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

## Houston County Career Academy

### HCCA Healthcare Students

## What's Inside



HCCA Healthcare pathway completers tour Central Georgia Technical College Sonny Watson Healthcare Science Building.

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Radiology Technology Program at HCCA uses the most up to date equipment to train students for the workforce.



Nursing Program offers a hands on learning opportunity for students at HCCA.

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



Houston County  
Career Academy



Veterans  
High



Northside  
High



Warner Robins  
High



Houston County  
High



Perry  
High

## Signing Day at Houston County Career Academy

Signing day is a time-honored tradition. Similar to athletic signing events, students in select pathways were recognized for their commitment to a college to pursue a degree in their chosen field of study or employment in a Skilled Trades area. On May 4<sup>th</sup> the Houston County Career Academy celebrated the accomplishments of these students with a Signing Day.

Graduating seniors in the Teaching As A Profession pathway participated in the Georgia Future Educators Signing Day. Emphasis was placed on the positive highlights of a career in education and the graduates' dedication to educating Georgia's future youth. Students who successfully completed the Teaching as a Profession classes and passed the end-of-pathway assessment were presented a certificate and a medal. This signing event was supported by the Georgia Department of Education's Career Technical and Agricultural Education Division.

The SkillsUSA National Signing Day event was held at schools throughout the country including the Houston County Career Academy. Friends at Home Depot, Klein Tools and 84 Lumber provided giveaways such as tools, shirts and hats to participating seniors. Whether the students were starting an apprenticeship, entering a more focused technical education or entering the field directly, HCCA wanted to reinforce support for their decision to help close the skills gap and promote positivity for the trades. HCCA celebrated and publicly acknowledged high school seniors and college/postsecondary members who committed to careers in any of the skilled trades including Industrial Systems, HVAC, Welding, and Automotive. Graduating seniors in Engineering were also recognized.

Students committed to continuing their education at Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) and those who have been recruited and employed by Frito Lay participated in a separate event the same day in the Industrial Maintenance Lab.

Principal Phelps commented, "as the shortage of skilled workers increases, we encourage our students to enter this rewarding industry upon graduation. Our seniors should be proud of everything they have accomplished as they continue to further their education and training post-graduation. We wish them all the best as they prepare for their lifelong careers."



At left is Ariel Wynn (VHS) who is surrounded by her parents. Ariel plans to attend Georgia Southern University and major in early childhood education.



Pictured above is Destinie Marie (NHS) who is surrounded by her mother and sister. Sandi Couillard (YAP) is pictured behind them. Destinie plans to attend Middle Georgia State University and major in early childhood/special education.

At right is Ryan Shremshock (VHS) who is surrounded by his parents. Ryan plans to attend Middle Georgia State University and major in education. He plans to continue his education and earn a doctorate degree to become a college history professor.



Signing Day at Houston County Career Academy (continued)



**Andrew Grant**



Pictured above is Andrew Grant (PHS) with his parents, Lucus Fletcher (HCCA) and Hoke Morrow, Hoke's Heating and Air.



Pictured at left, seated are: Juan Colindres, (NHS), Caleb Farmer (PHS), Craig Hoffman, Samantha Boedicker (VHS) and Justin Raymo (VHS). Standing, left to right, are: Megan White, CGTC; Thomas Woolsey, CGTC; Mark McCurdy, CGTC; Sabrina Phelps, HCCA; Kimberly Gunn, CGTC; and Mike Engel, CGTC.



Pictured at right are: Caleb Farmer (PHS), Juan Colindres (NHS), Justin Raymo (VHS), Samantha Boedicker (VHS) and Craig Hoffman, Frito Lay.



## Dixie Crow Chapter Proudly Sponsors Robotics Team in 2021 FIRST Challenges



The Dixie Crow Chapter recently sponsored the Flying Legion 3635 Houston County Robotics Team in the 2021 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) At Home Challenges. The team finished third in the Gallium group, and they are ranked number 62 in the world. FIRST is a global robotics community with an aim of preparing young people for the future and to inspiring young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators.



## Houston County Robotics Team Generates Interest with Robot Demonstration



On May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Houston County Robotics Team 3635 demonstrated their robot at the Houston County Career Academy and in the science classes at Veterans High School. A list was created of over 40 students that are interested in being in robotics next year. The demonstration was one of several recruitment tools used to grow the team for next year.

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# Perry Middle School

## PMS Students Create Earrings for Mother's Day



A few Perry Middle School staff members joined forces on May 6<sup>th</sup> to create a collaborative lesson that promoted student engagement, project-based learning, and provided a sentimental Mother's Day gift. Dr. Diana Phillips (FBLA Adviser), Sheila Jones, Wendy Guenther, and Tony Burner teamed up to create a pair of Mother's Day earrings for each student. Dr. Phillips created the image file, laser-cut the acrylic, and packaged all of the hardware and gift packaging for each student. Ms. Jones, Ms. Guenther, and Mr. Burner worked with each student individually to assemble the hardware and package the present. Students were so delighted to create the hands-on project and be able to provide their mom with a customized gift they could give her for Mother's Day. Future projects are currently in the works.

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



Northside Middle

Perry Middle

Thomson Middle

Warner Robins Middle

Bonaire Middle

Feagin Mill Middle

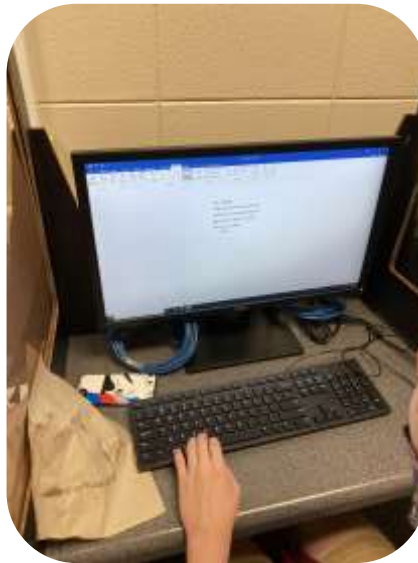
Huntington Middle

Mossy Creek Middle

## FBLA at Perry Middle School Creates Mother's Day Gifts



For Mother's Day this year, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members created personalized gifts for their moms. Chapter members wrote a special note to their mother and Dr. Diana Phillips, FBLA Adviser, engraved the special notes into slate coasters that the students were able to take home as gifts. The FBLA members wrote the letters in Microsoft Word, converted the files to a pdf, and then emailed or shared their work with Dr. Phillips. Dr. Phillips was very proud of all them for not only creating such a sentimental and lovely gift, but for also using their technology skills to bring this project to fruition. It was especially nice to hear how much their moms loved the gifts, a cherished keepsake.



## PMS FBLA Recognizes Teacher Appreciation Week



For teacher appreciation week this year, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) provided the Perry Middle School staff with custom gifts designed and produced by Adviser Dr. Diana Phillips. Each faculty member received an engraved slate coaster, personalized pencil, and two gift cards (one for Sonic and the other for Chick-fil-A). Each teacher received a gift certificate for a free drink and an ice cream. A special thank you goes to Mike Waller, owner of Sonic, for donating drinks and David Grossnickle, operator of Chick-fil-A, for donating ice cream cones. PMS FBLA appreciates all that our teachers do and recognize how hard they work each day. Having a supportive community with such kind and generous people like Mr. Waller and Mr. Grossnickle only add to the overall success of our school and town.



Mike Waller



David Grossnickle





## PMS FBLA Officer Recognized



The 2020-2021 school year presented several new challenges that did not seem to affect one of the Perry Middle School FBLA chapter officers. Aubree Dupuis was faithful in planning and attending meetings, helping with community service projects, selling discount cards for the chapter fundraiser, and participating in different areas of competition. For her dedication to FBLA and all her hard work, she received a plaque for outstanding leadership. She was presented with this award on May 24, 2021. Her personalized plaque was created and presented by Dr. Diana Phillips, FBLA Adviser. Dr. Phillips looks forward to having Miss Dupuis as an officer next year.



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