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

# Houston County High School

## HCHS FCCLA Members Capitalize on Leadership at National Leadership Conference

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Houston County High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members joined middle and high school Family and Consumer Science students from across the nation in Georgia's capital for the 2018 National Leadership Conference. Students were "Inspired by FCCLA" through motivational sessions, leadership training workshops, networking, and competitive events.



HCHS FCCLA named 2018 Families First National Program High School Overall

At the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Houston County High School FCCLA STAR Event competitors shined in their competitions. Several of these students had the honor of being first-time national competitors with FCCLA. The students that represented Houston County High School FCCLA in STAR Events were:

- Emma Owens and Maddy Hagemann – Receiving Gold in Focus on Children
- Elizabeth Deal – Receiving Gold in Environmental Ambassador
- Mary DeTota and Dalton Vasquez – Receiving Silver in Chapter Service Project Display

Maddy Hagemann, first-time national conference competitor remarked, "I will never forget the experiences I had at my first FCCLA National Leadership Conference! I loved having the chance to increase my confidence and compete on the national level. NLC made my excitement and passion for FCCLA stronger. I am ready to get more students involved in FCCLA opportunities, service, and competitive events. FCCLA really is 'The Ultimate Leadership Experience.'"

In addition to the success in STAR Events, Houston County High School FCCLA was named the 2018 Families First National Program High School Overall Winner. The chapter was recognized with a plaque and a \$1000 check for the success in the chapter-led outreach project "Frozen Meals, Warm Hearts" which involved service to Georgia Heart of Hospice by preparing homemade freezer meals for local hospice families.



Houston County High



Perry High



Houston County Career Academy



Veterans High



Northside High



Warner Robins High

## HCHS FCCLA Members Capitalize on Leadership at National Leadership Conference (continued)



Houston County High School FCCLA members served as Host State Volunteers and National STAR Events Competitors at the national conference in Atlanta. Wahome Muriuki, State Vice President of Membership, represented the Georgia FCCLA State Delegation as a State Officer. Pictured left to right are: Wahome Muriuki, Elizabeth Deal, Emma Owens, Carson McFadden, Maddy Hagemann, Matthew Manion, Henry Pham, Dalton Vasquez, and Mary DeTota.

### About FCCLA

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 150,000 members and over 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

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

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



Elizabeth Deal - Received Gold in Environmental Ambassador.



Maddy Hagemann and Emma Owens are pictured preparing to compete in Focus on Children. After competing, these students received Gold in Focus on Children.



Pictured above are Mary DeTota and Dalton Vasquez who received Silver in Chapter Service Project Display.



## HCHS End of Pathway Completers

Houston County High school concluded End of Pathway testing in May. Over 230 students were tested during April and May in the 12 different pathways that are offered in the Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Department. Pictured are Pathway Completers from Plant Science, Animal Science, Marketing and Business Technology. Graduating seniors received a cord to wear during the graduation ceremony.



**Business Accounting**



**Marketing**



**AP Computer Science**



**Plant Science**



**Animal Science**



**Business and Technology**

## Two HCHS Officers Attend FBLA Region Officer Academy

Houston County High School's FBLA officers, Shivani Narain and Anchal Patel, were selected to serve as Georgia FBLA Region 5 Officer's for the 2018-2019 school year. As part of the duties and responsibilities of being region officers, Anchal and Shivani were required to attend the Region Officer Academy (ROA) at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, GA on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

At this conference, they had the opportunity to network and work with other region officers in Georgia. This involved many social activities such as glow in the dark volleyball and kickball. The girls were given the opportunity to participate in many leadership activities while at ROA that helped to build leadership skills and strengthen team work and communication between the region officers.

"This was a wonderful experience that taught me so many new leadership skills, and it was a great opportunity to meet new people", said Anchal Patel.

Students were split into groups with other region officers from across the state and were tasked with various challenges that helped them create, lead, and inspire. Some of the activities included: practicing public speaking skills within groups and individually, engaging in ice breaker activities in order to build stronger relationships with their fellow region officers, and most importantly, how to properly lead and conduct their Region Leadership Conference that will be held at Wesleyan College in Macon in late January. At this conference in January, they will run workshops with skills they learned in ROA.

"This experience definitely made me feel more comfortable with being a leader for the region and I'm glad I was able to participate in Region Officer Academy with so many fantastic people in this organization," says Shivani Narain

The two girls are excited about the upcoming year and their leadership roles in FBLA.

Pictured left to right are Anchal Patel and Shivani Narain.

Houston County High School's FBLA Advisers are: Jenny Jackson, Gina Jessup, Shirl Williams, and Sheila Jones. CTAE Supervisor is Karma Hayes.



## HCHS FBLA Wins National Awards in Baltimore

A record total of twenty-two Houston County High School students and two of their Advisers, Jenny Jackson and Shirl Williams, attended the National Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Maryland this summer. Members were able to create unforgettable memories while also competing with the best and the brightest. They attended workshops and exhibits to learn new ideas about how they could shape their future.



During the trip, members were able to eat famous Maryland crabs, tour the inner harbor by foot and by boat, and enjoy the sights of Charm City. They enjoyed seeing the headquarters and factories of Domino Sugar and Under Armour.

Keerti Soundappan was able to represent the state of Georgia as an FBLA State Officer in the position of Central Area Vice President. The officers attended the Institute for Leaders, a focused, leadership experience which prepared them to assume their elected responsibilities and develop valuable business skills. The State Officers also met with each competitor to encourage them and congratulate them on their success. Keerti also campaigned and was elected to the position of National Secretary.

Regarding the chapter's abundance of success, Adviser Jenny Jackson stated, "We have incredibly talented students. It takes a lot of hard work to get to where we want to go. But, we try not to forget to have fun along the way."

HCHS FBLA is looking forward to an amazing year focusing on continuing their tradition of excellence. They can't wait for the next National Leadership Conference which will take place in San Antonio, Texas.

Congratulations to the following members for placing top four in the nation:

Hospitality Management: Vennela Gosukonda and Shivani Narain (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Personal Finance: Krina Patel (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Publication Design: Alex Cooper and Rumi Lee (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Business Law: Vinit Patel (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Future Business Leader: Sabina Ashurova (4th)

Pictured above, left to right are: Vinit Patel, Sabina Ashurova, Krina Patel, Alex Cooper, Adviser Jenny Jackson, Rumi Lee, Vennela Gosukonda, and Shivani Narain.





## HCHS TSA Student Makes a Mark at the TSA National Conference

This year's National Conference for Technology Student Association (TSA) was held in Atlanta, Georgia June 22 - 26, 2018. This is the first national conference that Houston County High School student, Christopher Saetia attended. In fact, this is the first year that Christopher Saetia got involved in the school's TSA chapter. He served as the chapter's secretary and had been active in all the club activities. Chris is one of the two TSA students who are from the Middle Georgia area to represent the state. Pictured left to right are Jackie Chen and Christopher Saetia.

This being his first national competition in areas that he had learned this past school year did not hold him back. As a representative of the state, he garnered the fourth place for 2D -Aided Design in Architecture. This event required him to create a design from a rough sketch for 4 hours.

He also placed in another event and took 9<sup>th</sup> place for Future Technology Teacher. To qualify as a finalist, Chris prepared a portfolio containing three college research summaries, a college essay, a lesson plan with technology standards correlation with handouts, materials, and resources.

The next school year will be another fun and challenging year with Christopher at the helm of the club. He is serving as the club's president. The other incoming officers are: Sonia Wei (Vice-President), Hayden Merrill (Secretary), and Aaron Mathieson (Treasurer).



For more information about the club, contact HCHS TSA Adviser, Aileen L. Jackson at [aileen.jackson@hcbe.net](mailto:aileen.jackson@hcbe.net).



Christopher Saetia

## HCHS TSA Hosts Engineering Day



At the beginning of the summer, the Houston County High School's Technology Student Association (TSA) chapter hosted a workshop for participants to learn and engage in the engineering design process through simple projects aimed to solve real-world problems. Examples of such projects included: constructing a mobile device holder, creating a model of an asteroid sample collector, and designing a buoyant boat that can support the most weight without sinking. Additionally, all of these tasks incorporated elements of expectations and limitations that adult engineers experience, such as time deadlines and limited available resources for use.

Houston County High School's TSA recognizes the importance of engineering in the community of Warner Robins. Because of the rising demand for engineers, it remains imperative to develop the future skills and minds of Houston County students that will one day become part of the local engineering workforce in Warner Robins. A simple workshop, as the one held at Houston County High, can fulfill this need by offering students their first real chance to solve everyday engineering problems

and think as effectively as an engineer when innovating and creating designs. It also convinces students to contemplate enrolling in the Engineering and Technology Career Pathway once they reach high school.

To stay updated on the events and success of the award-winning Houston County High School TSA, follow this organization on Twitter and Instagram (@HOCOTSA) or on its website (<https://hocotsa.weebly.com/>). Contact TSA Adviser Aileen Jackson via email at [aileen.jackson@hcbe.net](mailto:aileen.jackson@hcbe.net) for any questions.



# Perry High School

## PHS FCCLA Brings Home the Gold at Nationals



**Food Innovations Occupational**  
**Monica Williams and Malika Jackson**  
**Gold Medal**  
**2nd Place in the Nation**

Perry High FCCLA brought home the Gold at Nationals! Advisers Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick, are beyond proud of these AMAZING students. They are truly a testament to the saying “hard work and dedication pays off.” The FCCLA National Leadership Conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia this year and members were excited to host over 7,000 FCCLA members in their home state. Perry High FCCLA also had the largest group, from the State of Georgia to attend and compete.



**Parliamentary**  
**Procedures Occupational**  
**Kyli Smith,**  
**Katherine Weaks,**  
**Jaylah Jones,**  
**Skyler Bullard,**  
**Madison Gillman**  
**Gold Medal**  
**2nd Place in the Nation**



**Parliamentary Procedures Junior**  
**Damon Negron, Elisa Wade,**  
**Ty'Khia Burden, Savannah**  
**McKleroy, Karla Arias**  
**Silver Medal**  
**5th Place in the Nation**



**Food Innovations Senior**  
**Allan Lee and Lauryn Cernaro**  
**Gold Medal**  
**8th in the Nation**



**Parliamentary Procedures Senior**  
**Grace Peavy (not pictured),**  
**Madison McKleroy, Brianna**  
**Brown, Katelyn Finnegan, Tionna**  
**Kendrick, Jaila Westbrook**  
**Gold Medal**  
**6th Place in the Nation**

Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry, Georgia. Wesley “Del” Martin serves as Principal.



# Houston County Career Academy

## HCCA Dual Enrollment Students are TCC Completers in the Occupational Programs

Pictured are dual enrollment seniors that earned the new, beautiful TCSG cords for FY18. These dual enrollment students are Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) completers in the occupational programs at Houston County Career Academy.



Pictured at left are CGTC/HCCA students that are completers and earned TCC's either in Automotive, Cosmetology, Barbering, Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, Welding, Emergency Responder or Industrial Maintenance.

Pictured are second year Criminal Justice students, who earned multiple TCC's through dual enrollment at Houston County Career Academy. Dr. Cheronie Blunt, CGTC instructor, was also chosen as the HCCA Teacher of the Year.



Pictured above are second year Cosmetology students who earned the Shampoo Tech certificate last year, and are continuing in the Cosmetology diploma. CGTC's Linda Lewis is their instructor.



Pictured at left are second year Automotive students, that earned the Basic Maintenance and Light Repair TCC from CGTC. George Rosenblad is their instructor.

Miracle Scott, pictured at right, is the first Barbering Assistant TCC completer. Miracle completed two years of dual enrollment in Criminal Justice, then took the new Barbering dual enrollment program during her senior year. Leon Towles, CGTC Barbering Program Chair, serves as instructor.



## HCCA Student Attends SkillsUSA Conference



The SkillsUSA Championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. Pictured is Welding dual enrollment student from the Houston County Career Academy, Jennie O'Keefe. This picture was taken at SkillsUSA in March. Ms. O'Keefe attended Houston County High School.

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



## Veterans High School

### VHS AFJROTC Achieve Cadet Leadership Success

This past June, nearly 100 AFJROTC cadets from Houston County, Northside, Perry, Veterans, and Warner Robins High Schools chose to participate in the Cadet Leadership Course at Camp John Hope. Their training included improving marching and command skills; daily uniform and room inspections; academic classes; teamwork challenges; and an

intense physical training program which included one-mile runs, sit-ups, push-ups, and calisthenics. Cadets received scores for every event.

Cadet Daniel Loudin, pictured at left, from Veterans High School earned distinction as the Top Male Graduate in a group of highly talented young men. Cadet Jade Voigt, pictured at right, also from Veterans High School, secured not only the Top Female Graduate honors, but was also the Top Female Athlete award winner.



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

### VHS GeorgiaBEST Certified Recipients

Veterans High School students in Digital Design, Financial Literacy and Work-Based Learning celebrated their accomplishments in May with a GeorgiaBEST Certificate. Students received varying levels of achievement for their work ethics, attendance, leadership, soft skills and exceptional disciplinary effectiveness regarding the future workforce. The name, **GeorgiaBEST**, (originally named Business Ethics Student Training) now stands for **Business Employability Skills Training** to reflect the terminology currently in use.

**GeorgiaBEST** High School students must earn 25 out of 30 possible points and complete a required project to earn their **GeorgiaBEST** certificate. It allows for leadership development, critical and creative thinking, decision making, problem solving, teamwork and work-based learning. Guest speakers from the business community, mock job interviews and résumé critique round out this complete high school soft skills training program. Modeled after the business world, **GeorgiaBEST** High School students are tested through everyday observation.



Pictured left to right are: Teagen McSweeney, Kari Abbott, Griffin Hodges, David Wilson II and Nicholas Woolfolk.



## VHS GeorgiaBEST Certified Recipients (continued)



1<sup>st</sup> row: Shanya Hogue, Robert Jury, Sarah Dugger, and Garrett Royer  
 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Zachary Simpson, Kishawna Jernigan, Colt Schneller, Jordan Decker and Trevor Johnson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> row: Xavier Jones and Benjamin Price



1<sup>st</sup> row: Victoria Foster, Alexis Jackson, Jordan Calhoun, Teresa Lindstrom, Jasmine Taylor, Trinity Wilson and Garrett Royer  
 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Alasha Heard, Kate Boenisch, Todd Thomas Jr, Ty Thorn, Noah Ondike, Connor Ware and Lucas Paschal  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Jordan Little, Michael Rigsby, Carmilla Hall and William Mozingo



Elizabeth Buchanan, Austin Williams, Danielle Massie, Cordelle Clark and Kane Griffiths



Dalasia Mosley and Lauryn Kears



1<sup>st</sup> Row: Mykayla Williams, Katherine Patterson, Kayla Hunter, Jazmin Jackson, Diamond Stevenson and Jada Bolden  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Payton Parham, Timothy Schultz, Collin Howell, Jacob Davidson and Nicolas Woolfolk



Sameria Robinson, Ebonie Crittenden and Katelyn Vazquez

## VHS Alumni and Frito Lay Apprentice Visits Classes



Christina Palmer, a former FCCLA President and FFA member and a 2016 alumni from Veterans High School, made a brief return to her alma mater to bestow wisdom among the Financial Literacy and Work-Based Learning students about being new to college and seeking employment after high school. Christina shared her personal experience of being employed at Frito Lay as their first (and only) female apprentice, and the impact that the job has had on her life thus far. She shared many important pieces of advice about job-hunting, such as the advice her aunt gave her, “don’t do it for the money, do it because you love it.” She told the students that when you get an opportunity like this, go for it, if you’re scared or not, still go for it. She didn’t know what to expect going into it but she followed her heart with drive and determination for what she felt would make a difference in her life. She had the students on the edge of their seats when she explained how being a single parent’s kid will turn your motives into overdrive and you become appreciative of what others take for granted. She encouraged the students to start opening funds like retirement and emergency funds. Not only does that help them save money but it also helps them to learn responsibility. When she started making money, she wanted to show her Mom appreciation by giving her assistance just because that was what she had been taught and for the abundance of love it shows.

The final pointers she shared was about interviewing. Her advice was to be honest and to be yourself. If you are not hired for a particular job, do not give up. There are other opportunities out there. Be passionate about looking. Life after high school does change. You either go to college, start working full-time, and/or venture in life. The change is that you do not always see the same people that you have seen for four years during high school anymore. You begin to make new friends, find new hobbies, and discover a new passion. It is a part of growing up. You will eventually get it, but embrace the positive changes as you go through life. Coming out of high school with a full-time job and attending college was hard, but it has made her more appreciative and responsible.



## VHS CTE Students Inducted into the National Technical Honor Society

Veterans High School inducted fifteen high achieving Career Technical Education students into the National Technical Honor Society. The National Technical Honor Society currently serves approximately 100,000 active members and nearly a million members since its inception in 1984.

Awarding over \$1.7 million in scholarships to date, NTHS honors the achievements of top CTE

students, provides scholarships to encourage the pursuit of higher education, and cultivates excellence in today's highly competitive, skilled workforce. For over 30 years, NTHS has been the acknowledged leader in the recognition of outstanding student achievement in career and technical education.

The Induction Ceremony for the National Technical Honor Society was held April 9, 2018. The students and parents were enlightened to participate in such an honorable organization.

The NTHS inductees also received their cord and/or certificate for recognition of membership into this organization.

Andrew Babbitt  
 Gabrielle Bibb  
 Mackenzie Coffee  
 Alasha Heard  
 Dilyn Hill  
 Trevor Johnson  
 Lauryn Kears  
 Jessica Marshall

Jessica Stillings  
 Dianna Tran  
 Alyssa Valdez  
 William "Chandler" Walters  
 Thompson Williams  
 Tom Williams  
 Noah Woodyard

Veterans High Assistant Principal/CTAE Supervisor is Sherry Johnson and NTHS Advisers are Monica Kears, Belinda Collier and Angeles Jeffreys.



Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Monica Kears, NTHS Co-Adviser/Bus. Ed. and WBL Teacher, Ms. Angeles Jeffreys, NTHS Adviser/Marketing Teacher, Gabrielle Bibb, Dianna Tran, Lauryn Kears, William "Chandler" Walters, Andrew Babbitt, Tom Williams, Noah Woodyard, Mrs. Belinda Collier, Business Ed. Teacher, Mrs. Sherry Johnson, Asst. Principal/CTAE Supervisor.

Also pictured are proud parents with their newly elected high achieving student with the National Technical Honor Society.





# Northside High School

## NHS FCCLA Attends National Leadership Conference

Northside High FCCLA joined more than 7,500 FCCLA student leaders, members, and Advisers at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA June 28 – July 2 to participate in the annual FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC).

The conference provided Northside High FCCLA students opportunities to come together for energizing learning while listening to inspiring speakers, expanding leadership skills, sharpening talents, and exploring career pathways. The theme of this year's conference was "Inspired by FCCLA," which inspired attendees to make the right choices and commit themselves to making a positive impact within their families, schools, FCCLA, and communities.



Pictured left to right are Jared Meck, Riley Green and James Stephens.

"Our National Leadership Conference was a great success this year, with a record-setting attendance of over 7,500 members, advisers, partners and guests. During the past week we've watched thousands of students come together and realize their full potential through competition, career training, and workshops. The relationships developed and training experienced during this conference have empowered students to go into their schools and communities and make a difference, bringing with them the values and passions FCCLA brings to our members," said Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Jared Meck, Riley Green and James Stephens from Northside High participated in STAR (Students Taking Action with Action). STAR events support foundational, leadership, and workplace skills in areas such as advocacy, community service, and entrepreneurship. Competing with over 4,500 STAR Event participants in Atlanta, Jared Meck, James Stephens and Riley Green achieved a Gold medal in Chapter Service Display. For their project, the students raised \$500.00 by hosting a Walk for Water to help the Thirst Project organization build wells for developing countries that don't have access to clean drinking water. These students earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Georgia State Leadership Conference and were able to advance to the national competition. Advisers for the Northside High FCCLA are Jill Masee and Carla Jessup.



## Houston County Career Technical Educators Attend Summer Conference



The Georgia Association of Career Technical Education hosted its 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Summer Leadership Conference on July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia. Houston County Career Technical leaders and select instructors from each of the local high schools attended. The theme for the conference was “Taking Care of Business.” The keynote speaker at the opening session was Dr. Adolph Brown who is one of the world’s foremost attitude experts, personal development coaches and humorists. He is best known for inspiring all who hear him to learn, laugh and lead, while simultaneously reducing implicit bias at every turn.

The Career Technical Educators also attended many program affiliated events. Topic ranged from how to build business partnerships to teaching students soft skills. Participants had the opportunity to network with other educators and visit equipment vendors in an exhibit area.



Pictured at left are CTAE Leaders:  
 Front row: Monica Kearse (PHS), Sabrina Phelps (HCCA) and Sherry Johnson (VHS)  
 Back row: Mark Sams (WRHS), Karma Hayes (HCHS) and Russell Lawley (NHS).





Houston County Career Technical Educators Attend Summer Conference (continued)



David McDermott, CTAE Director for Houston County Schools, was given a \$25.00 gift card in appreciation for his service to the Georgia Council for Career and Technical Administrators. He just finished serving his last year with the organization as the Past-President.



Mr. McDermott is pictured with Nancy Bessinger, Central Georgia Region CTAE Coordinator, at her last GACTE Conference before retiring at the end of July.



David McDermott is pictured after receiving a \$25.00 gift card in appreciation for his service to the Georgia Council for Career and Technical Administrators.



Pictured above are Houston County Career Academy educators who attended 2018 Summer Leadership Conference: Stephanie Burch, Kathy Williams, Suni Wilson, Linda Lewis, and Sabrina Phelps.



Career Academy educators pose for a photo with conference keynote speaker, Dr. Aldolf Brown. Pictured left to right are: Suni Wilson, Dr. Brown, Linda Lewis, and Sabrina Phelps.



# Warner Robins Middle School

## WRMS FFA Wins Awards



Warner Robins Middle FFA Vice President Sophia Politino won Reserve Grand Champion at the Crescent Dairy Livestock Show in Iva, South Carolina. Sophia also won the Intermediate Division for 12-15 Year olds in Showmanship. Warner Robins Middle FFA is in its second year of Dairy Cattle Showing and its 6<sup>th</sup> Year as an FFA Chapter with over 100 students showing livestock and 600+ FFA Members to date currently.

Warner Robins Middle School is located at 425 Mary Lane in Warner Robins, Georgia. Brett Wallace serves as Principal.



Warner Robins Middle

Bonaire Middle

Feagin Mill Middle

Huntington Middle

Mossy Creek Middle

Northside Middle

Perry Middle

Thomson Middle

## Bonaire Middle School

### BMS FFA Named Top Five Finalist for 2018 National FFA Middle School Model of Excellence Award

Bonaire Middle School's FFA chapter has been named a top five finalist for the 2018 National FFA Middle School Model of Excellence award. This is the highest honor that the National FFA Organization bestows upon a middle school chapter.

The Bonaire Middle School FFA will be represented by (pictured front to back): Robin Hargett, Bonaire Middle; and Mary Maloy and Laney Delorme, freshmen at Veterans High. Their Bonaire Middle FFA Adviser is Cheralyn Keily.



Only five FFA chapters will compete in a presentation and interview process for the top honor at the 2018 National FFA Convention and Expo, held October 24-27 in Indianapolis. The FFA chapter selected to receive the Middle School Model of Excellence award will be announced on stage during the convention. Middle school chapters had to earn a high three-star rating in July 22-27 during judging to be eligible to compete.

This award recognizes outstanding chapters that actively implement the FFA mission and strategies. School improve their chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

John Deere is the corporate sponsor. "Feeding some 9 billion people by mid-century brings with it unprecedented challenges for today's farmers," said Amy Allen, manager, national corporate contributions for John Deere. "The skills and experiences learned though the National Chapter Award Program will help meet the critical needs."

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 653,359 student members who belong to one of 8,568 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The organization is also supported by 344,239 alumni members in 2,051 alumni chapters throughout the U.S.

Bonaire Middle School is located at 125 Highway 96 East in Bonaire, Georgia. Cynthia Randall serves as Principal. For more information, contact Cheralyn Keily at 478-929-6235 or [Cheralyn.Keily@hcbe.net](mailto:Cheralyn.Keily@hcbe.net).



## BMS FFA Growing Leaders Through Service

Members of the Bonaire Middle School FFA chapter put into practice the last line of the FFA motto that reads “Living to Serve,” as they used a day of their summer vacation to volunteer at the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank. Twelve FFA members packed boxes for the food bank’s Mobile Food Pantry Program. This program provides food for food insecure families living in the more rural areas of the 24 counties served by the food bank. The Bonaire Middle School FFA members packed 198 boxes. Each box will provide food for a food insecure family for a week. In 2017, the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank distributed 540,000 meals through the Mobile Pantry Program. The mission of the FFA organization is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.



Pictured are Bonaire Middle School FFA members (front row left to right) Colby Wood , Makenzie Polowichak, Mary Catherine Maloy, Sydney Smoot, (middle row left to right) Hailey Dow, Cameron Waits, Robin Hargett, Laney Delorme, (back row left to right) Marin Sutter, Olivia McKinley, Kyra Taylor, Madilyn Allen.

FFA member Kyra Taylor (on left in picture) tapes a completed box as Robin Hargett prepares food for packing, and Marin Sutter and Mary Catherine Maloy pack the boxes.



## BMS FFA Officers Grow Into Their Positions



The officers of the Bonaire Middle School FFA chapter were part of the more than four hundred officers representing 50 chapters from across the state of Georgia attending the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) July 16-18, 2018. The Bonaire Middle School FFA officers learned to grow into their positions as they participated in a series of events from leadership workshops to a mud obstacle course at the FFA-FCCLA Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, GA. These activities taught the officers professionalism, service, commitment, recruitment, teamwork, and most importantly, leadership. The Bonaire Middle School FFA officers planned many great activities for their chapter to participate in throughout the coming school year while at camp. The following officers attended the COLT Camp: Robin Hargett, Trey Wilson, Hailey Dow, Clayton Brock, Catlin Phillips, Parker Pivonka, Rachel Schoonover, and Madilyn Allen. The theme at COLT this year was “Breakthrough: One Moment Can Change Everything.” The Georgia FFA Association is the third largest state association in the nation with more than 42,000 members. The mission of FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

Pictured above from left to right are: Hailey Dow, Trey Wilson, Madilyn Allen, Clayton Brock, Catlin Phillips, Rachel Schoonover, Parker Pivonka and Robin Hargett.





## Northside Middle School

### NMS Attends National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia



**Pictured left to right are: Elena Gonzalez, Kaylyn Ordonez, Cindy Ordonez.**

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The conference provided Northside Middle School FCCLA students opportunities come together for energizing learning while listening to inspiring speakers, expanding leadership skills, sharpening talents, and exploring career pathways. The theme of this year's conference was "Inspired by FCCLA," which inspired attendees to make the right choices and commit themselves to making a positive impact within their families, schools, FCCLA, and communities.

"Our National Leadership Conference was a great success this year, with a record-setting attendance of over 7,500 members, advisers, partners and guests. During the past week we've watched thousands of students come together and realize their full potential through competition, career training, and workshops. The relationships developed and training experienced during this conference have empowered students to go into their schools and communities and make a difference, bringing with them the values and passions FCCLA brings to our members," said Sandy Spavone, executive director of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Andrew Hebenstreit, Elena Gonzalez, Cindy Ordonez and Kaylyn Ordonez from Northside Middle School FCCLA participated in one of 30 Family and Consumer Sciences related competitive events offered at NLC, including STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events and the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl. These events support foundational, leadership, and workplace skills in areas such as advocacy, culinary arts, and entrepreneurship. Competing with over 4,500 STAR Event participants in Atlanta, Andrew Hebenstreit achieved a bronze medal in Entrepreneurship. In addition, Elena Gonzalez, Cindy Ordonez and Kaylyn Ordonez each received a gold medal in Year in Review Display.

**Pictured left to right are: Elena Gonzalez, Cindy Ordonez, Kaylyn Ordonez and Andrew Hebenstreit.**



## NMS Attends National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia (continued)

While attending the conference, the students enjoyed all of the speakers and sessions throughout the conference. They had the opportunity to shop at the FCCLA store. The Johnny Cupcake speaker was especially interesting to Andrew Hebenstreit. He was able to see firsthand that every requirement for his Star Event is real and that is how businesses are made.

Pin trading and networking was the student's favorite past time. The NMS chapter had purchased the Georgia shaped pins, but they also made pins in the shape of a Georgia Peach. They were able to trade a lot of pins. They networked, and made sure that all the members got the pins that they needed to complete their set.



Students took in a dinner mystery show at Agatha's Mystery Theatre. The entire group had a part in the play. They were proudly using their speaking skills they learned with Star Events. They ended the national conference experience with a trip to the 72<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Westin Hotel-Sundial Restaurant. The clear view elevator was an experience all on its own, however, the grandness of the top floor, the splendor of the food courses and marvelous Atlanta views were out of this world.

For more information on FCCLA, please contact Ginger Caldwell, Adviser, at 478-235-9561 or [ginger.caldwell@hcbe.net](mailto:ginger.caldwell@hcbe.net).

The students had never ridden on a subway or eaten at the iconic Varsity restaurant before but were able to do so during the trip. They were able to tour the CNN back stage tour, visit and enjoy the Georgia Aquarium and learn a lot about sea life.

The World of Coke was very interesting, but mainly history from a Coke business perspective. They enjoyed taking group photos in Centennial Park. At night, they took a ride on the Sky View.





## NMS FCCLA Hosts New Officer Induction

NMS FCCLA had their kick off meeting on August 14th with S'more FUN. New officer induction took place. Please help us welcome: Kaylyn Ordonez, President, Andrew Hebenstreit CO VP, Alyssa Beck CO VP (not pictured), Elena Gonzalez, VP of Star Events and Brenda Guiterrez, Chapter Assistant.

This new officer team is ready to "plan and implement" a great year for NMS FCCLA Jets!



## NMS FCCLA Teacher Completes National Food Safety and Nutrition Training



Ginger Caldwell, a teacher at Northside Middle School was one of 32 teachers nationwide chosen to complete a food science training program developed and implemented in a partnership between the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), and Graduate School USA. The one-week program for middle and high school science teachers, as well as family and consumer science and health education teachers, took place in Washington this summer.

The training is part of the FDA/NSTA Professional Development Program in Food Science, a sustained effort to train U.S. teachers to use FDA's curriculum in their classrooms nationwide. The goal of the program is to educate teachers and students about critical food safety issues such as foodborne illnesses by exploring the science behind them. The program arms teachers with a unique topic and curriculum with which to teach science. Participants learn about nutrition, food allergies, cosmetics safety, and color additives from FDA experts. Teachers also receive nutrition education material to help teach their students how to use the Nutrition Facts label to make better food choices.

## NMS FCCLA Teacher Completes National Food Safety and Nutrition Training (continued)



“Many teenage students have jobs in the food service industry or have food preparation responsibilities at home,” said Louise Dickerson, FDA’s Project Manager for the Professional Development Program in Food Science. “This program will better educate them about the importance of handling food safely and why precautions must be taken. From FDA’s perspective, our professional development program for teachers is an effective way to support the goal of reducing the incidence of foodborne illness in this country.” The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 1 in 6 Americans get sick from food poisoning each year.

During the training, teacher participants learned firsthand about the development and spread of foodborne illnesses; the vulnerability of at-risk populations; and the science behind safe food handling, storage, and preparation. Teachers also learned how to better use the Nutrition Facts label to assess the nutritional value of foods. In addition, the teachers talked with scientists from FDA and conducted laboratory experiments to further increase their understanding of food science.

Among the topics covered, teachers investigated how a single bacteria cell can multiply to millions in just a few hours, and they observed how different temperatures (heating, room temperature, chilling, and freezing) affect the growth of bacteria. The teachers explored these concepts by putting their culinary skills to the test. After cooking hamburgers to various temperatures, the teachers tested them for bacteria and other organisms that cause disease.

The food science program is centered on a standards-based curriculum developed by FDA in partnership with NSTA. The *Science and Our Food Supply* curriculum is available online for free for any teacher ([www.fda.gov/teachsciencewithfood](http://www.fda.gov/teachsciencewithfood)). It explores the science behind the production, transportation, storage, and preparation of our nation’s food supply, and contains a video, hands-on experiments and activities, and evaluation tools. The food safety curriculum covers aspects of food science that affect millions of people every day, such as how a traceback investigation is used to stop the additional sale and distribution of contaminated food and the likelihood of certain foods to cause foodborne illness more than others. The companion nutrition curriculum offers lesson plans on nutrients to get more of, nutrients to get less of, and meal planning.

For information on this exciting curriculum and information on how to apply to participate in the FDA Food Science Professional Development Program in Summer 2019, please email [isabelle.howes@graduateschool.edu](mailto:isabelle.howes@graduateschool.edu).



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Family and Consumer Science

## Adult Computer Classes Offered

Houston County School System employees will offer basic computer classes free of charge to our adult community in September. **All classes are taught from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** 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 or [david.mcdermott@hcbe.net](mailto:david.mcdermott@hcbe.net).

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