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

# Northside High School

## DECA Members from NHS Attend Fall Leadership Conference

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Seven DECA members from Northside High School attended the Georgia DECA Fall Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia held October 17-18, 2019. The students tested for the Statesman Award, with six of the seven receiving the special pin and certificate. Three students participated in the Marketing Management role-play competition practice, helping them prepare for Region competition that will be held in December. Thursday evening of the conference featured a Silent Disco for members to enjoy music and dancing, with three different music channels on the headphones and lots of fun interaction. Additionally, the students participated in leadership activities and competition workshops on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Those attending were Jayden Catoe, Nathan Hayes, Emmanuel Hughes, Kayla Morris, Chloe Warnock, Chanelle Washington, and Shyteria Waters.



Dr. Jody Dean serves as Principal at Northside High School which is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins, Georgia.



Northside High



Warner Robins High



Houston County High



Perry High



Houston County Career Academy



Veterans High

## Northside High School FCCLA Wins First Place in Membership Recruitment



Northside High School FCCLA Chapter recently attended Fall Leadership Conference at Camp John Hope. The students enjoyed participating in sessions that covered topics such as College Choices and Leadership. The highlight of the night was a Backyard Bash in which students and advisers participated in games and made s'mores by the campfire.

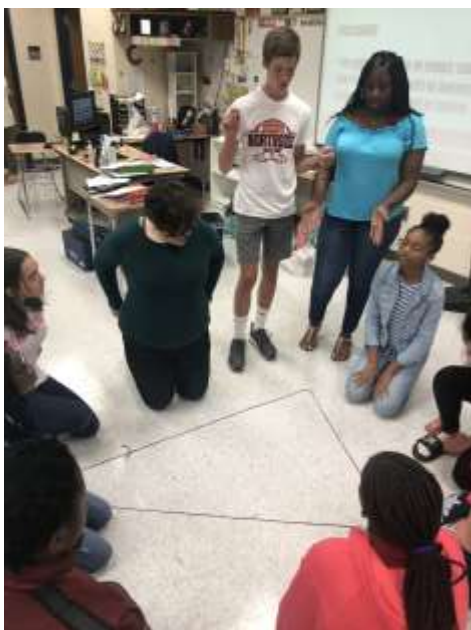
Northside students were so excited to hear their school name called as first place winner of the Membership Recruitment board. The board, created by FCCLA student, Bailey Jolly (pictured), featured a construction theme and encouraged students to join FCCLA and BUILD their story. The booth was made extra-enticing for students to notice by adding a work light that blinked in order to draw attention.

Northside FCCLA membership continues to grow as students are deciding to join in order to gain leadership skills, participate in community service activities and have the opportunity to compete in local, state and national competitions.



## NHS FCCLA Connecting with Middle Schools Preparing Their Club for the Future

These Northside High School students had a ball at Camp John Hope recently for Basic Training. The students participated in the low ropes course, games and archery. The great part is that they were able to network with future NHS FCCLA students from neighboring middle schools! The students also visited Thompson Middle School on another day and played games with the students during their monthly FCCLA meeting. The members love their future members and cannot wait for them to be a part of the club in the coming years!



**NHS FCCLA members are pictured playing team-building games with Thompson Middle School Students.**



**Pictured at left are: James Stephens, President; Heta Patel, VP of Programs; Samaya Scott, Historian; Dria Richardson, VP of Community Service and Jill Masee, Adviser.**

**NHS FCCLA members are pictured at right completing a low ropes course with the middle school students.**



# Warner Robins High School

## WRHS DECA Attends Fall Leadership Conference



Warner Robins High School DECA officers participated in the Fall Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel on October 17th and 18th. The officers attended several workshops focused on achieving success in DECA competitive events, as well as competing in a Marketing Role Play Event, and taking the DECA Statesman Exam.

WRHS DECA Officers pictured (from left to right): Tania Garland, Austin Booth, Dustin Harper, Mia Skinner, and Mikayla Hunt. Their Adviser is Ryan VanDalinda.

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



## WRHS FCCLA Visits Meadowdale Daycare

On October 23, 2019, Warner Robins High School FCCLA went to Meadowdale Daycare to distribute treat bags to the children. The FCCLA members also spent time with the children reading, role-playing, and building activities. The members make treat bags each year to distribute to the children. This activity has become one that the members look forward to each year.

The members who attended are pictured at right (left to right): Marissa Carlson, Mackenzie Dee, Jordon Ray, Nalayla Deery, Regina Whipple, Jillian Blank, Joe Solano, Wendy Solano and Kinsley Mirable.



## WRHS FFA Competes

For several FFA members, long hours of practice paid off as they competed in the Central Region Floral Design and Job Interview Career Development Event held at Rutland High School in Macon, Georgia. Competing in Job Interview was Madison Pease. Also competing and representing Warner Robins High was Rebecca Edelman, competing in floral design senior division.

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

FFA members also did a great job at the Region Rally and Georgia National Fair competing in several areas. Students also gained knowledge of the field of agriculture at the Sunbelt Expo. The winners and participants are listed below.



### Georgia National Fair 2019

- Jadon Pitts - Ag. Mechanics - 3rd place
- Chaveyon Buckner - Plant and Materials - 3rd place
- Madison Pease - Refurbished Ag. Mechanics - 2nd place
- Derrick Simmons - Ag. Mechanics - 2nd place
- Chelsea Mitchell and Cinthia Freeberg - Horticulture Minibooth - Honorable Mention
- Wendy Solano - Ag. Mechanics - 1st place
- April Mitchell - Ag. Mechanics - 2nd place
- Morris Chester - Plant ID - 2nd place
- Heath Bridges - Ag. Mechanics - 3rd place
- Amaya Bowden - Ag. Mechanics - 1st place
- Kattia Diaz - Landscape Plans - 2nd place
- Hannah Randles - Refurbished Ag. Mechanics - 1st place
- Andrew McGee - Ag. Mechanics - 2nd place
- Nik Buckner - Ag. Mechanics - 2nd place
- Montavious McClinton - Ag. Mechanics - 3rd place
- Chance McCants - Ag. Mechanics - Honorable Mention
- Chance McCants - Landscape Plans - 3rd place
- Kenyetta Robinson, Floral Design - 3rd place
- Zoey Maples - Floral Design - 2nd place
- Keon Williams - Minibooth - Honorable Mention
- Jasmine Bass - Plant and Materials - 2nd place
- Lucas Hall - Ag Mechanics - 1st place

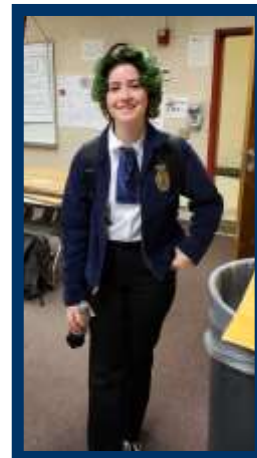
## WRHS FFA Competes (continued)

The winners and participants are listed below (continued).

### Georgia National Fair 2019

- Sam Cothron - Refurbished Ag. Mechanics - 3rd place
- Kennedy McIntrye - Hanging Plant - 3rd place
- Alex Jenkins– Birdhouse - 2nd place
- Caleb Franklin, Kenneth Cook - Refurbished Ag Mechanics - 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Rebecca Edelman - Ag. Mechanics - 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Rebecca Edelman - Floral Design - 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Demetrice Billings - Ag. Mechanics - 3rd place
- Fashundra Davis and Kennedy McIntrye - Minibooth - 3rd place
- Rebecca Edelman - Rabbit Show - Best of Opposite/2<sup>nd</sup> place overall - Dutch Breed
- Rebecca Edelman - Rabbit Show - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Netherland Dwarf
- Rebecca Edelman - Dairy Cattle - 6<sup>th</sup> in weight class
- Lucas Hall - Dairy Cattle - 4<sup>th</sup> in weight class

Pictured are FFA members in several CDE's, Sunbelt Expo and region rally. Dr. Veronica Sanders and Brian Rainwater are the Agriculture teachers.



# Houston County High School

## HCHS CTAE Builds Better Leaders with the Better Business Bureau

696 Houston County High School Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) students and faculty had the opportunity to engage in a presentation on business, finances, ethics, and more led by Jason Blankenship with the Better Business Bureau (BBB). This presentation was arranged and sponsored by the Houston County High School Work Based Learning Program.

Jason Blankenship led a dynamic presentation that perfectly aligned with key topics related to business and consumer decision making, such as: “The Reality of Truth” (a focus on ethics), “Safeguarding Privacy” (understanding identity theft), and “Deals on Wheels” (knowing how to make wise vehicle buying decisions). Mr. Blankenship also discussed the importance of developing a positive social media presence and explained how one’s social media image can impact future career outcomes. Mr. Blankenship varied his presentation topics between class periods in a way to connect students with a range of important consumer-based topics.

Cristina Espinoza, a Family and Consumer Sciences student at HCHS said, “Mr. Blankenship’s presentation had me thinking about his remarks even after the presentation was over. I learned a lot of information about honesty, ethical actions, and purchasing practices from Mr. Blankenship that will help me to be a wiser consumer. Mr. Blankenship’s presentation was definitely interesting and informative, approaching topics related to consumer decision making in a fun and engaging way for students to better comprehend and connect with such points.”

This presentation truly united students across CTAE pathways through a focused lesson on employability skills that will help all students, regardless of their career pathways, become better consumers and leaders within their futures.

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





## HCHS Fine Furniture and Cabinetmaking Earn Awards at GNF

Congratulations to the following students who entered furniture in the Georgia National Fair competition this year. Andrew Leborious received Award of Excellence 1st place (drafting table), 2nd place (dresser) and 3rd place (nightstands), Jacob Barkley (desk) got best of show and 1st place, congratulations to Kyle Balkum (rocking chair), Ryleigh Fischer (end table) and Aaron Bertrand (fishing rod mount) all for 2nd place. Nathan Leborious received 3rd place (dresser) and Hannah Hardin placed 1st and 2nd with two cutting boards.



## HCHS TSA Competes at the State Fair



Houston County High School TSA students did remarkably well competing in the TSA Tech Day at the Georgia National Fair October 7<sup>th</sup>. Houston County High School students placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Architectural Design and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Mousetrap Car Race out of 163 high schools. These students included Kyle Balkcum, Cheluchi Nwagbata, Max Maher, Bayabya Joshi, and Dev Patel. These two challenges required skills such as CAD drawing, building, assembly and a great amount of creativity.



HCHS TSA members also competed in the Structural Design Competition, the Robotics Challenge, and the Chapter Promotion Competition.

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# Perry High School

## PHS FCCLA Racked the Ribbons at the FCCLA Fall Rally



Youth from the Perry High FCCLA chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently participated in a motivational rally at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Over 3,800 students and advisers from schools across Georgia participated in the leadership rally session and competed in events. Along with other advisers and members from across the state, Perry High FCCLA Chapter Advisers, Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick, accompanied several members to the meeting.

The Georgia National Fair competitions began with students competing in the Annual Chili Cook-Off for high school and middle school students. The next day, students attended the 2019 FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally in Reaves Arena. The motivational rally was followed by the Peanut Recipe Contest sponsored by Georgia Peanut Commission, the Family and Consumer Sciences Knowledge Bowl, Culinary Knowledge Bowl, Middle School Knowledge Bowl and the Culinary Competition.

Perry High's Kelly Potter placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Chili Cook off with her Chicken Chili Conga recipe that wowed the judges. Mackenzie Burks placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Peanut Recipe Contest senior division with her Apple Peanut Salted Caramel Bites. Skyler Bullard placed second in Brochure Competition with her Brochure that focused on male membership recruitment. Jaylah Jones, Damon Negron, Devanshi Patel and Amelia Kelly place 1<sup>st</sup> in the Family and Consumer Sciences Knowledge Bowl. The chapter is also in the running to receive Superior Chapter which is determined by the Georgia National Fairgrounds competition department. Students and Advisers are extremely proud of this year's amazing accomplishments at the Fall Rally. Students were able to learn and display life skills as well as achieve their personal and chapter goals during this amazing event held by the Family Career and Community Leaders of America.



Mackenzie Burks - Peanut Recipe Contest - 4th Place



Kelly Potter - Chili Cook - Off 2nd Place

Skyler Bullard - Brochure Competition 2nd Place



(left to right) Jaylah Jones, Amelia Kelly, Damon Negron, Devanshi Patel  
FACS Knowledge Bowl 1st Place



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

# Houston County Career Academy

## HCCA Criminal Justice Students Participate in Constitution Day Jeopardy

Librarian Belle Bush and Library Assistant Hal Clay visited the Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) to participate in Constitution Day Jeopardy, as they have for the past seven years, with Dr. Cheronie Blunt's Dual Enrollment Criminal Justice students in an effort to educate the students about the United States Constitution.

Dr. Blunt teaches three blocks with an average enrollment of approximately 50 students across all three blocks. Using this figure as a guideline, the Library has served an estimated 350 students since the inception of the Constitution Day Jeopardy at HCCA.

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



**Celebrating Constitution Day 2019**

*First Block Winners in Dr. Cheronie Blunt's Criminal Justice Dual Enrollment class at the Houston County Career Academy. From L to R: Belle Bush CGTC Librarian; Eliana Morales; Treazure Embry; ; Maya Webb; Dr. Cheronie Blunt.*



**Celebrating Constitution Day 2019**

*Second Block Winners in Dr. Cheronie Blunt's Criminal Justice Dual Enrollment class at the Houston County Career Academy. From L to R: Belle Bush CGTC Librarian; David Heaser; William Reed; Juan Abarca; Krista Larson; Dr. Cheronie Blunt.*



**Celebrating Constitution Day 2019**

*Third Block Winners in Dr. Cheronie Blunt's Criminal Justice Dual Enrollment class at the Houston County Career Academy. From L to R: Belle Bush CGTC Librarian, Makayla Trowell; Alonna Simmons; Victoria Martin; Dr. Cheronie Blunt, and Joseph Adan ( Pictured separately).*



This gift bag shows the contents for Constitution Day Jeopardy winners.



## Culinary Arts Students at HCCA Visit US Foods



On October 24<sup>th</sup> the Houston County Career Academy's Culinary Arts students visited US Foods. US Foods® is one of America's great food companies and a leading foodservice distributor, partnering with approximately 250,000 restaurants and foodservice operators to help their businesses succeed. With nearly 25,000 employees and more than 60 locations, they provide our customers with a broad and innovative food offering and a comprehensive suite of e-commerce, technology and business solutions.

The Culinary Arts students were shown various careers in the Hospital and Culinary industries. Students observed how food is delivered and the many people involved in making shipments happen. Students visited the test kitchens and were able to see the creation of different food items.

What Culinary Arts students had to say:

Aliyah Hall, NHS: "The trip was very enlightening and exciting.

I was very surprised about the number of jobs that US Foods offers. Teamwork is more than just important it is essential."

Kamren Powell, WRHS: "The trip to US Foods was really a fun experience because I got to learn how products are stored and shipped out to major companies. I also got to see that there are many jobs in culinary that doesn't involve cooking."

Jason Phillips, VHS: "I really liked learning about the different career paths at US Foods. It was very helpful in creating an awareness of careers that are available to me after college."

Amya Smith, NHS: "I really enjoyed going to US Foods because it showed me I don't have to just be a chef in the food industry. It let me understand how important each role and personal contribution help the company run. I also saw the friendship, communication, dedication, reliability is in getting a job."



## HCCA Culinary Arts Students Receive CGTC ID Cards



Houston County Career Academy Culinary Arts students were excited to receive their Central Georgia Technical College identification cards. They are gearing up even more to experience the Dual Enrollment road. Chef Suni Wilson is the Instructor.



## Engineering and Technology Students at HCCA Win 3D Modeling Challenge



Engineering and Technology students Tyler Copeland and Cody Sampson won the 3D modeling challenge with their lampshade design. The students used the 3D Modeling software Fusion 360 to create their design and did a great job of staying within the parameters given to them. The students were able to 3D print the model using one of the Tier-time 3D printers in the Engineering lab.



## HCCA Engineering and Technology Student/Robotics Team Member Makes Preparation for the Team

Elexis Clark, an Engineering and Technology student and robotics team member, has been making banners and stickers on the Roland SG-540 Printer/ Plotter cutter. Elexis is skilled in Adobe Illustrator and is a valuable asset to both in the classroom and on the team. She is making sure Houston County Robotics Team # 3635, The Flying Legion, has a new banner and plenty of buttons and stickers to give out in the pits while the team is competing next year.



## HCCA Hosts Frito Lay Night

On November 12, 2019, Frito Lay's Craig Hoffman conducted an evening career opportunities session at Houston County Career Academy (HCCA). After a delicious Larry's Subs meal, Industrial Maintenance students and their parents learned about Frito Lay industrial mechanics jobs and about how graduating seniors could gain an interview with the company upon graduation. Two Houston County Board of Education (HCBOE) graduates, Christina Palmer and Griffin Arnold, spoke about their experiences at Frito Lay as a part of Mr. Hoffman's Cadet Program. To qualify for the Cadet Program, students must complete the Industrial Maintenance Pathway at HCCA, graduate from high school, and enroll in Central Georgia Technical College. Cadets are expected to complete their Associate's Degree while also working full-time at Frito Lay. Sabrina Phelps, HCCA Principal and CEO, and Sandi Couillard, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator for HCBOE, spoke about the wonderful Frito Lay partnership and how the hiring process works.



Craig Hoffman



Christina Palmer



Griffin Arnold



## Houston County Robotics Team Takes First Place at GRITS



Houston County Robotics, Team 3635, The Flying Legion, took 1st place out of 32 teams and the #1 rank in the Georgia Robotics Invitational Tournament and Showcase (GRITS).

GRITS is an off-season FIRST Robotics Competition. The Tournament and Showcase was held this year at Kell High School in Marietta, Georgia. The team has been proficient with the delivery of hatch panels and cargo during the entire 2019 season. The Flying Legion had two second place finishes at regional competitions in both Columbus and Albany Georgia. They finished strong at the state competition and qualified to go to the FIRST Robotics World Championship in Houston, Texas. A newly installed lift allowed them to climb both the low and high platforms helping to propel them into the #1 rank and be undefeated in matches leading up to finals. The team is looking forward to the Kick-off at Georgia Tech in January and starting the new "Infinite Recharge" challenge. They are determined to go back to the World Championship in 2020!



**Back Row:** Adrienne Cloud (Lead Mentor), Stan Wilkes (mentor), Adam Kotlarski, David Gentry (mentor), Henry McDuffy, Jonathan Newton, Isaiah Bailey, Natalie VanSlyke, Burno Grosskopf (mentor), Eli Hobbs, Will VanSlyke, Braeden Mahnke, Conner Long, Barb VanSlyke (mentor)  
**Front Row:** Maddie Applonie, Hailey Tayag, Anastacia Del Rio, Elexis Clark, and Jordan Conley.



## HCCA Teaching As a Profession Students Visit Board of Education



The HCCA Teaching As a Profession pathway students visited the Houston County Board of Education on November 12, 2019 with their teacher, Erin Morton. The first year students had their intern ID badges made in preparation for their one day per week internship that begins in January. In addition, the students toured the Board of Education building and heard words of encouragement toward their educational career from Superintendent, Dr. Mark Scott. The Teaching As a Profession (TAPP) students attended the November school board meeting and were recognized as honored guests.

The Teaching As a Profession pathway gives high school students the opportunity to learn about the teaching field through classroom instruction and internships.

Pictured above is Erin Morton with her first and second block students in the “old school room” at the Houston County Board of Education.

Below, TAAP students are pictured hearing from Dr. Mark Scott.



## Healthcare Students at HCCA Learn and Apply Real-Life Skills

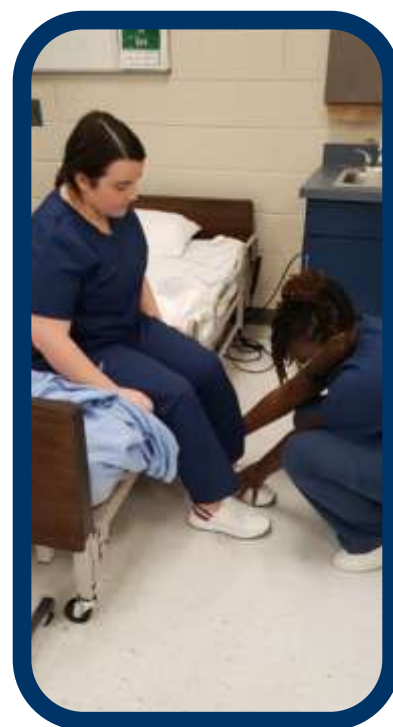
Patient Care Tech students attending the Houston County Career Academy are required to complete 24 clinical hours at a long-term care facility. These students are putting their skills learned in class into action at the Summerhill Long Term Care facility in Perry, Georgia. Each student is assigned to a CNA at the facility. They are doing skills such as bathing, feeding, vital signs, dressing, range of motion, using personal protective equipment and maintaining resident/facility confidentiality. Students report to the facility at 6:50 am and leave at 3:15 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Instructors Kathy Williams and Alma Rouse monitor the students throughout the day and each student keeps a log of all the skills they perform or observe in the facility. The residents love having the students there to assist them. The staff has given very good feedback on the students and the skills they are performing. The students have also been able to work in the memory care unit. They are enjoying the residents and staff and look forward to seeing and doing the skills in real time with the residents.



Asia Brooks (WRHS) and  
Isis Fleming (VHS)



Jordan Brown (NHS)  
and India Brown (NHS)



Hannah Schoonover (VHS)  
And Danethia Perry (NHS)

## Healthcare Science Students at HCCA Receive CPR/First Aid Certification

Healthcare Science students (sports medicine/patient care tech) are CPR/First Aid certified through the American Heart Association. Teachers Stephanie Burch and Kathy Williams, would like to give a big shout to Georgia Arrhythmia for assisting them with certifying a total of 57 students. These students are one step closer to joining the workforce as entry level healthcare providers.



# Veterans High School

## VHS FBLA Visits Frito Lay



**Pictured are: Front row (L to R): Ethan Pietz, Emily Vinup, McKenzie Capers, Brianna Stokes, and Madison Brown; Back row: Alex Beasley, D'Yonna D, Jimmy Vinup, Henry McDuffy, Landon Wilson, Alexia McNeal, William Reed, India Flemming, and Brelan Taylor.**

On Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, members of the Veterans High Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter had the opportunity to visit the Frito Lay Plant in Perry, Georgia. The group of students and adviser, Janet Sheffield, started the tour with an informational presentation from some of the employees who shared that Frito Lay began operations in its Perry facility on October 20, 1988, producing only two products. Now, 31 years later, the facility is the largest of Frito Lay's thirty-

one U.S. manufacturing plants, at a million square feet, manufacturing 15 product lines, and employing more than 1,200 full-time associates.

The tour guide showed the group various departments at the plant and showed the entire process of how a potato becomes a Lay's Potato Chip; from how the potatoes arrive and are cleaned, sliced, and cooked, then bagged and sent out to retail stores. Students were able to taste test fresh Cheetos, Funyuns, all flavors of potato chips, and Doritos that were still warm from recently being cooked. The group thought that it was amazing to see how potatoes and corn are processed into the products we enjoy out of our vending machines.

The tour guide raised the awareness about the modern dynamics and opportunities of a career in manufacturing. The guide explained the plant's apprenticeship program, which provides students the opportunity to receive high school credit for learning basic engineering and maintenance skills that will prepare them for entry-level manufacturing positions after graduation.

The Frito Lay tour concluded with the VHS FBLA students being given a nice parting gift, a generous bag filled with a sample of their products.

Dr. Amy Barbour serves as Principal at Veterans High School, which is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia.



## VHS FFA Meats Evaluation Teams Compete at State



Senior Meats team members include (L to R) Evan Bussell, Madison Jones, Hana Darley - state high individual, and Laney Delorme.

employment skills in the meat animal industry, expand their knowledge of meat animal marketing and merchandising, develop broader analytical skills and critical thinking strategies, and develop an understanding of appropriate meat terminology. The event also develops the ability to evaluate meat animal products in order to optimize economic returns to producers and industry as well as meet the needs of the consumer.

Jeff Wilson and Dr. Clay Walker are the FFA Advisers at Veterans High School.



Junior Meats Evaluation team members include (L to R): Brenton Davis, Autumn Boselie, Robin Hargett - State high individual, and Will Smith.



Congratulations to Veterans High School FFA Meats Evaluations teams. The Senior team and the Junior Meats Evaluation teams finished in 2nd place at the State Finals which were held at the University of Georgia on November 16, 2019. The Senior Meats team members are Evan Bussell, Madison Jones, Hana Darley, and Laney Delorme. Hana Darley was also the state highest individual scorer. The Junior Meats team members are Brenton Davis, Autumn Boselie, Robin Hargett and Will Smith. Robin Hargett was also the state highest individual scorer.

The Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event (CDE) is designed to provide a competitive event for agriculture education students, develop

## Work-Based Learning - Youth Apprenticeship

### Meet Northside High School and Work Based Learning Student, Dylan Pope



Dylan Pope works at Cast Iron Catering in Macon where he is a server. His job responsibilities include: setting up the tables, tableware, food, providing a cake cutting service and bussing the tables.

Last year he had the opportunity to work one of their events and enjoyed it so much, he asked to work another event and the rest is history. "A family friend introduced me to the company and I really enjoyed the rush of putting an event together," says Pope. He is now a part of their core staff for all events including the 2019 Bollywood Ball for

the International Cherry Blossom Festival, Mercer Athletic events in addition to weddings and various corporate events. "At every event I work, I learn something new," says Pope.

Pope completed the Financial Services pathway. He said "the financial information I learned in the classroom helped me understand the business side of the catering job, it all makes more sense now."



Pictured below (l to r) are: Bollywood Event table set-up, Bollywood Menu and Cast Iron Catering Staff at the event.



## Houston County's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator Named to Georgia Work-Based Learning's 2019 Top Gun Recognition Program



**Pictured above are: Courtney Freels, WBL West-Central Region Chairperson, Richard Woods, Georgia's State School Superintendent, Barbara Wall, Georgia Department of Education; Director of Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education, and Sandi Couillard Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator for Houston County.**

During the Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Conference held at Lake Lanier Islands in October, Houston County's own, Sandi Couillard was named to Georgia Work-Based Learning's 2019 Top Gun recognition program. Top Gun began five years ago where thirty of the state's top coordinators are invited to participate in Top Gun training each June. Coordinators are selected based on data obtained from the WBL Annual Assessment and the YAP Annual Assessment, with additional points added for serving on the WBL State Executive Board.

While attending the conference, Couillard also served as a facilitator for several professional development sessions and made a presentation of her own called "Super Signing Days." She is in her second year as the county's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator. She is a former Work-Based Learning Coordinator and Business teacher at Northside High School in Houston County and also currently serves on Georgia's Work-Based Learning State Board as the West-Central Region's co-chairperson.

Congratulations to Sandi Couillard on being named to the 2019 Top Gun program.





## NHS, PHS and WRHS Air Force JROTCs Earn “Exceeds Standards”



Three Houston County High School (Northside, Perry and Warner Robins) Air Force JROTC Programs earned “Exceeds Standards” ratings on their Unit Evaluations held 22-24 October 2019. Exceeds Standards is the highest rating attainable, having three programs in the same county all earn the highest rating in the same year is extremely rare.

All AFJROTC programs must successfully complete an inspection every three years. According to Colonel Stephens T. Sanders, Air Force JROTC Director, the purpose of a Unit Evaluation is to provide feedback regarding the unit’s ability to comply with standards set by Public Law, Department of Defense and Air Force Instructions as well as the written agreement that exists between the school district and the Air Force.

All three AFJROTCs earned accolades for being “cadet led” programs allowing cadets to learn leadership skills, followership skills, serve their community and become better citizens. Being a cadet led program is essential to the success of an AFJROTC unit. The above-mentioned units are commanded by Cadet Colonels Willem Wilcox (NHS), Abbie Spears (PHS) and Cassidy Sweet (WRHS). All aspects of their programs were meticulously inspected. Cadets demonstrated ownership and comprehension of operations to include areas such as logistics, information management, physical fitness, drill, recruiting and public affairs. Several top performers were singled out for going above and beyond the norm. These cadets were C/Maj Ashley Green, C/Capt Micha Raley, C/Capt Harley Flynn, and C/2Lt Luis Duffy (NHS); C/Col Abbie Spears, C/Lt Col Jacob Wilson, and C/MSgt Chloe Symmes (PHS); and C/Lt Col Aaron Nelson, C/Major Sierra Torres, C/Capt Dalvin Woods and C/CMSgt Akeria Harris (WRHS).

Each Houston County unit contributes to the overall success of all Houston County AFJROTCs. Specifically, Northside plans and executes county-wide competitions and events to include Military Ball, the Bataan Death March and the County Orienteering Meet. Perry oversees the Cadet Leadership Course: a week-long over-night leadership school held at Camp John Hope attended by over 150 cadets. Warner Robins runs the County Rocketry Meet and the County Field Day competition. All of these programs are highly successful, received accolades from the inspector and have set the standard for other AFJROTCs to emulate.

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WRHS Cadets Woods, Nelson, Torres and Harris



PHS Cadets Spears, Wilson and Symmes



NHS Cadets Green, Raley, Flynn and Duffy

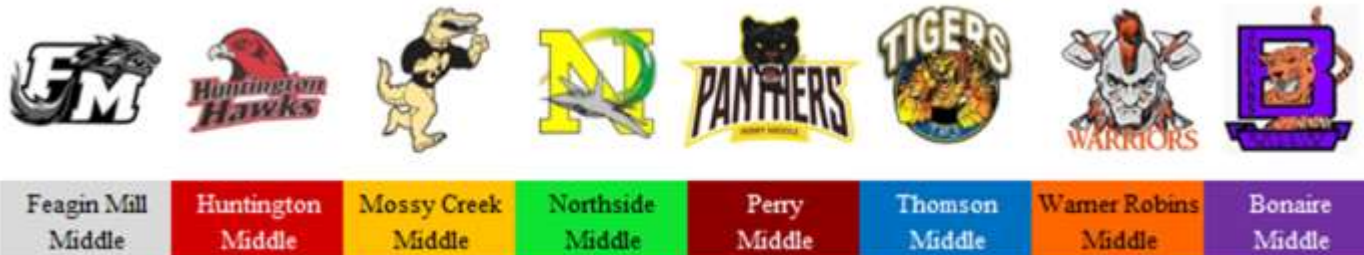
# Huntington Middle School

## HMS FCCLA Attends Fall Leadership Conference



Huntington Middle School FCCLA attended the FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference November 5-6 at the FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, GA. While attending the conference, students had the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication necessary in the workforce. Activities at the conference included personal and professional development workshops, competitive events, and a motivational general session. The chapter won 3rd place in the middle school division of the Membership Recruitment Display competition. Attending the conference were Styeria Barney, Tamar Askew, M'Kaiyah Orange, Kaleb Young, Drequan White, Lilly Hardy, Jenson Bundy, Laina Therrien, Anna Summers, Shamyla Vance, Ardalhia Cainion, Josef Askew, Aryn Myles, and Imani Bundick. Melanie Bratcher serves as FCCLA Adviser.

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



## Perry Middle School

### PMS Business and Computer Science Class Prepares for Their Future

Perry High School CTAE Teacher, Tameka Price, and Houston County Career Academy Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, visited FBLA Adviser Dr. Diana Phillips' Business and Computer Science class at Perry Middle School on November 7th. They taught students about proper interview skills, expectations in the workplace, the importance of a first impression, and opportunities available to them at the high school level - Perry High and Houston County Career Academy. Students engaged in a mock interview and were questioned about appropriate attire for a job interview.

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



## PMS BCS Class Assemble Mini-Computers

JavaScript and mini-computers were the happening event in Dr. Diana Phillips' Business and Computer Science class at Perry Middle School on November 15, 2019. Dr. Phillips, PMS FBLA Adviser, invited Bridget Willis from Central Georgia Technical College to present a Computer Science lesson. Ms. Willis is the Division Chair/Instructor of Computer Programs at CGTC. Ms. Willis brought Raspberry Pi 3 kits (mini-computers) that the students assembled. Students not only assembled them, but listed the parts on the motherboard and their functions. As the mini-computers were constructed, Ms. Willis explained how the mini-computers can be used with robots and other devices. Additionally, she brought a JavaScript code that created a multiplication table in html. Students keyed the code into Notepad and saved it as an html. They then used a browser to open the code. Their only challenge then was deciding how big they wanted their table to be.



## BCS Classes at PMS Learn About Invention and Innovation



With STEM curriculum being encouraged in most all aspects of education, Dr. Diana Phillips, FBLA Adviser and Business and Computer Science teacher at Perry Middle School, had Georgia Power's Education Coordinator, Tosha Morell, come and educate students about invention and innovation on November 5, 2019. With an electronic presentation and tangible projects, students took an in-school field trip into invention and innovation. Students were placed into groups and given snap circuits. By following the instructions and putting together all the pieces, students were educated about open and closed circuits. They learned that when circuits are not closed, electricity cannot flow. Mrs. Morell explained what happens when a tree falls on a power line and how Georgia Power reroutes (switches) electricity, so customers are not without power. Participants practiced Morse Code and lit-up a meter to indicate a closed circuit and the ability to reroute/switch the flow of electricity. She concluded her presentation by giving participants wireless earbuds to keep – these reflect innovation. More information about the program can be found at [GeorgiaPower.com/learningpower](https://www.gapower.com/learningpower) #PoweringEducation.



## FBLA at PMS Attends FBLA Fall Leadership Conference



Twenty-four Perry Middle School Future Business Leaders of America members and their Adviser, Dr. Diana Phillips, attended the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia on November 12-13, 2019. Members toured the UGA campus, attended leadership training sessions, learned about networking, and competed in open events testing and the annual monopoly tournament. The conference was laden with education, excitement, and valuable business leadership training.



## FBLA at PMS Attends Fall Motivational Rally at the Georgia National Fairgrounds



On October 10, 2019, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Perry Middle School chapter attended the Fall Motivational Rally held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Members attended a program where they were introduced to their FBLA State Officers and were entertained by a young entrepreneur who was once herself an FBLA State Officer. Members were able to participate in a video competition that encouraged others to join FBLA and develop a website on financial literacy as per the chapter's Adviser, Dr. Diana Phillips.



## PMS FCCLA Students Win Awards at the Georgia National Fair



Perry Middle FCCLA takes 1st place in the Chili Cook Off at the Georgia National Fair. Congratulations to Marquita Jackson!



Congratulations to Mary Carver for 4th place in the FCCLA peanut recipe contest at the Georgia National Fair.

## Advisory Committee Meeting Attended by FBLA Advisory Committee Members

A special thanks goes to all the 2019-2020 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Advisory Committee members that attended the bi-annual meeting held October 24, 2019 at Veterans High School. Committee members consisted of business owners, education personnel, FBLA chapters (Bonaire Middle, Perry High, Perry Middle, and Veterans High), and Work-Based Learning participants. These individuals serve to bridge the lacuna of desired employability skills and connect business and education by working with educators to meet the needs of our community through eyes of our local employers. The following participants were in attendance: Jeff Sans, VHS WBL Coordinator; Dr. Diana Phillips, PMS BCS Teacher; Belinda Collier, VHS CTAE Tech Teacher; Karen French, Persons Banking Company; Nathan Poole, State Farm; Jamie Cook, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership; Tameka Price, PHS WBL Coordinator; Kayla Horton, PHS Officer; Blake Dunbar, PHS CS Teacher; Kelly Potter, PHS Officer, Gayle Hardwick, PHS Teacher; Dawn Jerles, Robbins and Free; Melanie Hudson, PHS Counselor; Blair Brown, Flint Energies; Lori Johnson, State Farm; Pamela Owens, VHS Counselor; Janet Sheffield, VHS Teacher; Alexia McNeal, VHS FBLA Officer; Brett VanLeuven, VHS FBLA Officer; Dr. Monica Kearse, PHS CTAE Administrator; and Dr. Sherry Johnson, VHS CTAE Administrator.





## Bonaire Middle School

### BMS FCCLA Students Attend Fall Leadership Rally

Youth from the Bonaire Middle School chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently participated in a motivational rally held on Wednesday, October 9th at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Over 3,800 students and advisers from schools across Georgia participated in the leadership rally session and competed in events. Along with other advisers and members from across the state, Bonaire Middle School's FCCLA Chapter Adviser, Ginger Caldwell, accompanied eight members to the meeting.

The Georgia National Fair competitions began on Tuesday, October 8th with students competing in the Annual Chili Cook-Off for high school and middle school students. The next day, students attended the 2019 FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally in Reaves Arena. The motivational rally was followed by the Peanut Recipe Contest sponsored by Georgia Peanut Commission, the Family and Consumer Sciences Knowledge Bowl, Culinary Knowledge Bowl, Middle School Knowledge Bowl and the Culinary Competition.

Bonaire Middle School earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Fair Booth competition and Alumni and Associates Brochure. After four heats of knowledge bowl competition the students earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place. BMS FCCLA participated in Squash recipe, Peanut Recipe and Chili Cook Off. Students had a lot of fun but also learned a lot. They really loved all the great food, competitions and fair rides. The chapter always looks forward to Fall Rally every year. Students said that the speaker this year really did a great job by moving them with music.

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

Allyson Keenom serves as Principal at Bonaire Middle School which is located at 125 Highway 96 East in Bonaire, Georgia.

Tate Robinson, Bryani Odum-Smith, Abigail Lopez, Lily Maddox and Traci Bryant, Director



Front row: Lily Maddox, Abigail Lopez and Ali Bremner; Back row: Hensley Jones, Bryani Odum-Smith, Laney Davis and Tate Robinson.



## BMS FCCLA Students Attend Fall Leadership Conference

Youth from the Bonaire Middle School Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently participated in a leadership conference held November 5-6, 2019 at the FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia. Over 1,200 students and advisers from 200 schools across Georgia participated in leadership workshops, planned the chapter's program of work and participated in competitions at this location. Students were motivated by the conference theme "Growing as Leaders." Along with other advisers and members from across the state, Bonaire Middle School's FCCLA chapter Adviser, Ginger Caldwell accompanied 11 members to the meeting.

Chapters also had the chance to compete in several events including: T-shirt Design, State Lapel Pin Design, Membership Recruitment and Statesman Award. The chapter participated in every event. Mollie Mize and Caitlin Harmon, Co-Vice Presidents brought home a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Membership Recruitment competition. Kayleigh Carman participated in every leadership session and won an iTunes gift card. The chapter appreciates the continued support from the Bonaire Middle School family and community. Without the support of this entire Bonaire Family, this learning experience would not be possible. BMS, WRMS, HMS and NMS chapters want to thank Stacey McDuffie from BMS for being their chaperone and bus driver!



Emma Rice, Daviona Russ, Abby McLean, and Abigail Lopez.



Mollie Mize and Caitlin Harmon - 2nd Place State Winners Recruitment Board.



Mollie Mize, Caitlin Harmon, and Jacoby Lavalley.



Solomon Avery, Kayleigh Carman, Ali Bremner, Jazmine Frederick

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## High School CTAE Supervisors



Pictured are: (front row) Sherry Johnson, VHS; Monica Kearse, PHS; and Sabrina Phelps, HCCA; (back row) Russell Lawley, NHS; and Tom Seward, WRHS. Not pictured is Karma Hayes, HCHS

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Pictured are: (front row) Lisa Hill, BMS; Jami Moore, TMS; Kizzy Johnson, PMS; and Cameron Andrews, WRMS; (back row) Frank Kenney, MCMS; Anthony Blasingame, HMS; Greg Ellison, NMS; and Dee Thomas, FMMS.

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