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Thomson Middle School Students Compete in Knowledge Bowl at FCCLA Leadership Conference

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Thomson Middle School FCCLA members joined advisers and members from around the state at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) 2023 Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) in November.

During FLC, Ryhem Hacena, Stuti Patel, Alissa Lee, and Trish Pham competed in the FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Competitive Event and brought home first place. This is the fourth year in a row that a FCCLA team from Thomson Middle has won first place. The FCCLA Knowledge Bowl is a team competition that challenges students' knowledge in Family and Consumer Sciences content areas: food and nutrition, consumerism, child development, interior design and FCCLA knowledge.

“Serving on the Knowledge Bowl team allowed us to make great friends and gave us an undeniable understanding of teamwork and dedication. This is our third year on the team and our third time winning first place. We are so excited for the next group of TMS FCCLA members to work hard and carry on our winning streak. It is such an honor to have served on the TMS FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team,” said Ryhem Hacena, President, and Alissa Lee, Vice President of Competitive Events.

In addition, FLC provided Thomson Middle School chapter members with the opportunity to hear from keynote speakers and attend leadership workshops. FCCLA members also networked with other youth leaders and participated in various other competitions showcasing

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their skills in Family and Consumer Sciences and related fields. Along with knowledge bowl, Kyndall Horne won first place in Fashion Stylist, Aloah Jones won second place in Cupcake Decorating, Zugey Alabat Castaneda received third place in the Georgia FCCLA Lapel Pin design and Kyndall Horne and Zugey Alabat Castaneda scored an 85 or higher on the FCCLA Statesman Test demonstrating their knowledge of FCCLA and Georgia FCCLA.

Thomson Middle School is located at 301 Thomson Street in Centerville. Dr. Scott Wynn serves as Principal. For more information, contact Mrs. Leigh Cape Barrett, the Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher and FCCLA Adviser at (478) 953.0489 or leigh.barrett@hcbe.net.

About FCCLA

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective student-led nation-based organization supporting youth on their journey to become the leaders of tomorrow and helping them address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 237,000 members and more than 5,100 chapters from 47 state associations and Puerto Rico.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical intracurricular student organization with a central focus on careers that support families. Participation in national FCCLA programs and chapter activities aids members in becoming strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

Pictured (top to bottom): Ryhem Hacena, Stuti Patel, Alissa Lee and Trish Pham; Kyndall Horne; Aloah Jones; Zugey Alabat Castaneda



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