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Houston County Career Academy

HCCA SkillsUSA and Public Safety Pathway Students Begin a Partner's Club

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Partner's Club



"My ability is stronger than my disability"
Author Unknown

SkillsUSA along with the Public Safety Pathway students, began a Partner's Club at the Houston County Career Academy (HCCA). The Transition Academy has been a part of the Career Academy for three years and is active in most of the high schools in Houston County. HCCA's mission for sponsoring this club is to afford students the opportunity to explore the unique challenges of working with students who present a diversity of skill sets and learning abilities. This team approach allows students to embrace the differences in each other and promotes a healthy, successful academics-learning environment. SkillsUSA/Public Safety students along with the Transition students are able to form positive bonds and friendships while engaging in shared activities (decorating cookies, making friendship bracelets, playing Ladder Toss and Uno).



Houston County
Career Academy



Veterans
High



Northside
High



Warner Robins
High



Houston County
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Perry
High

Northside High School

NHS DECA Chapter Places in Region 10 Competition

Five students from the Northside High School DECA chapter placed in DECA's Region 10 Competition, held Friday, December 1st at Middle Georgia State University in Macon, Georgia. Pictured are Jaren Walker, 1st place in Job Interview; Jacob Lifsey, 1st place in Personal Financial Literacy; Alan Howard, 1st place in Sports and Entertainment Marketing; Empress Buxton, 1st place in Principles of Hospitality and Tourism; and Skylar Golden, 2nd place in Restaurant and Food Service Management. Their adviser is Elaine Tignor.

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NHS Marketing Education Program Completes Industry Certification



The Marketing Education program, taught by Elaine Tignor, at Northside High School recently had its Industry Certification visit. The Industry Certification distinction, coordinated with the Atlanta Chapter of the American Marketing Association, is awarded when a program can demonstrate that it is measurably better than standard, has excellence visible in many areas, and has superior quality in student performance. The standards evaluated include instruction, instructional staff, program mission and development, equipment/facilities, learning resources, DECA, the SBE (School-Based Enterprise), and the Advisory Committee.

Northside's Marketing Education program and instructor received rave reviews, and the students were commended for their enthusiasm, knowledge, and commitment to the program. Pictured are (L-R) Walter Burgess, Marketing Education Industry Certification Coordinator, students Nathan Green, Shania Adams, Kayla Morris, Jaren Walker, Jazmine Adams, Krina Patel, Dylan Johnson, Jacob Lifsey, Riya Patel, and Linda Smith, Georgia DOE Marketing Specialist.

NHS FCCLA Hosts Santa's Workshop for Eagle Preschool

The Northside High Chapter of FCCLA recently hosted an opportunity for parents of Eagle Preschoolers to spend an afternoon with their children completing holiday activities. The "Focus on Children" activity highlighted the importance of family involvement in the lives of children and the impact that it has on the community. This will be the theme of Jamia Williams's Star Event at region competition in February. During the event, the kids had a surprise visit from Santa.



Pictured at left is Courtney Flores and daughter Camila Flores



Pictured at right is Jamia Williams, ECE/FCCLA student with Santa and Parker Gallagher, Eagle Preschool Student

FCCLA Students at NHS Participate in Jay's Hope Thanksgiving Dinner

FCCLA students had an exciting opportunity to participate in a community service activity during the month of November by assisting with the Jay's Hope annual Thanksgiving dinner. Meagan Joyner, Alex Dimas and Mrs. Jessup helped children with art projects before and after the dinner. Students made Christmas ornaments, turkeys and thank you notes for the sponsors of the night.

Pictured left to right are:
 Meagan Joyner - FCCLA student
 Carla Jessup - FCCLA Adviser
 Alex Dimas - ECE, FCCLA student



State FCCLA President Speaks at Northside High School FCCLA Meeting



Georgia FCCLA President, Dedan McFadden from Houston County High School, was the guest speaker for the first FCCLA chapter meeting of the year at Northside High School. Dedan spoke to the group about preparing for Region Star Event competition, the new dress code for the State Leadership and National Leadership Meetings, and ways to get more involved in FCCLA. The members enjoyed his presentation and the opportunity to ask him questions about FCCLA.

Pictured left to right are:

(front row) Nya Strickland and La'Shadia Jimenez

(second row) Emily Wroblewski, Elizabeth Lockhart, Taylor Hodges, Shyteria Waters and Dekiya Gibson (third row) Jamia Williams, Alex Dimas, Emma Lewis, Dedan McFadden, Masona Fofana,

Ashunti Williams and Aniyah Plummer



Pictured at right is Dedan McFadden showing the red blazer that is part of the new dress code for FCCLA members.



NHS FBLA Students Visit Residents During the Holidays

As part of the ongoing partnership with the Warner Robins Rehabilitation Center, Northside High School FBLA students visited with residents at the Warner Robins Rehabilitation Center during the holiday season. Students sang Christmas carols to residents, handed out gifts, cards and fresh fruit. Residents reminisced about their holidays past and shared many wonderful stories with the students.



Students are pictured singing Christmas Carols to the residents. Pictured above (left to right) are: Eric Bateman, Mackala Dotson, Mackenzie Dotson, Dominique Diatta, Nahla Jordan Cater, Jamesha Brown and Laniya Pettis.



WRRC resident smiles with his gift, card and fruit.

NHS FBLA Hosts Member Annual Christmas Party

Over 30 members attended the annual NHS FBLA Christmas party. Students brought gifts to exchange with one another, snacks were provided and they watched the movie "The Grinch."



Christmas Refreshments were served.

NHS FACS Classes Practice Etiquette

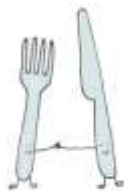
Northside High students in Jill Masee's Family and Consumer Science classes hosted guest speaker, Sondra Graham. Ms. Graham is founder of House of Edens Christian Finishing School. She spoke with students about table etiquette. Students also learned the importance of manners in the workplace and how important good etiquette is in securing a job. Good manners can help a person be more polished and can help a person feel more confident in an interview. Sometimes skills alone will not land you the job, but your ability to make others feel comfortable and your manners will give you the tools needed to be successful. The students learned that it is important to show the best of themselves, and first impressions can be lasting impressions. They enjoyed practicing what she taught them after her demonstration.



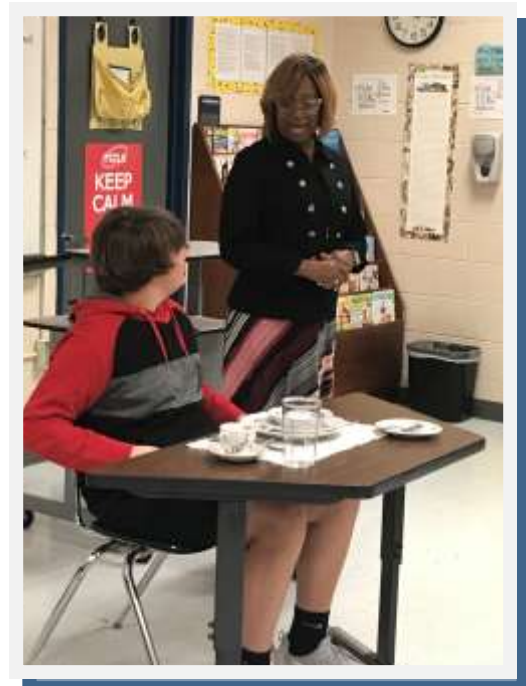
Pictured at left is Sondra Graham with Ta'Kayla Seabrooks, a FACS student and also her granddaughter.



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Ryan Simmons is pictured practicing etiquette with Sondra Graham.



NHS FBLA Students Attend Regional Leadership Conference



Congratulations to the following Northside High School FBLA members who won 1st through 5th place at FBLA Region Leadership Conference:

- Amir Hibbert - Spreadsheet Applications - 2nd place
- Jayden Catoe, Ryan Bilharowski and Stephen Lin - Graphic Design - 2nd place
- Tehuti Gillette - Help Desk - 3rd place
- Andre Hibbert - Computer Applications - 4th place
- Javier Guillen, Hoy Thurman & Spencer Tobler - Sports and Entertainment Management Team - 4th place
- Javier Guillen - Personal Finance - 5th place
- McKenzie and Mikayla Dotson - Intro. to Bus. Presentations - 5th place
- Karina Patel & Gabe Mooney - Graphic Design - 5th place
- Courtney Kemp, Janessa Smith & Alicia Wilson - Web Design - 5th place

In addition, 15 additional awards were awarded in 6th through 9th place.

Three students advance to state in Atlanta in March. They are Amir Hibbert, Andre Hibbert and Javier Guillen.

Congratulations to all these students on their accomplishments!

Javier Guillen is pictured posing with his award for Personal Finance.



NHS Business Communications Classes Participate in Hour of Code

On December 4, 2017, Mrs. Couillard's 2nd and 3rd period Business Communications classes at Northside High School participated in www.Code.org's World Wide *Hour of Code*. The purpose of this event was to create awareness and interest in coding and coding careers. Students were guided through coding of animated avatars such as Elsa from the movie *Frozen* and coding of Minecraft. When asked about the experience, third period student, Josiah Buxton, commented "It was an enjoyable experience that made me more aware of coding".



2nd period Business Communications class, pictured (left to right): Kadeja Wright, Danielle Gibson, Ronald Brown, Katelyn Brown, Spencer Boyett, Charlie Laster, and Marty Davis

3rd period Business Communications class, pictured (left to right): Remecia Brown, David Youngblood, Esmeralda Salas Naranjo, Troy Hobbs, Caalene Patino, Chris Reese, Harley Powers, Arohi Patel, Arvaliah Bell, Derrick Broner, Chakiyah Wesley, Brycen Sterdivant



Houston County High School

HCHS FCCLA Recognizes Member of the Month

In an effort to recognize outstanding FCCLA members, HCHS FCCLA recognizes a Member of the Month each month. The December Member of the Month was announced on the return to school and the start of spring semester and Mary DeTota was recognized with this distinction.

Mary has been very involved with FCCLA since middle school. This is her fifth year in the organization. Every year, Mary grows her leadership more and more. Mary has attended several FCCLA leadership conferences this year, such as Fall Leadership Conference and Fall Leadership Rally. She has also competed in several FCCLA events, such as the Georgia Peanut Recipe Contest, Chili Cook-Off, and STAR Events. Recently, Mary played a large role in helping the chapter orchestrate a service project that partnered with Middle Georgia Hospice to prepare homemade freezer lasagnas and ziti to families in hospice care for the holidays.



When asked how FCCLA inspires her, Mary said, “FCCLA inspires me to do more. FCCLA inspires me to be confident, get involved, serve, and be a leader. I look forward to going farther in leadership opportunities through FCCLA and helping other students and community members see why FCCLA is “The Ultimate Leadership Experience!”

This initiative of recognizing a Member of the Month supports FCCLA’s 3 R’s of Membership: recruit, retain, and recognize members!

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.

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

HCHS FCCLA Students Attend Meeting in Washington, D.C.



Pictured above are FCCLA members and officers from across the state. The HCHS FCCLA members featured are: 3rd Row, Far Left and Middle: Emory Jolley and Dedan McFadden (Georgia FCCLA State President); 2nd Row (Left): Henry Pham; Front Row (Left): Illiana Esquivel

Family and Consumer Sciences students from across the nation attended the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Cluster Meeting in Washington, D.C. this past November. Students became “Inspired by FCCLA” by attending conference sessions and leadership workshops, exploring the history of our Nation’s Capital, and competing in competitions against schools from across the nation.

This conference provided an opportunity for FCCLA members and advisers to come together to expand leadership skills, sharpen talents, and explore opportunities in Family and Consumer Sciences. FCCLA members are always striving to make a lasting impression within their families, schools, and communities, and National Cluster Meeting was the perfect opportunity to help students strengthen their leadership skills and become a positive advocate for FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences.

Prior to the conference, four HCHS FCCLA members, Dedan McFadden, Henry Pham, Illiana Esquivel, and Emory Jolley, explored leadership further by participating in FCCLA Capitol Leadership. Capitol Leadership gave these FCCLA members the opportunity to learn about government and advocacy and allowed them to take their

skills to Capitol Hill where they met with legislators to promote FCCLA, FACS, and CTAE.

HCHS FCCLA pushed their leadership further by taking initiative in competitive event opportunities offered at National Cluster Meeting. The Houston County High School FCCLA LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Team competed in the qualifying rounds at National Cluster Meeting and have advanced to the final LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl rounds which will take place at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta this summer. The HCHS FCCLA LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl competitors were: Emory Jolley, Matthew Manion, Vinit Patel, Elizabeth Deal, and Nikita Shetty.

Pictured at right are: (back row) Raj Patel, Preet Patel, Alex Pry, Shweta Patel, Tierra Morrow, Matthew Manion, Vinit Patel, and Marcus Milton (middle row) Zwadia Bradley, Laurel Gaskin, Reagyn Glover, Nyla Bester, Wahome Muriuki, Nikita Shetty, Elizabeth Deal, Jordan Nguyen; Front: Maryah Booker and Brianna Martin



HCHS FCCLA Students Attend Meeting in Washington, D.C. (continued)



Back Row (Left to Right): Marcus Milton, Vinit Patel, Raj Patel, Preet Patel, Henry Pham, Shweta Patel, Dedan McFadden, Matthew Manion, Emory Jolley

Middle Row (Left to Right): Nikita Shetty, Tierra Morrow, Illiana Esquivel, Alex Pry, and Elizabeth Deal

Front Row (Left to Right): Wahome Muriuki, Reagyn Glover, Nyla Bester, Jordan Nguyen, Laurel Gaskin, and Maryah Booker



Maryah Booker, Brianna Martin,
Zwadia Bradley, and Laurel Gaskin

At right, Back Row:
Marcus Milton, Tierra
Morrow, Zwadia Bradley;
Front Row: Wahome
Muriuki, Brianna Martin,
Maryah Booker, Nyla
Bester, and Shweta Patel



National Cluster Meeting attendees came home from D.C. ready to inspire other FCCLA members to get involved and grow their leadership through opportunities within the organization.

Furthermore, HCHS FCCLA members are looking for opportunities to practice advocacy for FCCLA and FACS here within the local community. HCHS FCCLA's Vice President of Membership, Wahome Muriuki, remarked, "I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to travel to D.C. and attend the National Cluster Meeting with FCCLA. This conference was inspiring because I learned about leadership in a city that influenced our Nation by being built by courageous leaders. This conference educated me on how to proactively speak out for FCCLA and take the skills that the organization has provided me to make a difference in my community. Being in D.C. with FCCLA taught me that one small act of leadership can truly impact the world."



Back Row: Emory Jolley, Matthew
Manion, Vinit Patel; Front Row:
Elizabeth Deal and Nikita Shetty

Work-Based Learning

Northside High School Work-Based Learning Student Works at Poole Orthodontics



Harley Powers, Northside High School senior and second year Work-Based Learning student, is living her dream by assisting part-time at Poole Orthodontics. Harley started Work-Based Learning her junior year without a job. Mrs. Couillard, NHS Work-Based Learning Coordinator, was able to prepare and guide Harley to two entry-level jobs before she landed her dream job. Harley is planning to become a dental hygienist so working in an orthodontist's office is perfect. "Work-Based Learning is such a great class to take because it gives me the real work force skills needed after high school! It's also helps me gain valuable knowledge to carry with me forever," said Harley when asked about her experience with Work-Based Learning.

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Perry High School Work-Based Learning Student Works at Summerhill Senior Living Center

Perry High School senior, Julia Smith, serves as a Resident Care Assistant through the Work-Based Learning Program for Summerhill Senior Living Center. She also attends Georgia Military College as a part of the dual enrollment program. She balances her school schedule and college course load while working an average of 80-hours a month. Julia has thoroughly enjoyed working with the senior citizens by providing a warm smile, personalized care, and establishing a bond with the members. Julia is considering taking the 12-week Certified Nursing Assistant program this summer and changing her college major. Mr. Phil Garner and staff have enjoyed assisting Julia learn the job while working with her on employability skills and multi-tasking. The opportunity at Summerhill has been life changing for this student.



Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry, Georgia. Wesley "Del" Martin serves as Principal. Christopher McPhail serves as one of the Assistant Principals and CTAE Supervisor. Dr. Angela Birdsong serves as the Work Based Learning Coordinator.

Work-Based Learning Coordinators Attend Region Meeting



On January 25th, Work-Based Learning Coordinators from Houston County attended the West Central Work-Based Learning region meeting at South Georgia Technical College in Americus, Georgia. The meeting focused on the status of Work-Based Learning, upcoming Work-Based Learning events, and upcoming legislation that could affect Career-Technical education at both the high school and technical college levels. South Georgia Technical College President, Dr. John Watford, gave an informative talk about the many wonderful programs offered by his college and the great partnerships his college has with companies across the state of Georgia. A tour of the college was also a highlight of the day. Dwayne Hobbs, Program Manager, Program Delivery, Career, Technical and Agricultural Education from the Georgia Department of Education was also in attendance to share his perspective of Work-Based Learning and the work occurring at the state level.

Pictured is Work-Based Learning Coordinators, Dr. Monica Kearse (Veterans High School), Sandi Couillard (Northside High School), Katie Hankinson (Warner Robins High School), Cindi Holly (Youth Apprenticeship- Houston County Career Academy), and Sheila Jones (Houston County High School).



Mossy Creek Middle School

MCMS FBLA Attends Region Conference

Twenty eight MCMS FBLA students and their adviser, Robin Fobbus, attended the Region 5 FBLA conference at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia on January 26, 2018. The students competed in the Region 5 FBLA competition. Students celebrated at Sky Zone Macon with Bonaire Middle School FBLA after the conference.



The competition resulted in 13 top five wins for MCMS. The results were as follows:

1st place MS Office Concepts – Elle Kent

1st Place Creed – Deborah Jacklin

1st Place Business Spelling – Shiva Soundappan

1st Place FBLA Concepts – Elizabeth Thomas

1st Place Invention Convention – Britten Wood, Hailey Oneal, Jordan Willis

2nd place Parliamentary Procedure Concepts – Savana Smith

3rd place Social Media Concepts – Aubrey Byrd

3rd place Marketing Concepts – Lexy Smith

3rd place MS Office Concepts – Karli Stallworth

4th Place Career Exploration – Aubrey Byrd

4th Place Business Concepts - Imani McGhee

5th Place Business Math & Financial Literacy - Gracie Rogers

5th place Social Media Concepts – Karli Stallworth

Mossy Creek Middle School is located at 200 Danny Carpenter Drive in Kathleen, Georgia. Andy Gentry serves as Principal.



Mossy Creek
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Northside
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Perry
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Thomson
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Warner Robins
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Bonaire
Middle

Feagin Mill
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Huntington
Middle

MCMS FBLA Volunteers at Houston County Humane Society

Mossy Creek MS FBLA has chosen to volunteer monthly during this 2017-2018 school year at the Houston County Humane Society. Students and their adviser, Robin Fobbus, visit one Saturday a month for three hours in the morning to help with cleaning cages, washing bowls, washing towels and blankets, mopping, walking, holding and playing with dogs and cats. This service helps the regular volunteers and the animals. This experience has taught students how to give to their community and take pride in what they are contributing. Mossy Creek Middle School FBLA also sells hat passes at school on Fridays to raise money to donate to the Humane Society. The list of students who ask to participate is never ending and we hope to continue this service for many years to come. Thank you to the Humane Society and to the parents of the MCMS students who support our volunteer efforts.



Perry Middle School

PMS FBLA Students Host Better Business Bureau Visitor

Jason Blankenship from the Better Business Bureau visited FBLA Adviser Diana Phillips' classroom. He taught students about scams they should be aware of, leadership skills, and ethics. Students were grouped into teams and competed against each other. The team with the greatest amount of money at the end of the game was the winner. Students learned what could happen in real life (unexpected expenses), negotiating a price when buying an automobile, and how to be better prepared financially.

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



PMS FBLA Brings Home Awards from Region Leadership Conference

Congratulations to the Perry Middle School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter for bringing home 17 awards from the Region Leadership Conference on January 26, 2018! The results were as follows:

Katlyn Code	1st Place	Employability Skills
Abigail Phillips	1st Place	Business Math & Financial Literacy
Abigail Phillips	1st Place	Marketing Concepts
Kaylee Reed	1st Place	Employability Skills
Ava Slaughter	1st Place	Elevator Speech
Morgan McClain	2nd Place	Intro to Business Communication
Zoriyah Menefee	2nd Place	Career Exploration
Jaterien Walker	2nd Place	Invention Convention
Katlyn Code	3rd Place	Parliamentary Procedure Concepts
Dylan Jackson	4th Place	Intro to Business Communication
Zoriyah Menefee	4th Place	Microsoft Office Concepts
Kaylee Reed	4th Place	Parliamentary Procedure Concepts
Janasha Taylor	4th Place	Business Math & Financial Literacy
Janasha Taylor	4th Place	Marketing Concepts
Chloe Linton	5th Place	Business Concepts
Isis Swinson	5th Place	Intro to Business Communication
Katie Tran	5th Place	Employability Skills



Business Makes Donation to PMS FBLA for Fund Raising



Alex Guyse and Travis Streetman, from Cemex, generously donated 1,440 bottles of water to the Perry Middle FBLA chapter. This water was used to help raise money for expenses incurred throughout the year. Funds raised, from the water sales, benefit the chapter in a number of ways and a few include: community service projects, local competition, regional competition, state competition, national competition, conferences, training, and much more. PMS FBLA wants to offer Cemex, especially Mr. Guyse and Mr. Streetman, a special thank you for their support. They are helping us to help others!



Middle School Family and Consumer Science Teachers Attend Workshop



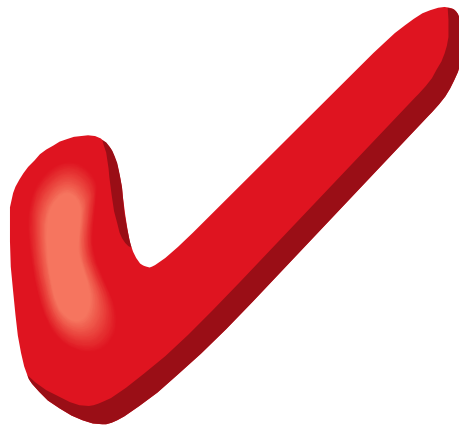
Family and Consumer Science teachers from Northside Middle School, Bonaire Middle School, Warner Robins Middle School and Feagin Mill Middle School had the great opportunity to attend the GATFACS Pre-Conference Workshop on January 25th at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Sherily Narker was a fantastic presenter from the Federal Reserve Bank. The focus of the conference was Soft Skills. The entire session involved the participants interacting with what employers are looking for in today's market. Teachers played networking games, branding games and survival games that focused on teamwork and watched excellent videos to use in their classrooms. In the afternoon session, teachers were able to take the Monetary Museum Tour which goes hand in hand with FACS by focusing on financial fitness. The day was extremely engaging and the teachers are already planning a field trip for their students.

Houston County middle school teachers attending the workshop and pictured above are: Ginger Caldwell, Northside Middle School; Amanda Hayes, Warner Robins Middle School; Hope Harrison, Feagin Mill Middle School; and Holly Anderson, Bonaire Middle School.



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2. Submit pictures as attachments, not within the document.
3. Submit only one *brief description* and accompanying picture(s) per email.
4. Submit by the 5th of each month.
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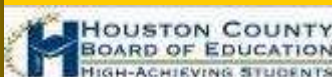
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