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Perry High School

PHS AFJROTC Student Receives College Scholarship

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Perry High School senior Cadet Colonel Abbie Spears has been selected for an Army ROTC 3-year college scholarship. The Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) partnered with Army ROTC to provide at least 20 “Bootstrap Scholarships” for Georgia high school seniors. GAEL invited superintendents across the state to nominate one student from their district for this scholarship. Spears was nominated by Houston County’s Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mark Scott.



Those awarded this scholarship are outstanding scholars, athletes and leaders who met this criteria: play varsity sports; involved in school and community; and have a minimum of a 1,000 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT. C/Col. Spears exemplifies these qualities. She served as Cadet Corps Commander for Perry High’s Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC). As Corps Commander, she was responsible for the operation of the Cadet Corps overseeing a staff of 25 and a corps of 135 cadets. Her responsibilities included fulfillment of the goals, objectives and operations outlined in AFJROTC guidance. In addition, she was responsible for the establishment and enforcement of appearance standards, efficiency, training and conduct. Through her outstanding leadership, she led the Cadet Corps to an “Exceeds Standards” rating on their most recent HQs AFJROTC unit inspection. During her four years of AFJROTC, she earned over 520 hours of community service.

C/Col. Spears maintained a 4.0 GPA at Perry High and participated in Varsity Soccer, Volleyball and Wrestling. She was also a member of the AFJROTC Drill Team and Color Guard. She won numerous awards, including second place at the YAM Houston County Art Show, Honorable Mention at the Georgia National Fair, and Georgia Capitol Art Show Exhibition with Georgia Legislators. C/Col. Spears has also received the Silver Star Community Service with Excellence Award. Her AFJROTC awards include Military Order of World Wars Award, National Sojourners Award, Top Performer Award - presented to only top 2% of AFJROTC cadets – two Outstanding Cadet Ribbons and more.

Spears plans to attend Georgia Southern University to pursue a degree in nursing. Bootstrap Scholars commit to serve in the U.S. Army for at least four years active duty, plus four years Individual Ready Reserves. An option is to serve eight years in the Reserve or National Guard.

Lt. Col. (ret) James “Greg” Bailey recommended C/Col. Spears to Dr. Scott. Lt. Col. Bailey serves as the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor for Perry High School’s AFJROTC Unit GA-066. Perry High is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry, Georgia. Mr. Wesley “Del” Martin serves as Principal and may be reached at 478-988-6298.



Perry
High



Houston County
Career Academy



Veterans
High



Northside
High



Warner Robins
High



Houston County
High

Houston County Career Academy

Houston County Career Academy Student Named K12 Pipeline Graduate of the Year

The Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA) named a Houston County Career Academy graduate, Levi Johnson as their 2020 **K12 Pipeline Graduate of the Year** during the annual Craft Pro Champions Awards. The K12 Pipeline Graduate of the Year is a graduate of a high school construction program who is excelling, advancing and thriving in the construction industry. Levi is a 2020 graduate from Northside High School and as a pathway completer, earned the lifetime Environmental Protection Agency Section 608 Universal credential. He entered the workforce in the summer of 2019 as a rising senior through the Youth Apprenticeship Program obtaining employment with Keadle Heating & Air Conditioning. Since July 2019 Levi has logged over 1200 on the job hours performing installations, maintenance, service calls and new construction within the industry. His employer speaks highly of his performance and work ethics skills. He has been given three pay raises and currently drives his own company vehicle. According to Ken Keadle, "Levi is doing well. He is reliable and has a good attitude and his technical skills are very good."



The Craft Pro Champions Awards were created out of a partnership between CEFGA and Atlanta CareerRise, who together pursued and won the Job Quality Initiative Grant offered by the National Fund for Workforce Solutions. CEFGA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, created in 1993 as the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia. CEFGA has realized vital talent pipelines by cultivating a long-term workforce with youth through our K12 Pipeline and CareerExpo. CEFGA partners with the Georgia Department of Education to provide support and services to skilled trade construction programs statewide with 17,000 students. The K12 Pipeline seeks to elevate and expand Georgia's skilled trade programs with the goals of growing a sustainable workforce for the construction industry and helping Georgia students build a rewarding career path. The CEFGA CareerExpo gives employers a way to engage with young people and connect with their future workforce. By linking students directly to professionals in the areas of construction, utility contracting, highway contracting, electrical contracting, mechanical contracting, energy, mining and more, CEFGA gets young people excited about the industry and helps ensure the new generation is aware of career opportunities in construction. The event includes the SkillsUSA State Championships, a competition that allows students to test their skills in a number of construction-related disciplines.



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

Comfort Air Cooling & Heating Named 2020 K12 Pipeline Employer of the Year

K12 Pipeline Employer of the Year Comfort Air Cooling & Heating



CEFGA is a statewide organization that promotes education in the construction trades and they work with high schools and industry partners. They held their second annual awards ceremony recognizing teachers, students and businesses in the state supporting the construction industry. Central Georgia Technical College dual enrollment programs with HCCA in HVAC dominated the student of the year award while the chair of CGTC's AIRC advisory committee and one of HCCA's Board of Director members, Bernie Joeger, from HCCA's partner, Comfort Air, won for K-12 Pipeline Partner of the Year.

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

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 absolute 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.

Houston County Career Academy Principal Sabrina Phelps may be reached at 478-322-3280 or 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](#).



Houston County College and Career Academy Welcomes New Instructors for the 2020 - 2021 School Year



Duade Harrell- CGTC
Dual Enrollment: Barbering



Michael Marcoux- CGTC
Dual Enrollment: Engineering



Al Rose- CGTC
Dual Enrollment: Industrial Systems



Brandalyn Turner
CTAE Paraprofessional



Brian Holcomb- CGTC
Dual Enrollment: Welding



Lauren Moran- CGTC
Dual Enrollment: Patient Care

Northside High School

Northside High AFJROTC Receives Outstanding Instructors Awards Maj. Jolissaint also Georgia JROTC Teacher of the Year



Three Northside High School Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) GA-062 instructors were recently honored by headquarters. Maj. Dennis Jolissaint, Chief Charles Mize and MSgt. Laura Sauls were each presented a 2019-2020 Outstanding Instructors Award (OIA) by HQ AFJROTC.

This award recognizes their diligent work and outstanding achievement in the development of cadets and encourages excellence through recognition of superior accomplishment. Of more than 1,900 AFJROTC instructors worldwide, only a little more than 220 were selected for this year's OIA. Pictured (from left) are CMSgt. Mize, MSgt. Sauls and Maj. Jolissaint.

Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI), Maj. Jolissaint will also be honored as the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education (GACTE) Teacher of the Year, JROTC Division. This honor also makes him a nominee for the overall GACTE Teacher of the Year. The 2020 conference and ceremony presentations and overall winner announcement will be a virtual celebration held July 15-16, 2020.

Northside High's GA-062 AFJROTC program had an outstanding year. Three teams won county championships to include JV Color guard, Model Rocket Team and Flickerball team. The unit also received an overall "Exceeds Standards" on the HQ AFJROTC Unit Evaluation and recognized as a Distinguished Unit with Merit.

Maj. Jolissaint said, "Last summer, during the Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) held at Camp John Hope, Cadet Col. Chase Fletcher (NHS GA-062 Corp Commander) served the Camp Commander, a position which rotates between all five high schools in the county. I looked at the cadet cadre staff he had and said, 'You have a great staff, tell them what you want done, and get out of the way. They will make you look good.' He did, and they did exactly that. I took my own advice this year. CMSgt. Mize, MSgt. Sauls, the Corp of Cadets, cadet staff, and the administration at Northside High made me look good. They did all of this. I cannot express how amazing my students and coworkers are at Northside High. Simply put, there is the best, and then there is the rest. Go Eagles!"

Air Force JROTC programs are established in close to 890 high schools across the United States and at selected schools in Europe, the Pacific, and Puerto Rico. Air Force JROTC enrollment includes more than 125,000 cadets who do over 1.5 million hours of community service each year.

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins. Dr. Jody Dean serves as Principal. For more information, please contact Maj. Jolissaint at 478-929-7784, ext. 2, or Dennis.Jolissaint@hcbe.net.



Northside High School FFA Members Win Grand Champion at Summer Livestock Shows

Northside FFA members have been hard at work during the summer break with their livestock projects. Recently, two Northside FFA members had the honor of being named Grand Champion with their livestock projects. Riley Mitchell, a 9th grader and her heifer, Chanel, were named Grand Champion Limousin Heifer at the Georgia Junior Beef Futurity held July 9th-11th at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter. Morgan Card, a 10th grader and her market hog, Cobra, had the honor of being named Grand Champion Barrow at the Hogs Gone Wild Swine Show held on August 7-8 in Jefferson, Georgia. Morgan and her other market hog, Shelby, also won Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilt at the Hogs Gone Wild Swine Show as well. Riley has been showing livestock for four years and Morgan has been showing livestock for five years. They both also serve as officers in the Northside FFA Chapter. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

For more information, please contact FFA Adviser, Matthew Darby at Matthew.Darby@hcbe.net



Morgan Card is pictured with her barrow, Cobra.



Morgan Card is pictured with her gilt, Shelby.



Riley Mitchell and her heifer, Chanel.

Houston County High School

HCHS FBLA Wins Awards at National Leadership Experience



This summer a total of eight students and their Advisers, Jenny Jackson, Ashley Deloach, and Tasha Davis, attended the FBLA National Leadership Experience online. Due to the pandemic, members were not able to travel to Salt Lake City this year. However, this did not stop them from being able to compete with the best and brightest. They attended virtual workshops and sessions to learn new ideas and skills to help shape their future.

Students who competed were:
 Kyle Tran: Computer Applications
 Vennela Gosukonda and Vishesh Patel: Entrepreneurship
 Shivani Narain: Future Business Leader
 Luciano Da Fieno: Introduction to Information Technology
 Cheluchi Nwagbata and Jimmy Vu: Management Information Systems
 Katelyn Boyle: Word Processing

Katelyn Boyle placed 8th in the nation for Word Processing and Kyle Tran placed 9th in the nation for Computer Applications.

HCHS FBLA is looking forward to an amazing year focusing on continuing their tradition of excellence. They cannot wait for the next National Leadership Conference, which will take place in Anaheim, California.

Pictured above (left to right) are Kyle Tran and Katelyn Boyle.

Houston County High School's FBLA Advisers are: Jenny Jackson, LaTasha Davis, Ashley Deloach, and Sheila Jones. CTAE Supervisor is Karma Hayes. Principal of Houston County High School is Dr. Douglas Rizer. Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins, Georgia.



HCHS FCCLA Continues a Legacy of Leadership

As the National Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year, Houston County High School FCCLA joins in this season of celebration and reflects on a personal legacy of leadership that has continued within HCHS FCCLA for more than a decade.



**Brynley Jones
National Vice President
of Public Relations**

At the first ever Virtual National Leadership Conference held in July, Houston County High School student and FCCLA member, Brynley Jones, was elected as the National Vice President of Public Relations. Brynley is now continuing a legacy of student leadership as the fourth FCCLA National Officer elected from Houston County High School.

Upon being elected to serve more than 180,000 members within FCCLA across the nation, Brynley stated, “I cannot wait to support, encourage, and celebrate FCCLA members from all across the nation this year! I am so humbled to be elected as a National Officer and have the opportunity to represent and lead within the organization that is so near and dear to my heart. FCCLA is truly ‘The Ultimate Leadership Experience’! This organization has provided me with opportunities to make lifelong friendships with leaders across the country, develop my professionalism, and rediscover who I am and who I want to be. FCCLA’s impact has been profound upon my life within the last three years and I cannot wait to begin this new chapter in my FCCLA journey as I represent this organization as the National Vice President of Public Relations.”

Brynley is not the only officer to be representing HCHS FCCLA in leadership capacities this year. HCHS FCCLA also has students representing the organization as State and Region Officers. In March, Madeline Hagemann was elected to serve as the State Vice President of Competitive Events and in June Aspen Mitchell was elected to serve as a member of the Region 7 Officer Team. Together, these three young leaders will be able to leave their mark on FCCLA and contribute to growing the legacy of leadership that has been found within HCHS FCCLA for more than a decade as students have served in various capacities of higher leadership within the organization.



**Aspen Mitchell serving as a
member of the first ever
Region 7 Officer Teams**



**Madeline Hagemann
Georgia FCCLA State
Vice President of
Competitive Events**

This year, FCCLA’s national theme is “Beyond Measure”. Brynley, Madeline, and Aspen are sure to be taking their leadership and service “Beyond Measure” this year as they represent the success, growth, and leadership development that so many HCHS FCCLA members, now alumni, before them have discovered to be found within FCCLA, truly making FCCLA “The Ultimate Leadership Experience” for students to discover their ultimate potential.

Work-Based Learning

Perry High School Student Named Georgia Work-Based Learning Student of the Year

Georgia Work-Based Learning Student of the Year 2019-2020



Jaylah Jones

Perry High School

WBL Coordinator: Sandi Couillard

During the 73rd Annual Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education (GACTE) Virtual Conference held July 15-16, 2020, Perry High School graduate, Jaylah Jones, was named Georgia Work-Based Learning Student of the Year 2019-2020! Jaylah, a member of the Perry High School class of 2020, is a *Teaching as a Profession* pathway completer. She worked for three semesters as a student intern at Tucker Elementary School under the mentorship of host teacher, Susan Jolley. She was one of five Teaching as a Profession students who were hired by Houston County Schools in January 2019. Jaylah's career goal is to become a future elementary school teacher and said her coursework and internship experience

solidified her desire to reach her career goal. She plans to obtain her college degree in elementary education and return to Houston County, the best county anywhere, to seek a full time teaching career.

In her letter of recommendation for this award, Teaching as a Profession instructor, Erin Morton, wrote, "She is kind, conscientious, respectful, and smart. Jaylah is going to make an incredible teacher. She is a wonderful representative of our pathway, our school, and our county. I believe Jaylah Jones would be an ideal choice for Student of the Year." Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, who oversaw Jaylah's Youth Apprenticeship internship experience said of Jaylah, "It has been an absolutely pleasure working with Jaylah during her YAP participation. 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!"



In order to be eligible for Georgia Work-Based Learning Student of the Year, Jaylah first won the West-Central WBL region student of the year. Of the six region winners, Jaylah was selected as the overall state winner! Jaylah received \$500 and a plaque for winning this prestigious award.

In addition, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, was named the Georgia's 2019-2020 West-Central Region Work-Based Learning Coordinator of the Year!

West Central Region WBL Coordinator of the Year 2019-2020



Sandi Couillard

Houston County Schools



Questions, contact Sandi Couillard, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator for Houston County Schools, 1311 Corder Road, Warner Robins, Georgia.

Bonaire Middle School

BMS FCCLA Wins Chapter of the Year

Bonaire Middle School Wins FCCLA Middle School Chapter of the Year, Honor Roll with Distinction and National Programs-“Stop the Violence”. The chapter worked extra hard to give back to the community as they molded young leaders. Mollie Mize implemented a “hand washing lesson” before the pandemic hit and brought attention to how important the members, the chapter and young leadership is to our world. Everyone can make a difference and these young leaders did. The chapter is beyond excited to hang the plaque for Middle School Chapter of the Year on their wall!



The chapter has eight members that qualified to represent Bonaire Middle School at the first ever Virtual National Conference competition scheduled for July 7-9, 2020. Those members are: Laney Davis-6th grade will represent in Chapter Service Project Display titled “Blanket of Dreams”. Abigail McLean-8th grade will represent National Programs in Action titled “Keeping TABS on Community”. Mollie Mize-8th grade will represent Focus on Children titled “Giving Elves”. Clara Faith Sweeney-7th grade will represent Food Innovations titled “Breakfast Ice Cream”. Olivia Brothers and Caitlin Harmon-8th grade will represent Chapter Year in Review titled “Make Your Mark”. Emma Rice and Daviona Ruff- 8th grade will represent Entrepreneurship titled “Bright Ideas”. This year has been anything but normal, yet somehow the Bonaire Jaguars have continued to make their community a better place.

A final ZOOM meeting/Annual Awards Ceremony was held on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with a secret special guest in attendance, Brynley Jones, from HCHS FCCLA, pictured at right. She is Georgia’s National FCCLA Officer Candidate. She attended the awards ceremony and bestowed the awards. She shared her “FCCLA Story” and encouraged everyone to write their own FCCLA story. She implemented a virtual game to help all students get to know one another better. She concluded the ceremony with the door prize drawings with the coolest virtual tool ever. There were three winners for door prizes. The only rule to win was that students had to be present at the meeting. The grand prize winner was Laney Davis who won a Sony stereo. Lily Maddox won a “relax” pillow and Abigail Lopez won a wall hanging surf board. All the officers received a monogrammed oven mitt with a kitchen tool and baking mix inside for their hard work. Every competitor received their award certificates. It was wonderful seeing all the smiling faces after eight weeks of social distancing.



Principal of Bonaire Middle School is Allyson Keenom. The school is located at 125 Highway 96 East in Bonaire, Georgia.



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