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Houston County CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students

Houston County Career Academy

First Year HVAC Students Earn OSHA10 Industry Credential

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Since the 1970s, OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) has worked to reduce workplace injuries and fatalities through training and safety standards. Workers who fall under the definition of "construction workers" must receive training about certain job-specific safety concerns, such as general safety and health provisions, personal protective equipment, fall protection and other topics by OSHA standards. This year is the first year that the HVAC class completed an OSHA outreach program paid by the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA) and have all earned their OSHA10 credentials.



Back row: Gabe Diaz (WRHS), Quincy Riley (VHS), Ryan Miller (HCHS), Kris Bell (WRHS), Andy Berry (VHS). Front row: Jacob Barkley (HCHS), Jacob Corro (VHS), Lane Atkins (HCHS), Tej Wright (WRHS), Kohen Standing (NHS), and Ja'kori Thomas (WRHS).

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



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Warner Robins
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Perry
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HCCA Students Attend First Engineering Internship Expo

On September 11, 2020, engineering students from Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) and Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) attended the first Engineering Internship Expo held at Houston County Career Academy's Hibbitts Hall.

HCCA Principal and CEO, Sabrina Phelps, and CGTC's Engineering Aerospace, Trade and Industry Program Chair, Joe Rossi, hosted the event. During the event, students heard about engineering internships and career jobs from Gilmer Corporation, Graphic Packaging International, Inc., Irving Tissue Company, and Perdue Farms.

Students asked many thoughtful questions to gain additional insight into the potential internship opportunities.

Sabrina Phelps, said, "I can see us making this expo an annual event. We're developing relationships with local business partners and helping meet their needs with students who are well prepared for the future workforce. At HCCA we're equipping our students with relevant knowledge and skills to ensure that they're college and career ready."

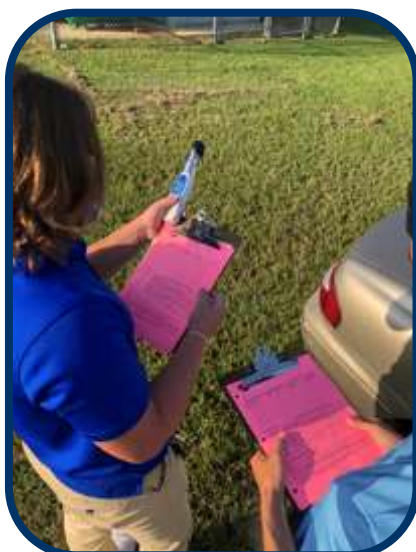


HCCA Healthcare Science



HCCA Sports Medicine students heard about the dangers of lightning from Coach Martin.

HCCA Sports Medicine students practiced splinting possible fractures.



HCCA Sports Medicine students learned how to access Wet Bulb Global Temperature and access the precautions that need to take place when practicing per Georgia High School Association guidelines.

Houston County Robotics Team #3635 Receives the Flint Energies Foundation Grant



FIRST is going to be modifying last years game since so many teams did not get to compete, including Houston County Robotics Team #3635. The team is proud to announce that they had a fully functioning robot. In a recent meeting, the team talked about how they could improve the robot. In the past, the game has changed every year, so the team is going to take advantage of the extra time to build and learn. From now until the game is released in January the team will be prototyping different systems on the robot, hoping to make them more competitive next season.

Pictured, back row: William Van Slyke (VHS 11th grade), Eli Hobbs (VHS 11th grade), David Gentry (Mentor), Ben Ducre (VHS 11th grade), Ryan Wilcox (VHS 11th grade), and Stan Wilkes (Mentor). Front row: Libby Hobbs (VHS 12th grade), Bruno Grosskopf (Mentor), Madelyn Applonie (PHS 11th grade), Hunter Hoffman (VHS 12th grade), Jordon Conley (HCHS 11th grade), and Barb Van Slyke (Mentor).



HCCA Teaching as a Profession Students Serve as Interns

HCCA Teaching As a Profession pathway students serve as interns in elementary schools throughout Houston County schools. These future teachers gain valuable experience being engaged directly with students in a classroom setting. The second-year Teaching As a Profession students intern in host classrooms for two class periods daily. The host teachers allow the interns the opportunity to read to the class, assist with work, teach small group lessons, work with independent learners, and so much more. The Teaching As a Profession pathway gives high school students the opportunity to learn about the teaching field through classroom instruction and internships.

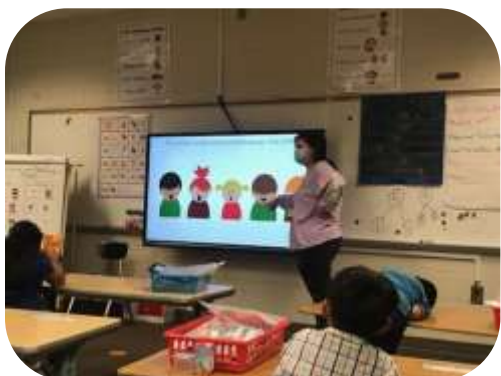
Erin Morton is the Houston County Career Academy Teaching as a Profession Instructor.



Briana Drawhorn teaching a small group lesson on number bonds in a 1st grade class at Hilltop Elementary.



McKensie Saunders leading a small group on blends in a 1st grade class at Tucker Elementary.



Miranda Stokes leading a whole class lesson about grouping objects in a Kindergarten class at Parkwood Elementary.



Peyton Barfield working with a student one-on-one during math time in a 1st grade class at Perdue Elementary.

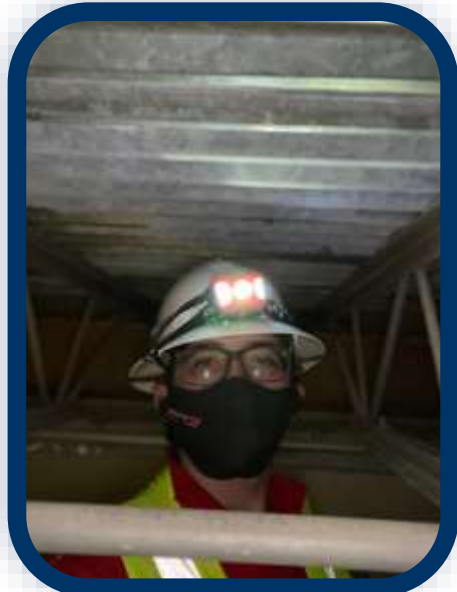


San Hla assisting a student with writing in a 1st grade class at Lindsey Elementary.



Kentavious Morgan learning how to collect baseline RTI data one-on-one with students in a 4th grade class at Russell Elementary.

Recent HCCA HVAC Grads Start Metro Power Apprenticeship at Robins AFB



Nick Green, WRHS
Class of 2020



Marshall Kerle, WRHS
Class of 2020

Recently two Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) graduates were hired for the Metro Power Apprenticeship program at Robins AFB. Nick Green and Marshall Kerle who completed the HCCA HVAC program were interviewed and hired when MetroPower partnered with HCCA.

MetroPower offers Department of Labor registered apprenticeship training programs at Robins Air Force Base, which provides qualified candidates with an opportunity to develop a rewarding career as a Journeyman Electrician. Apprentices develop skills in electrical, construction, maintenance, and service while earning a highly competitive wage. Training, materials, and equipment are provided, free of charge, by MetroPower for the classroom and on-the-job training.

Apprentices who successfully complete the program will be awarded a certificate or diploma that is recognized throughout the U.S. The completion requirements are: 8,000 OJT hours and 576 educational hours. Leadership from Central Georgia Technical College and MetroPower recently signed an agreement to provide access for apprentices to gain college credit under the company's registered apprenticeship program. Apprentices can earn college credit that can be applied toward the attainment of an Electrical Systems Construction and Maintenance diploma.

The mission of the Houston County Career Academy is to ensure a viable 21st century workforce for Houston County. The new partnership with MetroPower on Robins Air Force Base is allowing the HCCA to be the premier model in the state of Georgia by offering a seamless pipeline of workers to high-demand careers.



Veterans High School

VHS AFJROTC Top Senior Cadet C/Lt Col Kamron Smith



Cadet Kamron Smith was selected from 127 Cadets to serve as the Veterans High Cadet Group Vice Commander. Directly responsible for the day to day operations of all cadets assigned, he oversees an average of 400 Leadership Development hours and more than 40 community service hours each month.

Smith developed and implemented procedures which were key to the successful issue and turn in of more than 80 uniforms totaling more than \$24K of Air Force uniform items. His vision paced the unit in completing issue of uniform ten days ahead of Air Force requirements.

C/Lt Col Smith leads corps by example, embodies the Air Force's whole person concept. A student athlete sought after by each of the United States Military Academies. An Active Member of the Kitty Hawk National Honor Society, he blends athletics with academics maintaining a cumulative 92.841 GPA and a top 30 Percentile Class ranking.

Giving of his time amassed over 92 hours of community service hours to the local community to include two Red Cross Blood Drives, representing the school in two Warner Robins Christmas parades, Dublin Veterans Home visits and many other events supporting Warner Robins and Middle Georgia.

Leading top eight meetings in absence of C/Group Commander, Smith established the way ahead for the corps training section, facilitated training programs for all Flight Commanders and Flight Sergeants ensuring all classes were operating the same.

As recipient of the AFJROTC Air Commando Award from the Air Commando Association, this award is designed to increase the awareness of youth in the Air Force Special Operations Forces and their historical contributions. C/Lt Col Smith embodies the thirteen Critical Attributes of Success including but not limited to Integrity, Self-Motivation, Intelligence, Maturity and Self-Discipline.

Smith is also recipient of the Tuskegee Airman Incorporated Award. This award is awarded annually to recognize outstanding first, second, or third-year cadets enrolled in the AFJROTC program and demonstrates leadership ability.

C/Lt Col Smith has a positive attitude toward AFJROTC and his country and holds a leadership position in the cadet corps as well as being active in school and community affairs.

Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Amy Barbour is the Principal and the AFJROTC Instructors are Lt. Col. Jessica Chapman, SMSgt. Garrett Martin, and SMSgt. Torrance Martin.

Veterans High School AFJROTC August Cadet of the Month



Veterans High School AFJROTC student of the month for August 2020 is C/Col Daylin Davis. Cadet Davis is the VHS Cadet Group Commander for the Fall 2020 semester. In this capacity, she is responsible for the successful execution of all cadet programs in order to facilitate a positive and highly effective training environment that promotes citizenship, community service, accountability, character, and self-discipline for approximately 120 cadets. Cadet Davis holds the highest cadet rank and position in the cadet corps and therefore has a great deal of responsibility.

She has spent the first month of the academic year ensuring that the VHS leadership organizational structure is solidified and all cadet programs have the proper level of oversight. In addition, she is working with her senior staff to set virtual staff meetings and plan all cadet-led activities for this semester. She is managing this responsibility along with her new employment at the Cinnaholic Bakery and Dessert Shop.

AFJROTC Instructors are Lt. Col. Jessica Chapman, Garrett Martin, and SMSgt. Torrance Martin.



VETERANS AFJROTC AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER
28 Aug 2020

Welcome back to another great year cadets! As you all know, school started back up August 6th, and we welcomed two new instructors this year: Lt Col Chapman and SMSgt T. Martin! They came to the program fired up and ready to take care of business right away! Now that we are almost a month into the school year, clubs are starting up and cadets are getting a chance to show what they're really made of!

★ Raiders started up successfully on August 24th with an exciting first practice, as well as a great turnout with over 40 cadets! Everyone got a good workout in and first-year cadets got to see what Raiders is all about.

★ The first drill team practice went well on August 25, with over 20 attendees! Plenty of new cadets got to learn important drill procedures, and everyone is excited to begin more training to prepare for upcoming drill competitions.

"The first practice was a great workout that pushed people to their physical and mental limits"
-C/SMSgt J. Smith (11th grade-Raiders)

"It was really nice to see the newer cadets participating and willing to learn" -C/1Lt M. Merritt (11th grade Drill team)

★ On August 14th cadets ran their very first mile PT (physical training) test! The fastest boys time was with a time of 5:35, and the fastest girl's time was with a time of 7:01! Great job guys! We look forward to seeing who can beat those times! Strong competition ahead...

Commander's Corner: August 2020 was a fantastic month for our unit. I could not be more proud of the positive energy and teamwork that I have witnessed over this month. Lots of new leadership changes that will further develop our cadets' dedication, character, and personal accountability. Keep up the great work! The opportunities are abundant. Sincerely, Lt Col Chapman

★ Another Exciting activity starting up in late August is the Rocketry Club! Cadet C. Holmes helped a lot in the organization and beginnings of this club as we begin to start working to face off against our challenger Warner Robins High School! We can't wait to see what our cadets have in store!

Houston County High School

HCHS FBLA Connects with Feagin Mill Middle School FBLA



Pictured above are HCHS FBLA students standing at the front of the classroom, (left to right): Somto Nwagbata, Cheluchi Nwagbata, Lukas Kriechbaum, and Haley Raymond.

On August 26, Houston County High School FBLA officers visited Feagin Mill Middle School FBLA for their first chapter meeting. The officers shared their experiences in FBLA with the middle school members. Some of the events discussed included the history of FBLA, G.O.L.D. teambuilding at Camp John Hope, earning chapter awards, Region, State, and National Leadership Conferences, Fall Leadership Conference, competitive events, community service projects, social activities, and CTSO Day at the Capital.

Community Service Chair, Haley Raymond, along with Finance Vice President, Jane Lee, inspired the students to create service projects to help their community and their school. Cheluchi Nwagbata, Somto Nwagbata, and Lukas Kriechbaum shared their experiences as National competitors. Other officers who presented and shared their stories of competitive event wins were Kaylen Aguilar, Seyanna Castro, Youjin Chung, Anna Le, Angela Tran, and Vincent Tran.

The visit was a great way for Houston County High officers to connect with their middle school members and to help them transition more smoothly into high school FBLA.

Houston County High School's FBLA Advisers are Jenny Jackson, Ashley Deloach, LaTasha Davis, and Sheila Jones. CTAE Supervisor is Karma Hayes.

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



Perry High School

Perry High FCCLA Officer Team Attends Leadership Training

The Perry High FCCLA Officer Team recently participated in the G.O.L.D program at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, Georgia. This leadership training program is physically and mentally challenging and enabled the officer team to expand their limits and develop team building and leadership skills. The program consists of a low ropes course and a variety of team building and leadership activities that help develop strong leadership potential in students. The team had to face fears and collaborate to get through each challenge that they encountered. This was an excellent bonding opportunity for all of the officers and because of this experience; these young people will be a better and stronger officer team. The officers ended the day with a kayak ride on the lake. This was a great day enjoyed by everyone involved.



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



PHS FCCLA Holds Officer Installation Ceremony

The official installation ceremony for officers was held this month to install the following Perry High FCCLA officers into their positions:

President	Sophia DiSarli
Vice President of Public Relations	Savannah McKleroy
Vice President of Competitive Events	Damon Negron
Vice President of Membership	Jalynn Sivo
Chapter Historian	Karla Arias
Secretary	Amelia Kelly

Advisers Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick are extremely excited to begin another year of FCCLA with such wonderful leaders. These students applied and were selected to represent the local chapter of Perry High FCCLA. They were installed during a socially distant official candle lighting ceremony where President Sophia DiSarli was handed over the official gavel to lead her team of officers. Following the ceremony, officers got right to work planning this year's calendar of events and tackling the challenge of keeping the fun in FCCLA during these unprecedented times. This group of officers have lots of plans in the works to make this year a huge success for their chapter members. Officers are also planning to attend GOLD training to help in preparation for this year. Officers were installed using the official FCCLA installation ceremony and attendees also participated in a chapter Leadership Training at Perry High School to help with implementing this year's program of work. All involved look forward to another year of inspiration and service. Together we are successful!



Pictured above, left to right, are: Amelia Kelly, Jalynn Sivo, Savannah McLeroy Sophia Di Sarli, Karla Arias and Damon Negron



Pictured above, left to right, are: Amelia Kelly, Karla Arias and Jalynn Sivo



Perry High FCCLA Hosts First Ever Virtual Social



Perry High FCCLA officers planned the first ever virtual social this year. Officers wanted the members to be able to stay involved at the local level without jeopardizing anyone's safety during these unprecedented times. Officers ran this social through a Facebook live event in which officers held up the photos that described general information about FCCLA. Members at home marked their cards and commented "Bingo" if they won. All the winners' names were put in a hat and were pulled at the end of the event for prizes. Members stopped by the adviser's classroom the following day to pick up their prizes. This was a night of family fun as siblings and parents even got in on the action. The fun being offered from the safety of their own homes seemed to be "just what the doctor ordered". The event was a huge success and officers already have plans in the works for next month's virtual social event.



Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship

Teaching as a Profession Student Conducts a Virtual Lesson with Students

On September 17, 2020, Houston County Schools Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, observed her YAP HCBOE paid Teaching as a Profession student, Destinie Marie, in her Parkwood Elementary teaching placement. Destinie enthusiastically conducted a Zoom rhyming words lesson with the virtual kindergarteners who are a part of Laura Ann Smith's class. When asked to describe her virtual teaching experience, Destinie said, "New challenges means new opportunities." She said she had never seen anything like this, but she feels the challenge is worth it as she learns new things. Destinie is a Northside High School senior who will attend Middle Georgia State University to seek a degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to become a career teacher in Houston County. According to her host teacher, Mrs. Smith, Destinie is already a wonderful teacher and will be a great career teacher in the future.



HCHS Recognizes their Work-Based Learning Student of the Month



Congratulations to the Houston County High Work-Based Learning Student of the Month, Caroline Hatcher.

Caroline is a Student Intern with the Marketing Department of Houston Healthcare. In her role at the facility, Caroline assists with meeting preparation, staff training and the employee newsletter. She designed the physician practice shirt and helped with videography for introductions to new staff.

Caroline was prepared for her new role at Houston Healthcare with over 300 volunteer hours at the Houston Health Pavilion, Houston Volunteer Medical Clinic and the Perry Hospital. The senior has completed three career pathways—Web Design, Marketing and Computer Science and is certified in Microsoft Office Specialist Word and PowerPoint.

In addition to Work-Based Learning (WBL), Caroline also is a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Student Council, Interact and DECA. She is an AP Scholar with a 4.0 GPA. She says the most fun thing she has done so far in the WBL program is to develop a cataloging system of all the Houston Healthcare marketing and promotional items.

The Work-Based Learning Coordinator at Houston County High School is Sheila Jones. The CTAE Supervisor is Karma Hayes and the Principal is Dr. Doug Rizer. Many thanks to Houston Healthcare for employing our students and congratulations to Caroline on her outstanding work.



Feagin Mill Middle School

FMMS FBLA Partners with The Phoenix at Lake Joy



Julie Folse, FBLA Adviser, is pictured as items are delivered.



Feagin Mill Middle School FBLA has partnered with The Phoenix at Lake Joy for a Community Service Project. Students contributed blankets, home-made masks, created care packages and are becoming Pen Pals with residents. Students are looking forward to a long relationship with the local assisted living facility.



FBLA Officers are pictured making care packages.



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



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

HMS Attends First Ever Virtual FCCLA National Leadership Conference



Huntington Middle School FCCLA member, Katie Bowen, and Adviser, Melanie Bratcher, attended the FCCLA National Conference July 7-9, 2020. This year marked the first-ever FCCLA conference held virtually. Katie also participated in the national level STAR Event competition, earning a SILVER rating in the Repurpose and Redesign category with her Magnificent Magazines project. Congratulations Katie!

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



Perry Middle School

FBLA at PMS

FBLA members have been working on Website Design competition material for Region. Sixth grade students, Evan and Chandler have been creating an animated logo using Canva. They will work on integrating their logo, video, audio, and other work as the year progresses.



FBLA Adviser, Dr. Phillips, made welcome back appreciation gifts for her FBLA officers to start-off the 2020-2021 new school year.



According to Dr. Diana Phillips, the face-to-face 2020-2021 school year has been a great success. Dr. Phillips is the Computer Science teacher and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Adviser at Perry Middle School. Thanks to David McDermott, the CTAE Director at the Houston County Board of Education, students have been working in a new coding software called CodeCombat. Students learn to code in Python for game development and html for webpage design. Other coding options include C++ and Java. Students work through a myriad of game simulations which allow them to run their code through each segment. As the lessons progress, so does complexity. This new software has been widely praised by all of Dr. Phillips' classes. One student commented, "I could do this all day every day!"



Students are working on coding lessons in Computer Science. They apply block coding to create animations of objects/characters with the freedom to select their own backgrounds, sprites, audio, and other elements. Creativity is high as they are allowed to add their own personal touches to each creation.



Perry Middle School students are pictured at right dressed up like their favorite teacher, Dr. Phillips. They were "twins" for the day.



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

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