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### **HCCA Student Named Regional Work-Based Learning Student of the Year**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) and Perry High School Class of 2020 graduate, Jaylah Jones, has been named the Work-Based Learning Student of the Year for the West Central Region of Georgia. Jones, along with the six other regional winners from across the state, are now competing for the overall Georgia title.

Jones will be recognized at the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education (GACTE) Conference scheduled July 15-16, 2020, during a virtual ceremony. The state winner will be also be announced during this event.

Jones was enrolled in the HCCA *Teaching as a Profession* program and a paid intern in the school district through the Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP). During the program, she took classes examining contemporary issues in education, attended a conference for future educators, and worked with a host teacher to gain hands-on experience. The district's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard,

nominated Jones for the award.

"It has been an absolutely pleasure working with Jaylah during her YAP participation," said Couillard. "I was fortunate to observe her teach many standards-based lessons. Each time, Jaylah's great enthusiasm and teaching techniques resulted in student engagement and learning. She is going to be a great career teacher!"

The YAP is work-based learning which combines high school coursework with on-the-job training specific to a post-secondary credential. Through this program, business and industry help prepare students for the world of work and provide Georgia with a highly skilled, technologically competitive workforce.

The Houston County Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins. Principal Sabrina Phelps may be reached at 478-322-3280 or [Sabrina.Phelps@hcbe.net](mailto:Sabrina.Phelps@hcbe.net). To learn more about Georgia's work-based learning or YAP, please visit <https://gawbl.org/index>. For more information about HCCA programs, visit the school [website](#).

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