

Highlighting Houston County's Career, Technical, & Agricultural Programs

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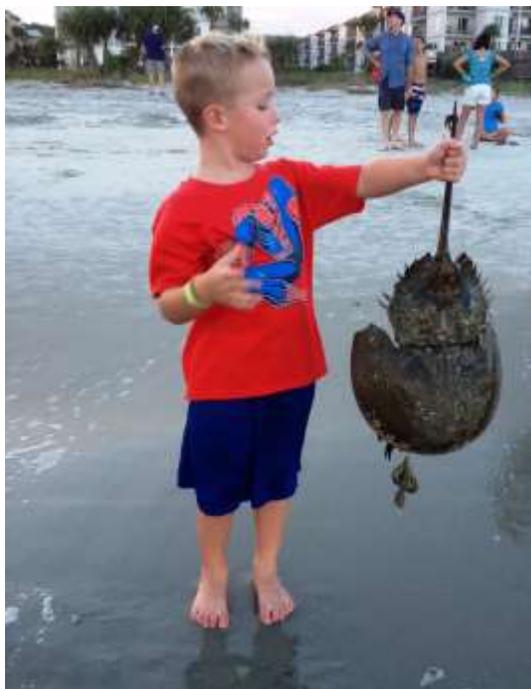
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Horseshoe Crabs and CTAE

This summer while at St. Simons, Island, my 4 year-old grandson, Asa, saw something on the beach. Some of the beachcombers nearby thought it was a dangerous animal because it was big and had a long, thin, spike-like tail. Asa immediately ran towards it and shouted, "Granbi, it's a horseshoe crab!" He grabbed it by the tail and held it up for all to see. Actually horseshoe crabs are strange looking sea creatures, but they are harmless.

How many 4 year-olds can identify a horseshoe crab? Probably not very many, but Asa can. Since he can identify a horseshoe crab at such an early age one may think that he is brilliant. He could be brilliant, but being able to identify the



horseshoe crab may have something to do with an **experience** he had with a horseshoe crab a few months prior to his visit to St. Simons. I showed him a horseshoe crab that I found at Cumberland Island earlier this year. I let him look at it, touch it, and play with it. I bought the book, Harry Horseshoe Crab, and we read it several times. Asa was provided a meaningful learning experience with a horseshoe crab so when he saw one at St. Simons he knew what it was and how to handle it. He was prepared to deal with the horseshoe crab successfully.

The main purpose of Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) is to prepare students for success in the workplace. What is it



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CTAE Director



Veterans
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Northside
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that gives **SOME** students a competitive edge over other students when it comes to being prepared for success in the workplace? From research we learn that being prepared for success in the workplace is related to experiences that one has or does not have. One of the best ways to prepare students for success is to provide them with meaningful experiences.

Business and industry partners in Houston County have committed to helping our CTAE teachers prepare students for workplace success by providing a variety of **experiences** for our students. Some of these experiences include:

- (1) **soft skills seminars** sponsored by local business and industry where students and parents hear directly from employers about their expectations of soft skills for entry level workers
- (2) **social networking functions** where students can practice some of the soft skills they learn in their CTAE classes and at the seminars; as students practice their skills at these functions, employers will be critiquing them
- (3) **speakers bureau** established by Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce to be used as guest speakers for class and soft skills seminars
- (4) **work-based learning opportunities** where students are released part of the school day to report to work while they earn course credit, money, and work-experience

Thank you business and industry partners of Houston County for your involvement with our CTAE programs as you provide meaningful learning experiences for our students and help them to become “brilliant” or at least workplace savvy.

Barbara M. Wall

Soft Skills @ Work



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Veterans High School

VHS Teacher and Cadet Win Georgia AFA Awards



Veterans High School teacher CMSgt (Ret.) Peggy Miller and recent graduate Cheyenne Daughtry will be presented awards by the Georgia State Air Force Association (AFA) on September 5. Chief Miller has been named the 2013-2014 Georgia AFA *Teacher of the Year* and Daughtry won *Outstanding Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet of the Year*. They will be recognized during a State Awards Luncheon held at 11:30 a.m. at the Landings Golf Course Clubhouse.

Both honorees were nominated for the state awards after winning the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 awards. They are pictured with Veterans High Principal Dr. Lionel Brown during the local awards ceremony.

The AFA Teacher of the Year award recognizes classroom teachers for their accomplishments and achievements in exciting students about science and math and preparing them to use and contribute to tomorrow's technologies. This award recognizes teachers who are furthering excellence and making class an adventure. Chief Miller was nominated by Lt. Col. (Ret.) Steve Atkins, Veterans High senior aerospace science instructor.

CMSgt Miller is the Veterans High aerospace science instructor. She retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2008 where she served as an aircraft maintenance manager. A graduate of Albert Sidney Johnston High School in Austin, Texas, she earned a BA in Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University and an MA in Management from Webster University.

Cadet Daughtry graduated with the Class of 2014 and will soon begin nursing school at Georgia State University in Atlanta. She was awarded an Army ROTC three-year scholarship. She was also nominated for the AFA award by Lt. Col. Atkins, her instructor. The Cadet of the Year displays: leadership characteristics which may lead to future positions of responsibility; a positive attitude toward training and all areas of school life; pride in personal appearance and wear of the uniform; personal initiative, judgment, and self-confidence; courtesy, promptness, obedience, and respect for customs; growth potential, capacity for responsibility, high productivity, adaptability to change, the highest personal and ethical standards and strong personal convictions.

The mission of AFA is three fold: (1) Educate the public about the need for aerospace power and its role in a strong national defense. (2) Advocate aerospace power and a strong national defense. (3) Support the United States Air Force and the Air Force Family.

Northside High School

NHS Competes at FCCLA National Leadership Conference

More than 7,000 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members, advisers, alumni, and guests from across the country gathered in San Antonio, Texas for the 2014 National Leadership Conference. The conference is based on the student-originated theme "SOAR." Northside High School, Warner Robins, was among the members and took part in STAR Event Competitions at the conference.

FCCLA offers 33 STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events. These events, which include Early Childhood Education, Job Interview, and Sports Nutrition, among others, represent college and career readiness skills taught in Family and Consumer Sciences classroom. Members compete at the District, State and National level. This year, five students from Northside were among over 4200 STAR Event participants who competed this week in San Antonio. This is the largest number of competitors at any National STAR Events competition. Savannah Brown competed in the Chapter Service Portfolio and received a gold medal in the event. Courtney O'Brien and Madeline Pilkey competed in the Chapter in Review Display and received a silver medal in the event. Dana Peck competed in the Interpersonal Communications Project and received a bronze medal in the event. Brooke Young competed in the Sports Nutrition Project and received a bronze medal in the event.

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 200,000 members and more than 5,500 chapters from 49 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 its programs are planned and run by members. 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.

For more information on FCCLA, please contact [Shonda McFadden](mailto:shonda.mcfadden@hcbe.net) or [Jill Massee](mailto:jill.massee@hcbe.net) at Northside High School, (478)922-7858, shonda.mcfadden@hcbe.net or jill.massee@hcbe.net



Photo left to right:
Brooke Young, Dana Peck,
Savannah Brown, Madeline
Pilkey, Courtney O'Brien.

Warner Robins High School

WRHS FBLA Participates in Summer Leadership Training

This summer proved to be a busy one for Warner Robins FBLA. Six members gave up one week of their vacation to participate in the FBLA National Leadership Conference. It was held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Nicholas Loudermilk from Warner Robins High School received national recognition at the FBLA Awards of Excellence on July 2, 2014. Loudermilk competed in Introduction to Information Technology and brought home 3rd place. Camille Bagwell received her Microsoft Word Certification and Zavier Marjason received his Microsoft Excel Certification.

The Warner Robins FBLA Chapter was recognized as a 2014 Outstanding Gold Seal Chapter. The award is part of a comprehensive national competitive events program sponsored by Future Business Leaders of America—Phi Beta Lambda that recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. For many students, the competitive events are the capstone activity of their academic careers. In addition to the competitions, students immersed themselves in educational workshops, visited an information-packed exhibit hall, and attended motivational keynotes on a broad range of business topics.

Aunesha Lane also participated in Georgia FBLA Region Officer Academy. It was held July 19-20, 2013 at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, GA. She was elected to the position of Reporter for 2014-2015.

Lastly, the newly elected officers for WRHS FBLA participated in Summer Leadership & Officer Training on July 22, 2014 in Cordele, GA. The session prepared local chapter officers for their duties and roles. Officers developed the program of work and planned chapter strategies for the year. The officers are looking forward to achieving all of the FBLA goals for the upcoming school year.

Warner Robins High School is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, GA. Ms. Stephanie Dale is the FBLA advisor and Mr. Steve Monday is the principal.



Nicholas Loudermilk



Aunesha Lane

WRHS FBLA Participates in Summer Leadership Training (Continued)



Nicholas Loudermilk, Tiny Chen, Theresa Banks, Camille Bagwell, Aunesha Lane, and Zavier Marjason at NLC Awards

WRHS FFA Members Attend State Convention

Warner Robins High School FFA members are all smiles at the showcase awards from the State FFA Convention on May 1-3, 2014. The convention was held in Macon, Georgia. Johuna Granville and Scotty Kent both received their State FFA degrees; Jesse Graham and Johuna Granville served as delegates; and Sarah Bentley received State Talent, 100% membership award. Christina Carnell ran as a State Officer candidate and Jamie Reid placed 5th in the agri-science fair. Warner Robins FFA did an awesome job representing in several categories at the convention.

Warner Robins High School is located on 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Mrs. Veronica Sanders is the agriculture teacher and Mr. Steve Monday is the principal.



Pictured are Johuna Granville, Jesse Graham and Laurie Hall

WRHS FFA Members Attend State Convention (Continued)



Mrs. Veronica Sanders, Agriculture Teacher, and Scotty Kent



Christina Carnell,
State Officer
Candidate



Jamie Reid and her
agri-science project



WRHS FFA Officer Receives Scholarship



Former Warner Robins High School FFA Vice President, Christina Carnell is excited to be recognized as an outstanding senior and receive the 2014 FFA/AgGeorgia Farm Credit \$1,000 Scholarship. Christina will start her college career as an agriculture education major at Fort Valley State University.

Pictured are Christina Carnell and Veronica Sanders, FFA Advisor. Warner Robins High School is located on 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Mrs. Veronica Sanders is the agriculture teacher and Mr. Steve Monday is the principal.

WRHS FFA Member Accepted to UNG Poultry Science Program

Warner Robins High School FFA member, Bonnie Lawrence is pictured reading her acceptance letter to the class from the University of North Georgia's Poultry Science program. She was accepted to attend Avian Adventures at UGA this summer from June 11-13, 2014. Bonnie was all smiles when she not only was accepted to the program but received a full scholarship to attend. The program taught her more about the Poultry Industry and helped with her continued pursuit of knowledge in Agriculture.

Pictured is Bonnie Lawrence. Warner Robins High School is located on 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Mrs. Veronica Sanders is the agriculture teacher and Mr. Steve Monday is the principal.



WRHS JROTC

The Houston County High School JROTCs were active over the summer break and Warner Robins GA-65 was no exception. Summer operations kicked off with the Houston County Summer Leadership Lab (SLL) at Camp John Hope. All JROTCs in Houston County participated in the six-day/5-night event. The concept of a cadet leadership lab is almost as old as the AFJROTC program. Instructors have long realized that a “finishing school” for the most promising cadets accomplished several things. It helped them hone certain leadership skills, making them more productive members of their unit. It provided them with the ultimate test of teamwork as they accomplished goals with cadets from other units. Finally, the cadet leadership lab boosted self-confidence and esteem as the graduate rose to a level of achievement above that of many of their peers. Curriculum included academics, physical training, marching, team sports and leadership labs. Over 100 cadets from Houston County JROTCs attended.



Cadets marching to chow



Warner Robins Summer Leadership Lab attendees

WRHS JROTC (Continued)



On 6 June, the GA-65 color guard performed at the Scottish Rite's annual flag ceremony recognizing various youth programs while honoring the flags of the United States. Numerous JROTCs in central Georgia participated. The event was open to the public and was well attended. Cadets Anthony Light, Austin Rivera and Nicholas Orcutt are pictured.



The cadet event in June was the GA-65 Top Staff off-site to Jackson Lake on 22 June. The purpose of the off-site was to plan for the next academic year and to foster teamwork. Activities included swimming, tubing and kayaking along with a working lunch and barbeque. The staff discussed what their Corps goals are going to be for the following year, developed their master schedule for the first semester, assigned points of contact to major events and developed their organizational chart.

WRHS JROTC (Continued)



July started with the 4th of July McConnell-Talbert Stadium Clean-up. Cadets began their AY2015 community service activities by thoroughly cleaning up after the fireworks event the night before. Cadets cleaned the stands, infield and parking lot early the next morning, keeping Warner Robins the model city we all enjoy.

During July 15-22, GA-65 senior cadets conducted the rising 9th grader orientation. Over 50 cadets attended the five-day introduction. Academics, physical training, marching, leadership activities and an Atlanta Braves baseball game were all part of the curriculum. Graduates of the course assumed leadership positions in their classes when school began. Pictured are some of the entering cadets who participated and the trip to the ballpark.

Finally, on July 28-29, the cadet Armed Exhibition Drill Team performed for the entering freshmen visiting Warner Robins High School for the first time. This team was selected by the Principal to represent not only the professionalism and dedication of GA-65, but Warner Robins High School as well.

Houston County High School

HCCHS FCCLA Attends National Leadership Conference



Out of a field of 33 candidates, Houston County High Family, Career and Community of America (FCCLA) member Shivani Dhir was elected as Vice President of Community Service, one of ten FCCLA National Officers at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas in July. She and her fellow chapter member, David Jefferson, will serve on the National Executive Council, and will travel to other states and conferences to advocate for FCCLA and its mission. Shivani and David's advisers, Lynsey Singleton and Jane Cooper will serve as their National Executive Council Advisers. This is only the second time in National FCCLA history for two officers to serve from the same school.

HCHS FCCLA Attends National Leadership Conference (continued)



Houston County High Family, Career and Community of America (FCCLA) member David Jefferson was elected as Vice President of Programs, one of ten FCCLA National Officers after a test of knowledge, interviews, speeches, and roundtable discussions at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas in July. He and his fellow chapter member, Shivani Dhir, who was also elected, made history, as it is the first time in the history of FCCLA that Georgia has had two National Officers to serve during the same year. David is the son of Dexter and Camilla Jefferson.



Houston County High Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter members recently attended the FCCLA National Leadership Conference and STAR Event competition in San Antonio, Texas. The conference, attended by over 7600 members, featured keynote speaker, Consuello Castilllo-Kickbush, who used her life as an example to inspire students to lead by serving others. Students had opportunities to attend workshops, exhibits and to network with others from across the nation. Competitors from HCHS who received GOLD medals in their events included Kelly Gunerman, Lohgan Vasquez, Cori Calvert, Emily Burgess, Emily Walker. Kaylee DeLeon and Taylor Hornsby received Gold medals with a perfect score of 100. Silver medals were awarded to Amber Wright, Desiree Singleton, Bobbie Melden, Madison Carlson, Kasey Leahy, and Dara Ogunsakin. Brittney Hammond received a Bronze Medal. Their advisers, Lynsey Singleton and Jane Cooper also attended the conference.

HCHS FCCLA Members Recognized by State School Superintendent



Dr. John Barge, State School Superintendent, recognized HCHS FCCLA members David Jefferson and Shivani Dhir in a ceremony in Atlanta on August 5th. Jefferson was recognized for his achievement of being elected as Vice President of Programs and Dhir was commended on her accomplishment of being elected as Vice President of Community Service at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas in July.

Houston County Career Academy

HCCA Mock Trial



HCCA Law & Justice Dual Enroll students had their End of the Year Mock Trial on May 19, 2014. There was overwhelming support from the community and parents. Judge Ed Varner, Jr., State Court of Houston County, Judge Bo Adams, Municipal & Juvenile Court of Houston County and Attorney Monica Wilburn presided over the court for each individual class block. The students were AWESOME!

HCCA Mock Trial (continued)

Students learned the principles of trial advocacy and applied those principles as they tried a fictitious case.



Involvement in the mock trial fostered increased self-confidence, improved analytical and speaking skills and the ability to work well with others.



HCCA Educators Attend 2014 GACTE Summer Conference



Row 1, left to right: Sabrina Phelps (principal), Aleena Bennett, Cindi Holly
Row 2, left to right: Paul Hibbitts (Chairman of HCCA board of directors), Will Smith, Cindy O'Mara, Mary Walker
Row 3, left to right: Jimmy Jones, Shanelle Bobo

Left- Cindi Holly, Work Based Learning Coordinator
Right- Sabrina Phelps, Principal HCCA

HCCA—Phelps Honored at 2014 GACTE Summer Conference



Pictured left to right: Doug Majors, ACTE President, Sabrina Phelps, HCCA Principal, Matthew Gambill, GACTE Executive Director, Kim Orrick, GACTE President

Sabrina C. Phelps was among 21 career and technical educators who were honored by the Georgia Association for Career & Technical Education during their annual summer conference, which met July 13-16, 2014 at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, Georgia. The summit drew over 2,400 career and technical education educators for the purpose of professional development. Nominated by their division peers and selected by an awards committee, each honoree was presented with a plaque naming them as their division's 2014 *Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award*. Each division recipient was then considered a nominee for the corresponding state award to represent Georgia in the Association for Career & Technical Education Region II competition.



Sabrina Phelps, Principal of Houston County Career Academy was recently nominated by Georgia Career Council of Local Administrators (GCCLA) for the Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize individual members who have displayed a dedication to the improvement of Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education's impact on the lives of individuals and communities. This award was established in 1985 in honor of the late Representative Perkins and is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the same humanitarian concerns exemplified by Representative Perkins.

Dionne Johnigan, President of GCCLA, is presenting the Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award to Principal Phelps at the 67th Annual Georgia Association of Career and Technical Educators in Atlanta, GA.

Bonaire Middle School

BMS FCCLA Recognized by State School Superintendent



Dr. John Barge, State School Superintendent, recognized Bonaire Middle School FCCLA in a ceremony in Atlanta on August 5th. Mia Napa attended representing BMS as they were recognized for their achievement of receiving first place at the national level in Leadership Service in Action. Their chapter used the King Arthur Bread Baking Program to present the art of bread baking to the 350 sixth graders. After their program, each student in the assembly received enough baking supplies to make two loaves of bread — one to share with their family and another to donate. Students donated 165 loaves of fresh-baked bread to the Salvation Army food pantry and the Cherish Children Day Care Center for low income families. BMS FCCLA chapter received a \$1,000 scholarship from the national office to help them attend the 2014 National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas in July.

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

Mossy Creek Middle School

MCMS Wins Gold at Nationals



Pictured left to right: Katie Hampton, Nikita Shetty, and Elizabeth Deal

Eighth Graders Nikita Shetty, Katie Hampton, and Elizabeth Deal win GOLD at FCCLA National Conference in San Antonio, TX with their STAR Event Focus On Children titled "Stranger Danger." Accompanied by their mothers; Christy Deal and Kirsten Hampton, they experienced leadership activities and large group sessions which were geared for them to SOAR in their communities, school, family, and FCCLA chapters with great success. Adviser, Kadie Griger, could not be more proud of their hard work, dedication, and success with their project.

Thomson Middle School

TMS Bringing Home GOLD!



Thomson Middle School FCCLA members, Jared Meck and Hamilton Mason won the highest honor at the 2014 National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas this summer. Jared and Hamilton received gold and the highest score in their category, Sports Nutrition. The boys started working on their project last October when they had to develop a healthy eating plan for a teenager that plays sports. They monitored the athlete's food intake and activity for a 2 week period. When the 2 week period was recorded, they established a plan modified for the athlete's needs.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a national Career and Technical Student Organization that provides personal growth, leadership development, and career preparation opportunities for students in Family and Consumer Sciences education.

For question please contact Ms. Leigh Cape, FCCLA Adviser or Dr. Walter Stephens, Thomson Middle School Principal at 478-953-0489. Thomson Middle School is located at 301 Thomson Street in Centerville, GA.



Welcome, New CTAE Teachers, Staff



William Smith, Jr.
HCCA, Engineering/Tech Ed



Aaron Munn
HCHS, Graphic Arts



Traci Jolley
NSHS, Business Computer Science



Regina Patillo
VHS, Marketing/DECA



Jeff Wilson
VHS, Agriculture



CMSgt Gerald Alexander
WRHS, ROTC



Ryan VanDalinda
WRHS, Business Computer Science



Katherine "Holly" Sheperd
BMS, FACS



Joey Hinson
FMMS, Business Computer Science



Jacqueline Bowman
PMS, Tech Ed/Engineering



Kayla Sadler
WRMS, FACS



Lorrie Nix
CTAE Secretary

Adult Computer Classes Offered

Beginning August 18, 2014 several Houston County School System employees will once again begin offering basic computer classes free of charge to our adult community. **All classes will be taught from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings.** Again, there is 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 Barbara Wall at 478-988-6222 ext. 10226.

Veterans High

August 18, 2014
August 25, 2014

Northside High

September 8, 2014
September 15, 2014

Perry High

September 22, 2014
September 29, 2014

Houston County Career Academy

October 20, 2014
October 27, 2014

Houston County High

November 3, 2014
November 10, 2014

Warner Robins High

January 12, 2015
January 26, 2015

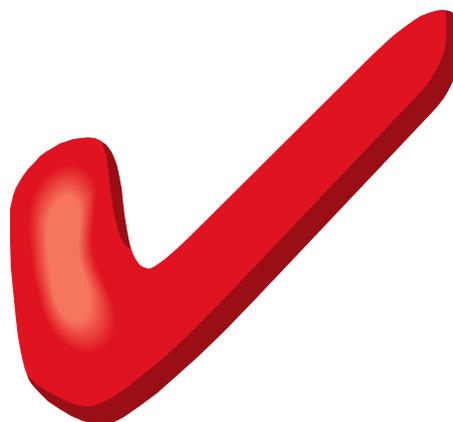
Houston County Crossroads Center

February 2, 2015
February 9, 2015



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4. Submit by the 5th of each month.
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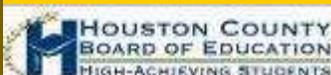
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