the state officers were introduced and heard from our International DECA President, Jaron May. Jaron then informed us about our state community service project which is, Fuel Up To Play 60. In keeping with the Play 60 theme, there was a Zoomba dance party Thursday evening. The next day students attended three seminars to help them gain knowledge to succeed in competitions. One was “Say What?” this seminar taught us how to overcome the fear of public speaking and to believe in yourself even when you’re nervous. The next seminar was called “The Four I’s of Success in DECA’s Role Plays”, taught by a former International DECA President and 3 time International DECA winner. The last workshop was “#Responsibility” led by Jaron May. He discussed how to be responsible on social media. After this conference, students are ready to lead WRHS DECA to “limitless” possibilities. WRHS DECA is lead by Advisor, Stacy Summers.

Students pictured above are: (first row) – Holly Bass, Phenique Lester, Rayanna Johnson, Elly Rissmann and Barbara Reigel; (second row) – Morgan Lee, Shanaya Prater, Laykin McSwain, Alivia Page, Peyton Etheridge and Courtney Williams; (third row) – Jessica Henry, Anna Slaughter, Catelyn Herring, Ally Bishop, Aniyah Parrish, Brianna Watkins, Heather Huff and Shaquasha Little.

Warner Robins High School is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Chris McCook is Principal.





## WRHS FBLA Participates in Fall Motivational Rally



Pictured are members sporting their new chapter t-shirts.



On October 12, 2017, fifteen WRHS FBLA members and two advisers participated in Georgia FBLA Fall Motivational Rally. The session prepared members for duties and roles. Members listened to a keynote address from Johnelle Simpson, former FBLA National Competitor, who's message was to empower the members to find new opportunities in failure. Members also teamed up to compete in several events, such as the Chapter Spirit T-Shirt Contest, Bulletin Board Contest and Team Open Testing Events. Winners from these events will be announced at the Fall Leadership Conference in November.

Ryan VanDalinda and Stephanie Windon serve as FBLA Advisers.

## WRHS FCCLA Wins First Place In Chapter Booth Display at Georgia National Fair



Warner Robins High School FCCLA competed in the Chapter Booth Display at the Georgia National Fair during Fall Rally winning first place. The theme for the booth was "Inspired by FCCLA". As members, students brainstormed ideas for the booth, deciding to go with an art theme using paint pallets, brushes and canvas to display information about Star Events. The following advisers and FCCLA members set-up the booth prior to the FCCLA Fall Rally: Sheila Johnson, Adviser, Emily Gibbs, Alyssa Stewart, Paula Forrester, Jamie Berberick, A'Daysia Bivins, Serenity Forrester and Peggy Bowen, Adviser.



## WRHS FCCLA Officers Attend Discover Training



Warner Robins High School FCCLA officers attended Discover Training at Camp John Hope on Saturday, August 26, 2017. The officers had the opportunity to attend leadership sessions to network with other officers. Pictured left to right, A'Daysia Bivins, Jamie Berberick, and Alyssa Stewart.



## WRHS Interior Design Class Visits Lowe's

Warner Robins High School Interior Design class taught by Sheila Johnson went on a field trip to Lowe's during the month of October. The students were given a client and house plan along with a checklist listing different areas of the store the students had to go to. The students had to determine the flooring, wall color, lighting, cabinets, appliances, fixtures, window treatments and a garden space for the home. The students compared prices and chose items that went with their design theme. The students return from the field trip using the items they chose to create a presentation to the class. The students pictured are Sierra Blackmon, Amber Lavant, Averil Luikens, and Sunshine Pope.



## WRHS FFA Attends National FFA Convention



FFA member, Travis Kirkland and Lucas Hall gained valuable experiences at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana October 24-28, 2017. Students were able to attend sessions, student workshops and gain knowledge about new technology in agriculture. They were also able to visit the Landmark of Peace memorial, NCAA Hall of fame office, Wilbur Wright's birthplace and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway just to name a few of the tours.

“The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 653,359 student members as part of 8,568 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The organization is supported by 344,239 alumni members in 2,051 local FFA Alumni chapters throughout the U.S. 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.



Pictured are Travis Kirkland, Lucas Hall and Dr. Veronica Sanders, Agriculture Teacher.





## WRHS FFA Members Compete



For several FFA members long hours of practice paid off as they competed in the Central Region Floral Design and Job Interview Career Development Event held at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, Georgia. Competing in Job Interview was Lucas Hall. Also competing representing Warner Robins High was Rebecca Edelman (pictured at left) competing in floral design senior division and placing in the top 20 participants.

FFA members also did an awesome job at the Georgia National Fair competing in several areas. The winners and participants are listed below.

### Georgia National Fair and Show Winners

WRHS FFA Chapter Booth- Horticulture and Forestry Exhibits- 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Jessica Martinez- participation- Forestry Minibooth

Adrienne Adkins- 3rd place landscape plan

Kattia Diaz- 3rd place landscape plan

Lucas Hall- 1st place- Built project- Ag. Mechanics

Devin Laundry- 1st place, Built project- Ag. Mechanics

Dylan Campbell- 2nd place Built project- Ag. Mechanics

Kassidy Sweet- 3rd place Built project- Ag. Mechanics

Rebecca Edelman- 2nd place floral design

Zoey Maples- 2nd place floral design

Emily Edelman- 2nd place minibooth & Ag. Mechanics

Thomas Hursey- 1st place Ag. Mechanics

Gabby Boyer- 3<sup>rd</sup> place bird house- Ag. Mechanics

Tyler Copeland- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- shoe rack- Built project- Ag. Mechanics

Victoria Barillas- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Bird house- Built project- Ag. Mechanics

Isabella Casanova- 3rd place rabbit show

Kayla Kroger/ Bre Everett- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Sensory Gardens- floral design

Lane LaBranche- 3rd place- landscape plan

Demetrik Jordan - 1st place- plant and materials

Travis Kirkland- 2nd place- plant and materials

Angel Miller- 2nd place- plant and materials

Oscar Lorick- 2nd place plant and materials

Keavion Lowe- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- plant and materials

Makaylah Chambers- 3rd place- floral design

Lucas Hall- goat show- participation

Kassidy Sweet- goat show- participation

Rebecca Edelman- goat show- participation

Emily Edelman- goat show- participation

The purpose of the career development events and shows are to connect students with what is taught in the classroom to practices utilized in the floriculture, animal care, automotive and industry. Additionally the competition promotes academic achievement and competence for students who seek a future in these areas.



Rebecca Edelman is pictured above right learning more about her SAE in rabbit production.



Kassidy Sweet and Dr. Sanders are pictured in photo 2 with her livestock project.



## WRHS SkillsUSA Attends Leadership Conference



Warner Robins High School SkillsUSA members from Warner Robins High School attended the brand new Leadership Event for SkillsUSA, entitled “2RE”, on Monday, October 23th and Tuesday, October 24th. 2RE stands for reach, recruit, engage. This opportunity promoted chapter interaction with a very fun platform. With team building and planning exercises, students walked away with a chapter plan and the true potential and impact of a CTSO. This year featured a separate teambuilding track called “The POWERR Track” where students coming to 2RE for a second time could expand their leadership with tougher activities and public speaking. Warner Robins High School SkillsUSA Adviser is Amanda Watson. For more information, contact (478) 929-7877. Pictured (left to right) are Michael Brady, Jacob Welch, Bryan Arnold.

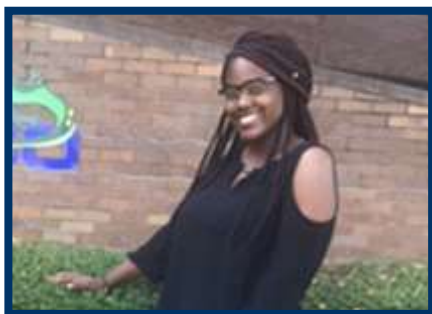


Pictured (left to right) are Michael Brady, Jacob Welch and Bryan Arnold.

## Youth Apprenticeship

### GEICO Provides Work Opportunities for Houston County Youth Apprenticeship Students

The Houston County Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) is proud to showcase apprentices, Amaya Addie, Amijah Gainey, Benjamin Ickes, Charity Riggins, and Thomas Wren. All of these outstanding students are Business and Computer Science or Marketing students who are currently working at GEICO as Medical Expense Technicians or Salvage Team Members.



When asked about her job placement at GEICO, Amaya Addie (pictured at left) shared she really feels accepted by her team regardless of being young. She is excited about the opportunity to apply for full-time employment with the company after graduation because GEICO will already be aware of her work abilities.



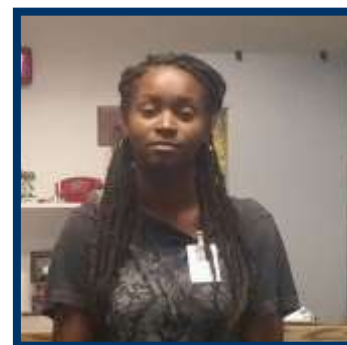
The thing Thomas Wren (pictured at right) likes best about his YAP experience are the connections a Fortune 500 company like GEICO can provide. He stated, “GEICO is preparing me for my future by holding me to a higher set of standards than any previous jobs I’ve held.”



Charity Riggins (pictured at left) shared, “GEICO has helped me gain patience and the ability to pay more attention to detail. My peers and family have noticed a positive change in my personality. The opportunity is continuously preparing me for adulthood and branching off into the independent lifestyle that I will face soon after graduation.”

Student mentors at GEICO have indicated that Houston County Youth Apprenticeship students are doing a great job and are an integral part of the GEICO team. Many thanks to GEICO for providing these learning opportunities for our students.

If you are interested in providing Youth Apprenticeship opportunities for students, please contact Cindi Holly, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator at HCCA at [cindi.holly@hcbe.net](mailto:cindi.holly@hcbe.net) or call 478-293-8691. She will be glad to recommend a student to meet your employment needs.



Amijah Gainey

Not pictured is Ben Ickes.



# Huntington Middle School

BMS, FMMS, HMS. NMS and WRMS FCCLA Attend Georgia Fall Leadership Conference



Students from Bonaire, Feagin Mill, Huntington, Northside, and Warner Robins Middle Schools attended the Georgia FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference in Covington, Georgia October 17-18. 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 personal and professional development workshops, competitive events and motivational general sessions. Advisers for the chapters are Holly Anderson, Hope Harrison, Melanie Bratcher, Ginger Caldwell, and Amanda Hayes.

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



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

### NMS FFA Officers Attend FVSU Ag Day



Northside Middle FFA Officers and Chapter Advisor, Christina Sanders, recently attended the Fort Valley State University Ag Day on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Students were able to learn about many components of production agriculture. Some of the demonstrations that students participated in

included GPS navigation in tractors, drones used in agriculture, aquaponics, hydroponics, forestry, crop rotation, livestock grazing methods, bee and honey production, and much more. Students were also able to try new agricultural products produced by the university including goat milk ice cream, goat jerky, kale, and various fruit. Officers were able to share about this trip with our chapter to increase member knowledge of production agriculture.

Northside Middle School is located at 500 Johnson Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Jan Melnick is Principal.

### NMS FFA Members Attend 2017 Discovery Conference

Fourteen members of the Northside Middle FFA chapter attended the Georgia FFA Association's Discovery Conference on September 29-30, 2017, at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Camp John Hope. The Discovery Conference is for middle school students and allows them to meet other members and get excited about the opportunities the FFA has to offer. At the conference, FFA members were challenged to expand their comfort zones, set goals, and realize the importance of agriculture in today's world. The conference theme this year was, "Be Incredible: Unlocking Your Superpowers!" The State FFA officer team presented the conference and said they worked to show young agricultural education students the many benefits of being an FFA member.



## NMS FFA Attends Career Development Event Camp



Northside Middle School FFA, Bonaire Middle FFA, and Mossy Creek Middle FFA participated in a training camp to prepare members for the Poultry Judging and Livestock Evaluation Career Development Events. This camp was held at Mossy Creek Middle School on July 24-25, 2017. On the first day, members learned about the essentials of judging livestock and were able to demonstrate their skills by practicing on livestock from the Northside Middle FFA, Perry FFA, and Veterans FFA Chapters. On the second day of the clinic, members learned about the cuts of poultry, along with identifying defects in poultry products and eggs. Members were able to demonstrate skills they learned by participating in a mock contest. Area Animal Science Teacher, Ricky Wheeler, taught the clinic, along with ag teachers from collaborating middle school FFA chapters.

## NMS FFA Members Attend Statewide Floral Design Training

Northside Middle FFA members Veronnica Crozier and Josie Duckworth attended the statewide FFA Floral Design training in August. This two-day training was developed for FFA members to strengthen their floral design skills as well as build confidence in their own creative ability. The training was led and sponsored by members of the Georgia State Florist Association along with generous donations from many floral companies from across the nation. The partnership between the middle and high school agriculture programs and the Georgia State Florist Association plays a fundamental role in preparing students through hands on experiences for future careers in the floral industry. FFA Member Josie Duckworth said, "I learned so much at the floral design clinic and definitely want to come back next year. I had no idea there were so many designs to learn about." Veronnica Crozier also shared, "I look forward to working hard on my designs and want to develop these new skills further."





## NMS FFA Member Competes in Area Floral Design Career Development Event



Northside Middle FFA member, Josie Duckworth's long hours of practice paid off as she competed in the Central Region Floral Design Career Development Event held at Camp John Hope in September. Josie placed 9th in the junior division out of 25 competitors. Josie Duckworth was trained by agriculture education teacher Christina Sanders. Josie also participated in the State Floral Design Training Clinic to better prepare for this contest. 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.

## FFA at NMS Collects Items for Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

In response to the tragic damage from Hurricane Harvey, Northside Middle School FFA Chapter challenged the entire school to participate in donating items for victims affected by Hurricane Harvey. Students were asked to donate non-perishable food items, baby items, and hygiene products. This collection drive had an overwhelming support from the entire school faculty, staff, and students. The chapter is donated over 450 items in just five days to the Salvation Army for this cause. The winning



homeroom that collected the most items was rewarded with an ice cream party. Pictured are FFA Officers ,Elizabeth Parsons, Dallas Holton, Emma Trowbridge, Gracie Bananto, Lacey Weddington, and Josie Duckworth, dropping off the goods at the Salvation Army from the NMS FFA Chapter.



## NMS FFA Members Attend Central Region Leadership Rally



Thirty Northside Middle FFA members attended the Central Region Leadership Rally held at Camp John Hope FFA/ FCCLA Center in Fort Valley, GA on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. The purpose of the day leadership rally to spark the interest in our FFA members and motivate them to get involved during the upcoming school year in Career Development Events, local Community Service projects, leadership conferences, and conventions. While attending the Central Region Leadership Rally members heard from motivational speaker Jon Jackson from StagVets/Comfort Farms. Students also rotated through various leadership activities lead by the Area 3 and Area 4 officers as well as the central region staff. Through these activities students learned communication, team building and leadership skills that will be used in the Northside Middle FFA chapter.

## NMS FFA Members Demonstrate Success at State Goat Show



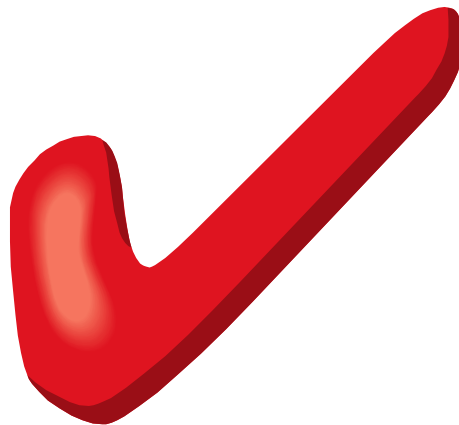
Northside Middle FFA Goat Exhibitors performed really very well during the State Goat Show at the Georgia National Fair on October 5-7, 2017. Exhibitors include Emma Kate Broome, Elizabeth Parsons, Gracie Bananto, Lacey Weddington, Josie Duckworth, Dallas Holton, Anniston Hall, Emily Wroblewski, Hannah Pollock, and Lindsey Miller. Our show team earned one 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, three 4<sup>th</sup> Places,

two 5<sup>th</sup> Places, one 6<sup>th</sup> Place, two 8<sup>th</sup> Places, three 9<sup>th</sup> Places, and two 10<sup>th</sup> Places in weight classes. Each class had approximately 25 goats in the class.

Members worked very hard over the summer to get their goats fit to show and have done an excellent job. Each member participated in a weeklong Goat Showmanship Clinic in June to practice as a team. They also attended weekly practices each week traveled to shows at least once a month.

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4. Submit by the 5th of each month.
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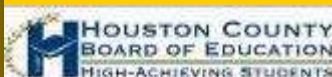
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