



## *CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students*

# Houston County Career Academy

College and Career Academy of the Year

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Tuesday, February 9th was a great day to be at the Georgia State Capitol where the Houston County Career Academy was recognized as the Georgia College and Career Academy of the Year. Pictured are Michael Chalmers, Kimberly Gunn, Tonya Holcomb, Sabrina Phelps, Eric Payne and David McDermott.



Perry High



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## Houston County Robotics Team Visits Georgia Tech for the FIRST Robotics Competition Kickoff



On Saturday, January 9th, the Houston County Robotics Team attended the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Kickoff at Georgia Tech. At the FIRST Robotics Competition Kickoff, the new 2016 robotics challenge was unveiled. This year's robotics competition is called: FIRST STRONGHOLD.

The FIRST Robotics Competition is where high school-aged teams compete head to head on a special playing field with robots they have designed, built, and programmed. Working with adult Mentors, students have six weeks to design, build, program, and test their robots to meet the season's engineering challenge. Once these young inventors build a robot, their teams will participate in one or more of the Regional and District events that measure the effectiveness of each robot, the power of collaboration, and the determination of students.

The Houston County Robotics Team is led by William Smith, Jr., an engineering teacher at the Houston County Career Academy, and by Tom Stahl, a physics teacher at Northside High School. The Houston County Robotics Team is composed of high school students from Warner Robins High School, Northside High School, Houston County High School, and Veterans High School.

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



## HCCA SkillsUSA Attends Region Competition



Congratulations to the Houston County Career Academy SkillsUSA Participants. They competed in six categories and placed in three. Kaitlyn NeSmith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Cosmetology; Kadeah Tolbert, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Job Skill Demonstration Open (Blunt Hair Cut); and Ciara Sturgeon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Prepared Speech.

Pictured above L-R Standing are: Ciara Sturgeon, Eric Colon, Drew-Bailey Clarke, Madison Richardson, Hunter Christopher, Lauren Hughes, Bria Cannon (rear), Kaitlyn NeSmith, Kaheah Tolbert and Kadyah Tolbert. L-R Kneeling are: Taylor Lee and Selena Stuckey.



# Northside High School

## NHS HVAC Class Hosts Speaker

Northside High School's Advanced HVAC class recently hosted Bill Moroz from Lincoln College of Technology. He spoke to the class about the Associate of Applied Science degree programs offered in Electronic Systems and in HVAC. Mr. Moroz works at the school's Marietta campus.



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

## Entrepreneurship Class at NHS Learns About Business Ownership



On Wednesday, February 24th, Stewart Scott, Northside High School Alum and owner of Stewart's Formal Wear, spoke with Mrs. Couillard's Entrepreneurship students about business ownership. He focused on factors to consider both when starting and when deciding to expand a business. He has been in the formal wear business since 1985 and also has been a fireman in Houston County for as long. Mr. Scott graciously answered several student questions regarding company ownership as well.



## FFA Students at NHS Share About Agriculture with Mossy Creek Middle Students



On February 11th, sixth graders from Mossy Creek Middle School visited Northside High School's agriculture department to gain some information for a STEM project they were working on in class. FFA president, Sarah Price, talked to the students about the Northside High School agriculture program and how it has affected her life. Additionally, FFA member, Skylar Holle, (pictured at left) talked in-depth to the students about Northside's aeroponics towers and greenhouse.

## NHS Students Learn About Soft Skills and Youth Apprenticeship Program



Kristine Thornburg, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator for the HCBOE, spoke with Sandi Couillard's classes at Northside High School about completing job applications, interviewing skills, the importance of making a good first impression, and Youth Apprenticeship. Mrs. Couillard is the Work Based Learning Coordinator at NHS.

## NHS Competes in SkillsUSA Region Competition



Back Row (Left to Right): Sam Mims, Mike Knowles, Cory Munson, Tyler Dunlap and Jarod Darley; Front Row (Left to right): Kayla Meredith, Tanner Bone, Maverick Hobbs, Seth Wilcox, Sherane Holmes



Above, Cory Munson competes in the electrical wiring contest.

SkillsUSA offers competitive activities in which students strive to achieve in a variety of occupational skill and leadership areas. Occupational skill contests include the building trades, health occupations, automotive technology, the electrical/electronics industry and personal services. Competitions begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. The contests are organized and run through a partnership of industry, labor and education. Southern Crescent Technical College hosted Region 5 competitions in Griffin on February 4th. Pictured are NHS Skills USA students that attended the competition.



At left, Kayla Meredith competes in Automotive Service Technology



# Warner Robins High School

## WRHS Hosts Adult Computer Classes



Warner Robins High School held its annual Adult Computer Classes on January 11th and 25th. Adults from the surrounding area received instruction in Introduction to Computers, Surfing the Internet, Basic Excel, Basic PowerPoint, and Social Networking (Facebook, Twitter, Skype). The students and faculty advisors of SkillsUSA, FBLA, FFA, DECA, FCCLA, and AFJROTC volunteered their time to make this event a huge success.



Warner Robins High School is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins. Mr. Steve Monday serves as the Principal.



## WRHS SkillsUSA Chapter Visits the Capitol Building



Warner Robins High School SkillsUSA members attended “SkillsUSA Day at the Capitol” at the Capitol building in Atlanta on Wednesday, February 10th. SkillsUSA members from around the state of Georgia came to advocate for and be a visual representation of the opportunities that technical education provides to Georgia students. Warner Robins High School SkillsUSA Advisors are Mr. Steve Waters and Mrs. Amanda Watson. The members pictured above from left to right: Steve Waters (Advisor), Greg Borinstein, Bailey Harrell, Mark Fortney, David Purser, Kevin Peets

The SkillsUSA logo features a stylized red and white checkered flag above the text "SkillsUSA" in a blue serif font.



## WRHS DECA Competes at Middle Georgia State University



Warner Robins High School DECA students competed at the Region X Competitive Events Competition at Middle GA State University on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. WRHS had 28 students compete and 13 winners. All of the students represented Warner Robins High School well. Leo Finkley, WRHS DECA President and the GA DECA President teamed with Tucker Hall from Houston County High School to lead the students throughout the morning with games and activities. The winners include:

### 1<sup>st</sup> place

Jaycee Hale  
Carla James  
Jeremy King  
Brittany Panton  
Brooke Reigel  
Anna Slaughter

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Holly Bass  
Peyton Etheridge  
Breonna Everett

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Autumn Martucci  
Nadia Medina  
Peayton Weigle  
Torrey Williams



## WRHS FCCLA Attends FCCLA Day at the Capitol



Warner Robins High School FCCLA attended FCCLA Day at the Capitol during FCCLA week.

The students were part of a larger group making their voice known to let the legislators know the importance of CTAE programs in our schools.

The following students attended: Caliegh Hortman, Andrea Minix, Haley Holtzclaw, Jessica

Tobias, Jaquanna Dickey, Ja'Kneeca Mercer, Dalton Scarlet, Santonia Morgan, Kaitlyn Martinez, Adaysia Bivins, Oscar Lorick, Kiah Wallace, Naveah Hill, Madison Seltzer, Selena Dixon. Shenyah Vance, Caitlin Harris, Rebecca Newman, Asiah Dugger and Shymia Lewis.

## WRHS FFA Members Compete in Science Fair Competition

Warner Robins High FFA members, Autumn Martucci and Carrie Cross (pictured at right) were dressed and ready for their Science fair interviews. This is the second year WRHS FFA members have competed in the Science Fair competition. The interviews were held at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins. Members completed the experiment using chicken feed and were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place and are alternates to compete at state. Mrs. Veronica Sanders is the agriculture teacher.





## WRHS SkillsUSA Chapter Attends Region 5 Conference



Shelbi Moncrief



Mark Fortney

Warner Robins High School SkillsUSA members attended the Region 5 conference at Southern Crescent Technical College in Griffin, Georgia on Thursday, 4 February. SkillsUSA members traveled across the region to compete in a variety of skills-based competencies associated with the CTSO. Members gathered in the events hall to kick off and close the ceremony.

Competitors from Warner Robins High School SkillsUSA were Lola Harrell (T-Shirt), Mark Fortney (Cabinetmaking), Mychal Jackson (Interview), Antionna Holmes (Prepared Speech), Shelbi Moncrief (Advertising Design). Shawn Alsager and David Purser observed. Advisors are Mr. Steve Waters and Mrs. Amanda Watson.

Mark Fortney took 3rd place in cabinetmaking and Shelbi Moncrief placed 1st in Advertising Design.



WRHS SkillsUSA region competitors eating at La Parilla:  
Left to right: Tracy Palmer, Amanda Watson, Shawn Alsager, Lola Harrell, Mychal Jackson, Antionna Holmes, Shelbi Moncrief, Pam Moncrief, Mark Fortney, David Purser and Steve Waters



David Purser and Mark Fortney carry cabinetmaking tools to the competition

## WRHS FFA Visits Warner Robins City Council



Warner Robins FFA members and advisor were excited to have the National FFA Week Proclamation signed at Warner Robins City Council on February 17th. National FFA Week is an opportunity for FFA members, alumni and sponsors to

advocate for agricultural education and FFA. It's a time to share with local, state and national audiences what FFA is and the impact it has on members everyday. All council members were given certificates to receive eggs from the school farm. Pictured are Warner Robins Mayor Randy Toms, Veronica Sanders, FFA Advisor, FFA President Erick Montoya and FFA Vice-President Porche Mann.

## DECA Continues the Tradition of Excellence ~ Demon Depot Achieves Gold Level Certification



The School-Based Enterprise, The Demon Depot, at Warner Robins High School was among 316 school-based enterprises in the United States achieving Gold Level Certification (or Gold Level Re-certification) this year and will be recognized at DECA's International Career Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The students who worked on the certification were Vibiana Gomez, Allianna Malloy and Megan Stafford, with the assistance of their advisor Stacy Summers. The Demon Depot at Warner Robins High School has operated for 5 1/2 years and has been gold certified for three years. Congratulations to these students for continuing the tradition of excellence at Warner Robins High School.





# Houston County High School

## HCHS FCCLA Members Visit the Capitol

Members of the Houston County High School Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter, along with 833 members from other FCCLA chapters across the state, attended the FCCLA Day at the Capitol on Monday, February 8th. Dara Ogunsakin, Georgia FCCLA First Vice President and Desiree Singleton, Georgia FCCLA Region 7 Vice President greeted chapters upon arrival.

FCCLA Day at the Capitol is an opportunity for Georgia FCCLA members to learn about the legislative process and why advocating for FCCLA is so important. In the morning, members took a tour of the Capitol and met with state legislators. Desiree Singleton, Dara Ogunsakin, Dedan McFadden, Owen Reslie, Isabella Trauth, Shweta Patel, and Rebekah Peterson, members of the HCHS FCCLA Chapter, spoke with Senator Larry Walker, III, Representative Shaw Blackmon, Representative Heath Clark and U.S. Representative Austin Scott during their visit to the Capitol. They discussed the value of FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences programs in Georgia and the chapter's involvement within the community. FCCLA Members were accompanied by Shonda McFadden, FCCLA Advisor.

FCCLA teaches students financial literacy, health and nutrition, career preparation, and early childhood development skills through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA is a unique organization because its programs are planned and run by student members. It is the only student-led organization with the family as its central focus. FCCLA has more than 220,000 members and nearly 7,000 chapters in fifty state associations, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than

ten million youth since it was founded in 1945.



**FCCLA Members pictured with U.S. Representative Austin Scott**



**FCCLA Members pictured with Representative Heath Clark**



**FCCLA Members pictured with Representative Shaw Blackmon**

Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins. Dr. Doug Rizer serves as Principal. For more information, please contact FCCLA Advisors Lynsey Singleton, [lynsey.singleton@hcbe.net](mailto:lynsey.singleton@hcbe.net) or Shonda McFadden, [shonda.mcfadden@hcbe.net](mailto:shonda.mcfadden@hcbe.net).

# Perry Middle School

## Army Veteran Visits PMS STARBASE 2.0 Club



Army Veteran, Richard Stewart visited our Perry Middle School's STARBASE 2.0 Club. He conducted STEM activities and spoke with students about Engineering/Computer Science careers on Monday, January 25th. Mr. Stewart is a former Chemical Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Explosive Yield Technician. He was primarily responsible for defending the country against the threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction. He is currently attending graduate school at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA and graduated from Mercer University in Macon, GA.

STARBASE 2.0 is sponsored by The Museum of Aviation. Jacqueline Bowman is the advisor.

Perry Middle School is located at 495 Perry Parkway in Perry. Thomas Moore serves as Principal.



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

## TMS FBLA Competes in Region Conference



Front – Amelia Jefferson, Sarah Riffle, Rebecca Thomas, James Hamilton  
Back – Ana McCan, Jayden Catoe, Ishaan Vyas

Thomson Middle School attended the FBLA Region 5 Leadership Conference in Macon on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students competed in online testing and the following students received awards:

- Ishaan Vyas – Business Calculations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- James Hamilton – Internet Concepts – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Rebecca Thomas – Computer Concepts – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Thomson Middle School is located at 301 Thomson Street in Centerville. Dr. Walter Stephens is Principal.

**James Hamilton—2nd Place**



**Ishaan Vyas—2nd Place**



**Rebecca Thomas—4th Place**



# Mossy Creek Middle School

## MCMS FBLA Volunteers at the Houston County Animal Shelter

During the months of October and January, FBLA students at Mossy Creek Middle School have been volunteering at the animal shelter. They have been cleaning cages, litter boxes, bowls and blankets and walking, holding and playing with dogs and cats who are waiting for their forever homes. They have had a great feeling while helping this great cause in the community! Please consider adopting when your family decides to get a new fur baby.

FBLA Advisor is Robin Fobbus. CTAE AP is Frank Kenney and Principal is Dr. Andy Gentry. Mossy Creek Middle School is located at 200 Danny Carpenter Drive in Kathleen.





## FCCLA Day At The Capitol



Youth from the Bonaire Middle School, Huntington Middle School, Northside Middle School and Warner Robins Middle School chapters of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) joined over 2,500 members at the Georgia State Capitol for FCCLA Week and FCCLA Day at the Capitol on February 10th.

The FCCLA Day at the Capitol is designed to stress the importance of being a young leader in their families, careers and communities. The purpose was to meet with Georgia representatives and senators about Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, Family and Consumer Sciences and FCCLA. Students had the opportunity to tour the capitol and learn about Georgia history. The group was able to meet Shaw Blackmon, one of Houston County's representatives.

Chapter advisors are Holly Shepard (BMS), Melanie Bratcher (HMS), Amanda Hayes (NMS), and Kayla Saddler (WRMS).



## Adult Computer Classes Offered

Houston County School System employees began offering basic computer classes free of charge to our adult community in August. **All classes are taught from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings.** 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 David McDermott at 478-988-6222 ext. 10226.

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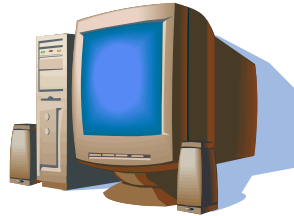
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Warner Robins High

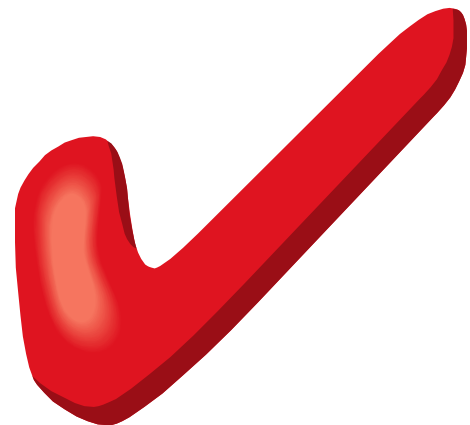


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1. Follow Wall of Fame instructions located on the CTAE page on SharePoint.
2. Submit pictures as attachments, not within the document.
3. Submit only one **brief description** and accompanying picture(s) per email.
4. Submit by the 5th of each month.
5. Submit to [lorrie.nix@hcbe.net](mailto:lorrie.nix@hcbe.net)





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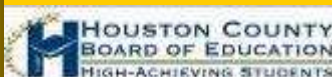
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