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### Four Students Awarded Regional Most Positive Athlete



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Four Houston County School District students have been named Middle Georgia Regional *Positive Athletes* for 2020. A Positive Athlete exhibits these traits: optimism, encourager, servant leader, heart for others, admits imperfections, always gives 100 percent and puts the team first.

More than 5,000 student-athletes and coaches from over 420 high schools were nominated, and only about 7% will be recognized as a regional winner.



Congratulations to the following Most Positive Sports Athletes:

- ★ Marika Claiborne, Warner Robins High, Senior – Girls Cross Country;
- ★ Mikayla Hampton, Veterans High, Senior – Girls Tennis;
- ★ Annabelle Putman, Perry High, Junior – Adapted Sports; and
- ★ William Rankine, Houston County High, Freshman – Swimming and Diving.



The Middle Georgia Region consists of the following counties: Baldwin, Bibb, Bleckley, Crawford, Dodge, Hancock, Houston, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Laurens, Monroe, Montgomery, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Telfair, Treutlen, Twiggs, Washington, Wheeler, Wilcox and Wilkinson.

Typically the students would be honored at a ceremony. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be virtual recognition. Award winners were provided with a certificate of achievement to download and print, a social media graphic personalized with their name and award, a letter of recommendation, and a downloadable region-wide graphic. The scholarship recipients will be announced the end of May and the state winners will be announced in June.

The winners are pictured left to right: Claiborne, Hampton, Putman and Rankine. For more information about Positive Athlete, please visit [PositiveAthlete.org](http://PositiveAthlete.org).

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