



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

# Houston County Educators Attend GACTE Conference

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Houston County educators attended the annual GACTE Summer Leadership Conference July 14 - 16, 2019 held at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia. It was an awesome couple of days to gear up with updates, sessions, keynote speakers and networking with Houston County colleagues, as well as, colleagues from around the state.

Pictured above are: (front row) Lisa Stewart, Janet Sheffield, Sherry Johnson, Sabrina Phelps, Lucas Fletcher; (second row) Sandi Couillard, Karma Hayes, Ginger Caldwell, Brittany Tolleson; (third row) Suni Wilson, Shonda McFadden, Amanda Hayes, Crystal Quick, Gayle Hardwick; (fourth row) David McDermott, Karma Beaumarchais, Blake Dunbar, and Justin Dunbar.



Houston County  
Career Academy



Veterans  
High



Northside  
High



Warner Robins  
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Houston County  
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Perry  
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# Houston County Career Academy

## HCCA Represents at 2019 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference

Joel Fruge', Houston County High School/CGTC Criminal Justice Dual Enrollment student at the Houston County Career Academy, represented the State of Georgia as the State Vice President of SkillsUSA in Louisville, Kentucky during the National Leadership and Skills Conference, June 22 - 28. Joel attended countless training sessions, delegate sessions, and was one of the guest speakers for the State of Georgia's award dinner. HCCA is very proud of Joel.



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





## HCCA Students Compete at FCCLA Nationals

On June 30, 2019, HCCA Culinary Arts 3-man team competed in the FCCLA National Culinary Arts competition. The competition took place in Anaheim, California. Students from 32 states competed in this event. The Houston County team took home the bronze medal in the southern region. Suni Wilson is the Culinary Arts Instructor and FCCLA Adviser at the Houston County Career Academy. For additional information please contact Sabrina Phelps at HCCA, [sabrina.phelps@hcbe.net](mailto:sabrina.phelps@hcbe.net).



Jaiah Spight, WRHS; Alexis Rodriguez, WRHS, graduated senior; Gavin Kiser, VHS, graduated senior

## HCCA Student Completes Barbering Program



HCCA is extremely proud of this HCCA/CGTC Barbering student, De'Marrion Fobbs. This young man has completed the Barbering Program at HCCA while working a part time job referred by the school. He graduated from Veterans High on Saturday, May 25, 2019. In June, he began basic training in the U.S. Army. Mr. Fobbs did not waste any time getting his career started. He is a great young man that will be serving our country and providing barbering services around the world. Leon Towles is the dual enrolled Barbering Instructor at the Houston County Career Academy.



## Automotive Students at HCCA Receive Certification



Advanced dual enrolled students in the Automotive Program at the Houston County Career Academy received their entry level Automobile Maintenance and Light Repair certification. The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence is the credentialing agency. The students completed two years of rigorous coursework and successfully passed a written exam. George Rosenblad with Central Georgia Technical College is the Instructor.

Pictured left to right: Tristan Weddington, Lance Kotrick, and Joseph Lopez. Not pictured - Chance Schooley

## Cosmetology Students at HCCA Go Above and Beyond to Help

As a special project, cosmetology students attending the Houston County Career Academy made wigs for a teacher with cancer. Joanne Silvester was pleasantly surprised when the students presented her the wigs. "It means everything. This is amazing," said Silvester. "This is something they didn't have to do. They didn't have to do this." But Silvester says this story isn't about her, it's about the kindness and generosity of these kids who went above and beyond to help a nearly perfect stranger. "When your hair is pretty and your nails are done, you just feel on top of the world, so we just really enjoyed making someone feel like that," said student Markayla Oats.

Silvester's daughter recently graduated from high school where she wore one of her new wigs to the special occasion. She has four more rounds of chemotherapy to complete her cancer treatment.

Pictured center- Joanne Silvester (para professional) left to right- Madison Coon, Shay Walker, Markayla Oats, and dual enrolled Cosmetology Instructor, Shayla Scott.





## HCCA/CGTC Dual Enrollment Students Achieve Internationally Recognized Computer Certification

Houston County Career Academy and Central Georgia Technical College are proud to announce Evan Chaney from Northside High School and Griffin Hodges from Veteran's High School have capped off their 2018-2019 year in the college's Dual Enrollment program by earning their Comp TIA A+ Computer Support Certification.

The students were in an intensive year-long program preparing for the certification earned both high school and college credit for their work. During the year the students also had the opportunity to sit for the Microsoft Technical Associate (MTA) and the PC Pro certification offered by the TestOut Corporation. Those students who successfully complete the dual enrollment program were awarded an honor cord at graduation.

The A+ Computer Support Certification is offered through Comp TIA, an international accrediting consortium featuring companies such as IBM, Microsoft, and Hewett Packard. According to the Comp TIA Website, (<http://certification.comptia.org/getCertified/certifications/a.aspx>), "Candidate job roles include technical support specialist, field service technician, IT support technician, IT support administrator and IT support specialist. CompTIA A+ is part of the certification track for corporations such as Microsoft, HP and Cisco. Other technology companies, including Dell, Intel, Lenovo and Ricoh, have made CompTIA A+ certification mandatory for their service technicians."



## Houston County Career Academy Faculty and Administrator Attend GACTE Conference



Houston County Career Academy representatives attended the annual GACTE conference held at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia. It was an awesome couple of days to gear up with updates, sessions, keynote speakers and networking with Houston County colleagues, as well as, colleagues from around the state. The theme for this year's event was #getpluggedin.

Pictured left to right are: Sandi Couillard, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator; Suni Wilson, Culinary Arts Instructor; Sabrina Phelps, Principal; and Lucas Fletcher, HVAC Instructor.



# Northside High School

## NHS FCCLA Attends National Leadership Conference in California

Northside High FCCLA joined more than 8,000 FCCLA student leaders, members, and advisers at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, CA on June 30 – July 4 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 "Believe in Yourself," which inspired attendees to 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 8,000 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, James Stephens, Riley Green and Jayla Smith from Northside High participated in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events. 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 Anaheim.



Jared Meck, James Stephens and Riley Green (pictured at left) achieved a Silver medal in Promote and Publicize FCCLA in the senior division. Jayla Smith (pictured below) received a Silver medal in Chapter in Review Display, Occupational Division. Advisers for the Northside High FCCLA are Jill Masee and Carla Jessup.



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

## NHS FFA Member Wins Grand Champion at Livestock Show

On Saturday August 10, 2019, words such as depth of flank, topline, confirmation, and stance were in the air in Moultrie, Georgia. Gracie Bananto, a member of Northside High FFA chapter goat livestock team, was victorious winning the Top Award, Grand Champion. Gracie has been showing livestock for eight years, and she is also a Central Region area FFA officer.

For more information, please email FFA Northside High School Adviser Virgil Blalock at [Virgil.blalock@hcbe.net](mailto:Virgil.blalock@hcbe.net)





# Warner Robins High School

## CTAE Educator Receives Outstanding Service Award



Pictured above are: Jody H. Reeves, Executive Director, Dr. Sanders and Dustin Davis, GACTE President.

Dr. Veronica Sanders received the GACTE Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award in Athens, Georgia at the annual GACTE conference. The "Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award" is given to members who have displayed a dedication to the improvement of CTE's impact on the lives of individuals and communities.



Warner Robins High School is located on 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Veronica Sanders is the Agriculture Teacher and Chris McCook serves as Principal.





# Houston County High School

## HCHS Achieves California Dreams with FCCLA



**HCHS FCCLA members go for their California Dreams to lead at the 2019 National Leadership Conference. Pictured left to right: Maddy Hagemann, Emma Owens, Elizabeth Deal, Nikita Shetty, Jaidan Beal, Brenay Robinson, Jordan Beal, Cristina Espinoza, and Megha Patel.**

Houston County High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members joined middle and high school Family and Consumer Sciences students from across the nation in Anaheim, California for the 2019 National Leadership Conference.

At the National Leadership Conference (NLC), Houston County High School FCCLA STAR Event competitors shined in their competitions; and, 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:

- Elizabeth Deal and Nikita Shetty – Receiving Gold and First Place in the Southern Region in Environmental Ambassador out of 44 Nationwide Teams
- Jaidan Beal, Megha Patel, and Cristina Espinoza – Receiving Gold in Illustrated Talk and Fourth Place Overall in the Southern Region out of 69 Nationwide Teams
- Emma Owens and Maddy Hagemann – Receiving Silver in Focus on Children and Fifth Place Overall in the Southern Region out of 68 Nationwide Teams



**At left: Cristina Espinoza, Jaidan Beal, and Megha Patel received Gold in Illustrated Talk and placed Fourth Overall in the Southern Region out of 69 Nationwide Teams**

**At right: Nikita Shetty and Elizabeth Deal received Gold in Environmental Ambassador and placed First in the Southern Region out of 44 Nationwide Teams**



## HCHS Achieves California Dreams with FCCLA (continued)

In addition to achieving their California dreams of wins in STAR Events, several Houston County High School FCCLA members had the opportunity to take their leadership potential to a higher level of excellence by attending the FCCLA Leadership Academy. As Franklin Covey FCCLA Leadership Academy graduates, these students are empowered with leadership and life skills that are needed to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Franklin Covey Leader in Me Program allows FCCLA members to experience in-depth training in leadership. The students that completed the Leadership Academy were: Brynley Jones, Brenay Robinson, Jordan Beal, Jaidan Beal, Cristina Espionza, and Megha Patel.



HCHS FCCLA had a golden experience in the Golden State in many ways. Brynley Jones, (pictured at left), Georgia FCCLA Region Officer, represented Georgia FCCLA and supported and encouraged hundreds of Georgia attendees at NLC. The HCHS FCCLA Advisers were acknowledged for their dedication and commitment to FCCLA as they received nationwide recognition. Shonda McFadden (pictured below right) was recognized with the FCCLA Adviser Mentor Award and Brittany Tolleson (pictured below left) was recognized with the FCCLA Master Adviser Award.



The students that attended National Leadership Conference were truly provided with “The Ultimate Leadership Experience!” As Brenay Robinson, first-time NLC attendee remarked, “I will never forget my experience in California at the National Leadership Conference. NLC gave me the chance to embrace new experiences, make new friends from all over the country, and grow as a leader. FCCLA has made me more confident in my abilities and has made me believe that I have the potential to make an impact on my school and community.” Houston County High School FCCLA would like to express heartfelt thanks for all of those within the community that supported these students in being able to make incredible memories at NLC and have the chance to reach their California Dreams of becoming students that lead!



Pictured at right is Maddy Hagemann and Emma Owens who received Silver in Focus on Children and placed Fifth Overall in the Southern Region out of 68 Nationwide Teams.



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



## Perry High School

### PHS FCCLA Competes at National Leadership Conference in California



Pictured above are: Kyli Smith, Savannah McKleroy, Skyler Bullard, Madison Gillman, Meaghan Gillman, Asia Berry and Tyasijia Hooten competed in Parliamentary Procedures Occupational and received Gold STAR event medals as well as parliamentarian certificates and medals for placing 1st place in the nation.

Sophia DiSarli, Damon Negrón, Karla Arias, Briana Brown, Tionna Kendrick, TyKhia Burden and Jaylah Jones (not pictured) competed in Parliamentary Procedures Senior and received Gold STAR event medals as well as parliamentarian certificates and medals for receiving 3rd place in the nation.



Lauryn Cernaro and Jalynn Sivo competed in Food Innovations Senior and received Gold STAR event medals as well as a full tuition scholarship to Sullivan University for placing 2nd in the nation.



## PHS FCCLA Competes at the National Leadership Conference in California (continued)



Arthur Buck and Renee Hedding competed in Sports Nutrition Occupational and received Gold STAR event medals placing second in the southern region.



Jala Miller competed in Recycle Redesign Occupational and received a Gold STAR event medal.

Chyna Lester competed in Recycle Redesign Junior and received a Silver STAR event medal.



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

# Youth Apprenticeship

## West-Central Region YAP Completer Excels



John King, 2019 graduate of Northside High School, Warner Robins, Georgia, is excelling in BMW school. As a matter of fact, he is making all As, according to BMW representative, Ryan Spann.

John began his automotive career by taking automotive classes at Houston County Career Academy in Warner Robins. He then joined the Youth Apprenticeship Program as an automotive technician for Hughes Honda of Warner Robins, where he received top ratings from his supervisors. Because of John's passion for high end imports, he was able to move to a new automotive technician job at BMW of Macon located in Macon. Since joining BMW, John has continued to excel and was so highly regarded by his superiors that he was offered the opportunity to attend BMW school. John is taking advantage of every opportunity to learn all he can about the cars of his passion. He plans to complete BMW school and return BMW of Macon to continue his career as a certified BMW automotive technician.



## Educators Make Presentations at GACTE Summer Leadership Conference

July 14, 2019 – July 16, 2019, the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education (GACTE) held its 72<sup>nd</sup> Summer Leadership Conference in Athens, Georgia. During the event, Warner Robins High School Work-Based Learning Coordinator (WBL), Katie Hankinson, and Houston County Schools Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator (YAP), Sandi Couillard, presented and shared copies of their new and exciting WBL documents and folders to over sixty WBL/YAP teachers during the *WBL Best Practices Round Table Session*. Attendees raved over the new documents and quickly signed up to receive electronic copies of the items.



Pictured at right are Sandi Couillard and Katie Hankinson.



Pictured above are Sandi Couillard and Lucas Fletcher.

Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) HVAC Instructor, Lucas Fletcher, and Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, also made a presentation on effective business and WBL/YAP partnerships to TIEGA members during the conference. Highlighted in the presentation were the wonderful HVAC business partners of Lucas Fletcher's HVAC Program and the success of the first Youth Apprenticeship Hiring Fair, held in April, 2019 at HCCA.





# Bonaire Middle School

## BMS FCCLA Attends National Convention in California



Abigail McLean, Mollie Mize, Sarah Patterson, and Ava Trussell, BMS FCCLA students, participated and competed on the national level June 28 - July 5, 2019 in sunny California. They all did a wonderful job representing BMS FCCLA – GA in California. Abigail McLean brought home a silver medal for the Career Investigation Star Event. Mollie Mize and Sarah Patterson brought home a gold medal for Chapter in Review Portfolio Star Event. Ava Trussell brought home a gold medal for Focus on Children Star Event. BMS is super proud of them. The added bonus was these four Georgia leaders got the chance to “experience” an earthquake. Needless to say, it was a little weird, but all ended with everyone safe. All young ladies and their Adviser, Holly Anderson (now retired), want to thank everyone at BMS for all of their help. It took a village to make it to California and it was a wonderful experience for all.



Pictured above (left to right) are Abigail McLean, Ava Trussell, Mollie Mize and Sarah Patterson.

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



Warner Robins  
Middle



Bonaire  
Middle



Feagin Mill  
Middle



Huntington  
Middle



Mossy Creek  
Middle



Northside  
Middle



Perry  
Middle



Thomson  
Middle

## Bonaire Middle and Warner Robins Middle FACS Teachers Attend GACTE Conference



Bonaire Middle School FACS teacher, Ginger Caldwell and Warner Robins Middle School FACS teacher, Amanda Hayes, attended the annual GACTE conference held at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia. The conference was a beneficial couple of days to gear up with FCCLA updates, sessions, keynote speakers and networking with Houston County colleagues, as well as, colleagues from around the state.

Pictured left to right are Ginger Caldwell and Amanda Hayes.



# Northside Middle School

## NMS FCCLA Attends National Convention in California

Elena Gonzalez and Kaylyn Ordonez two 8<sup>th</sup> grade FCCLA students participated and competed on the national level June 28, 2019 - July 5, 2019 in sunny California. Both students have held officer positions in the NMS Chapter and did a wonderful job representing NMS FCCLA - Georgia in California. They brought home a silver medal for Chapter in Review Display Star Event. NMS FCCLA is super proud of them. Both young ladies and their current Adviser, Ginger Caldwell, want to thank everyone at NMS for all of their help. It took a village to make it to California and it was a wonderful experience for all.



Elena Gonzales and  
Kaylyn Ordonez



Kaylyn Ordonez and  
Elena Gonzales



Kaylyn Ordonez and  
Elena Gonzales



# Welcome, New CTAE Teachers



Candace Hollingshed - HCCA  
AVF Technology



Ashley Kell - HCHS  
Business Computer Science



Latasha Davis - HCHS  
Business Computer Science



Lt Col (ret) Greg Bailey - PHS  
AFJROTC



CMSgt (ret) Charles Mize - NHS  
AFJROTC



Valeria Drummond - WIN Academy  
Business Computer Science



Felicia Lawrence - BMS  
Business Computer Science



Allison Risalti - WRHS  
Business Computer Science



Lisa Duke - FMMS  
Family and Consumer Science



Kristin Sweeney  
Family and Consumer Science

Not pictured are: Trish Peters - HCHS,  
Engineering/Tech Ed and Amber Hardee -  
WRHS, Business Computer Science

## Free Computer and Device Assistance Offered

Houston County School System employees will offer basic computer and device assistance classes free of charge to our adult community in October. **All classes are taught from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** 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).

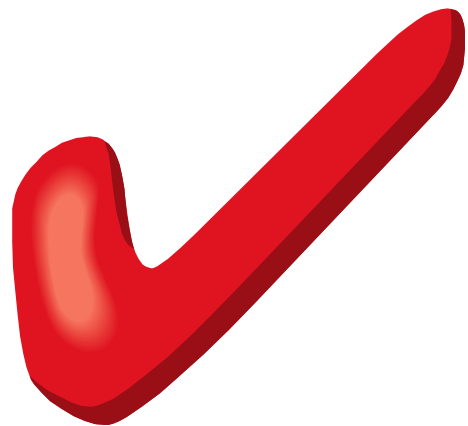
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1. Follow Wall of Fame instructions located on the CTAE page on SharePoint.
2. Submit pictures as attachments, not within the document.
3. Submit only one **brief description** and accompanying picture(s) per email.
4. Submit by the 5th of each month.
5. Submit to [lorrie.nix@hcbe.net](mailto:lorrie.nix@hcbe.net)



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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

## Middle School CTAE Contacts



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



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