



Houston County CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students

Northside High School

NHS FCCLA Attends State Leadership Conference

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NHS FCCLA was recognized as an Honor Roll Chapter at the State Leadership Conference. Congratulations to the following FCCLA members for placing in their State Star Event competition:

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Elizabeth May and Alexa Hernandez placed 2nd and received a Gold medal in Chapter Service Project Portfolio.



Megan Emmott placed 2nd and received a Gold medal in Food Innovations.



Tara Doan and Shania Bautista placed 3rd and received a Gold medal in Nutrition and Wellness.



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Shiv Patel, Jonathan Stephens, and Alex Meck placed 3rd and received a Gold medal in Sports Nutrition.



Carson Sams (Event Management), Zoe Babcock and Emma Collins (Chapter in Review Portfolio) received Silver medals.



NHS Knowledge Bowl Team - Alexa Hernandez, Elizabeth May, Isabella Sayers and Deema Altousy placed in the top eight chapters.



Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins, Georgia. Markeeta Clayton serves as Principal.

Houston County High School

28 Consecutive Leaders . . . Continuing the FCCLA Legacy at HCHS



At the 2022 State Leadership Conference in Athens, Georgia, Andy Lu was elected to serve as the Georgia Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State First Vice President. Andy's election as the State Vice President marked 28 consecutive years that the Houston County High School Chapter of FCCLA has had a student representative elected to serve on the Region, State, and/or National level. A leadership legacy of this caliber is an accomplishment that is known by no other FCCLA chapter within the state.

Houston County High School FCCLA's 2021 – 2022 State Vice President of Membership, Aspen Mitchell, was also recognized for her extemporaneous leadership and contributions to Georgia FCCLA during her officer term, including her initiative to lead the 2021 – 2022 State Membership Campaign: United with Georgia FCCLA. In her role as Vice President of Membership, Aspen led FCCLA members from across the state in leadership sessions throughout the State Leadership Conference and was even recognized with a Silver Level State Officer Scholarship Award.

As Andy prepares to continue the HCHS FCCLA legacy of leadership as the newly elected State First Vice President, he looks forward to the future in serving Georgia FCCLA with excitement. He states, "I am honored to be elected as the State First Vice President and cannot wait to support, encourage, and celebrate FCCLA members from all across Georgia this year. FCCLA is truly 'The Ultimate Leadership Experience'! This organization has provided me with countless leadership opportunities and I am so eager to use my leadership skills to support Georgia FCCLA by planning and executing events and opportunities that will help more and more of Georgia's youth become effective leaders that can excel and make a difference within their schools, families, future careers, and community."

HCHS FCCLA is so proud of its continued legacy of leaders and is confident that Andy will excel as he leads Georgia FCCLA forward.

For more information on Georgia FCCLA, visit www.gafccla.com.

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

Perry High School

C/Col Ashton S. Russell, State of Georgia, Cadet of the Year



C/Col Ashton S. Russell, Perry High School Air Force JROTC, has been named the state of Georgia Air Force JROTC “Cadet of the Year and the Air Force Association Award Winner.” The Cadet of the Year award is awarded to a third year Air Force JROTC cadet who demonstrates outstanding leadership, serves their community and school as well as having outstanding fitness.

C/Col Russell has contributed over 130 hours to her community and school throughout the 2021-2022 academic year. She has participated in over 200 hours of leadership development activities and she earned Silver award status for her outstanding fitness. Silver award status is achieved by only the top 5% of cadets in the nation.

C/Col Russell will now compete for the Region level Cadet of the Year. If she wins the Region level she will compete to earn the National level Cadet of the Year Award.

Pictured above is Ashton with her parents, Gerald and Tina Russell, Chief Spears, and Colonel Bailey.

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

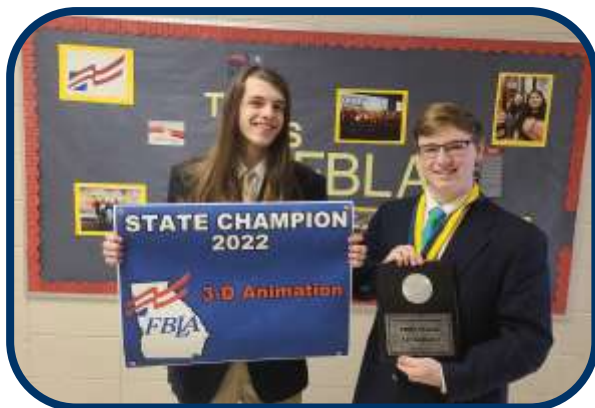


PHS FBLA Earns Awards at State Leadership Conference



Congratulations to our Perry FBLA chapter for their outstanding victories at the State Leadership Conference held March 10 – 12. PHS FBLA had seven students place in the top 10 with four students advancing to the National Leadership Conference in Chicago this summer. This is the highest number of state winners Perry FBLA has had in many years. Congratulations to the following state winners:

- 1st Place in 3D Animation – Spence Peters and Keegan Parker
- 2nd Place in Computer Game & Simulation Programming – Cole Kleinebekel
- 4th Place in Publication Design – Christian Kemp
- 5th Place in Computer Game & Simulation Programming – Gabriel Delgado Diaz
- 10th Place in Coding & Programming – Brian Rogerson
- 10th Place in Business Calculations – Talmadge Morath



**1st Place in 3D Animation
Keegan Parker, Spence Peters**

In this competition, students had to create an arcade style video game. Then, at state, present the project to a panel of judges in a seven minute presentation. Cole Kleinebekel created an unbelievable Galaga-inspired game called “Star Shooters”. He has spent countless hours on the project, beginning work in August and working with his Computer Science teacher during and after school all the way to the State Leadership Conference. The game has so many features, including three levels with over eight enemy types, three unique bosses for each level, a shop system, power-ups, functioning leaderboard and so much more. Cole plans to major in Computer Science when he graduates in 2023.

Keegan Parker and Spence Peters competed in 3D Animation. 3D Animation had the students create a 3D animated video that was three minutes in length and advertised a career pathway offered in our county. Spence and Keegan decided to focus on Industrial Manufacturing offered at the Career Academy. The students created ALL of the graphics in the video, as well as all of the music and voice acting for the video. They then had to present this to a panel of judges in a seven minute presentation. Spence plans to pursue a career in 3D animation most likely in the video game industry.



**2nd Place in Computer Game &
Simulation Programming
Cole Kleinebekel**

PHS FBLA Earns Awards at State Leadership Conference (continued)



5th Place in Computer Game & Simulation Programming Gabriel Delgado Diaz

Gabe created an incredible game inspired by the original Super Mario Brothers called Aliens and Explosions. This game was a platformer with a fun multiplayer mode, collectibles, a bomb powerup, and a challenging final boss to make it to the leaderboard. He put a lot of effort into the project. While Gabe has not made it to Nationals for sure, it is still possible if the 1st/3rd/4th place winner doesn't attend.



4th Place in Publication Design Christian Kemp

Christian Kemp competed in Publication Design. He had to compete virtually due to SETC for Drama, but it didn't stop him from winning 4th place. The competition involved creating promotional material for a fictional men's clothing store. Christian created an incredible logo for this company he called Winfields, and made truly outstanding graphics for this competition. Christian, a 10th grader, plans to major in Graphic Design.



10th Place in Coding & Programming Brian Rogerson

Not pictured, Tal Morath competed in Business Calculations, which is a test over Business Math related skills. He put in a lot of effort studying and represented Perry High School very well.

10th Place in Business Calculations Talmadge Morath

Brian Rogerson competed in Coding & Programming. This competition involved creating a computer program that would serve as a travel assistant for Georgia, similar to Google Maps. Brian made an incredible program and spent countless hours working on it, beginning work in August. His program included an interactive map that could be customized to show the end user locations that appealed to him as well as allow you to print the travel destinations of interest.



Brian Rogerson, Cole Kleinbikel, Blake Dunbar, PHS Computer Science Teacher, Spence Peters and Gabriel Delgado Diaz.

PHS FCCLA Advances to National Competition

Perry High FCCLA had a clean sweep at region and a clean sweep at the state level. Perry High FCCLA had 19 STAR Event competitors compete in five different events at the state leadership conference in Athens Georgia March 24th – 26th. Competitors were stunned to find out that ALL 19 student competitors are advancing to the national competition in sunny San Diego, California this summer.

Student competitors include:

- Gracie Svoboda and Cathryn Geiger placed first in the food innovations level 2 event
- Mary Carver and Taylor Funk placed first in the repurpose and redesign level 2 event
- Jocelen Odom and Abigail Durham placed first in the sports nutrition level 2 event
- Sara Ford, Hope Battle, Jersey Wright, Carson Kelly, Chyna Lee, Ja'maya Lee and Gracie Atkinson placed first in the parliamentary procedures level 2 event
- Amelia Kelly, Malaysia Ford, Chyna Lester, Tyasija Hooten, Addison Bigler and Avery Manis placed second in the parliamentary procedures level 3 event

Perry High FCCLA advisers Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick, along with their competitors, were overwhelmed with excitement to hear Perry High FCCLA called on stage during awards as top in the state! These students have worked extremely hard on their events for many months. This is truly a testament to their hard work, preparation, and dedication to their craft. Perry High FCCLA is building a legacy of leaders through creative and critical thinking, career preparation and practical knowledge.



Pictured at left, left to right: Avery Manis, Malaysia Ford, Chyna Lester, Amelia Kelly, Addison Bigler and Tyasija Hooten.

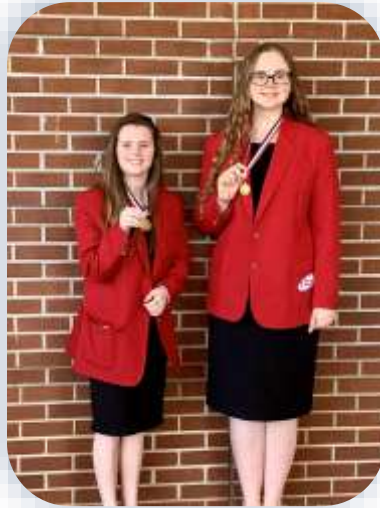


Pictured at right, left to right: Cason Kelly, Hope Battles, Jersey Wright, Sara Ford, Ja'Maya Lee, Gracie Atkinson and Chyna Lee.

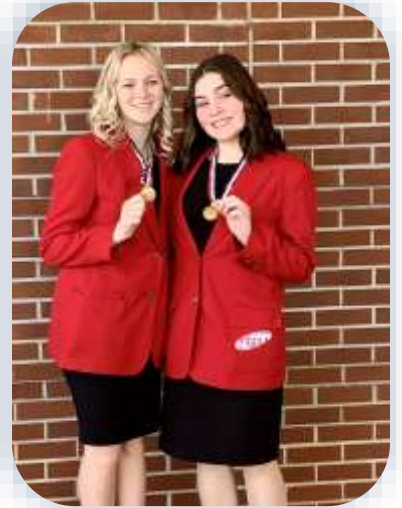
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Taylor Funk and
Mary Carver



Jocelen Odom and
Abigail Durham



Catheryn Geiger and
Gracie Svoboda



Houston County Career Academy

The Flying Legion, Houston County Robotics Team 3635

The Houston Alliance FIRST Robotics team recently competed in the 2022 Georgia FIRST Robotics State Championship at Mercer University. The team finished 20th in the state of Georgia's 67 teams. District teams are ranked against all teams in their state and the final rankings, once all district events have been played, are used to determine eligibility for State Championships and/or the FIRST National Championship (i.e. Worlds). This year the top 10 district teams qualified for the FIRST National Championship. While the team fought hard and earned numerous industrial design awards, spirit awards, and qualification points this season, they missed qualifying for the FIRST National Championship by 10 positions.

HCCA is incredibly proud of this team, as many members are freshmen and sophomores—very new to robotics. Most importantly, the skills they are learning and developing will certainly lend themselves useful in any STEM career path.

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



Pictured from the front left, sitting: Ruth Holt (VHS), Hailey Tayag (VHS), Ryan Wilcox (VHS), Mert Acar (VHS), and Steven Carter (VHS). Left front of robot: Rebecca Winters (VHS), Triston Smith (VHS), Aiden Harris (VHS), Noahlivia Geherin (VHS), Carson Hulse (VHS), Devon Hulse (VHS), Eli Hobbs (VHS), and Colby Wood (VHS). Team members around robot: Jordan Whitfield (HCHS), Will Van Slyke (VHS), Parker Marfell (VHS), Logan James (VHS), Cooper Jones (PHS), Nathan Holmes (VHS), Madee Appalonie (PHS), and Aislinn Haughbrook (WRHS). Mentors: Lt Col. (Retired) Jessica Chapman (VHS Senior AF ROTC Instructor), Dr. Cristina Tayag, Nick Jenkins, Barb Van Slyke, Richard Van Slyke, Larry Wilcox, and Jason Wood. Back row: Jarod Homer, Michael Marcoux (HCCA Engineering Instructor) and David Gentry.

Warner Robins Fire Department Lieutenants Speak to HCCA Students

On Friday March 11, three Lieutenants from the Warner Robins Fire Department came and spoke with students in Brandon Force's Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) classes and Stephanie Burch's Athletic Trainer's Classes. Lt. Sullivan, Lt. Mixon, and Lt. Ellis came and spoke on a career path through the Fire Department. They all gave their personal background and how they got involved with being a Fire Fighter. They spoke with the students on what type of training and certifications were involved and the time it takes to become a Fire Fighter. Each Lieutenant told his story on what inspired him to get into the fire service, the steps it took, daily life around the Fire House, and roles and responsibilities involved with being a Certified Fire Fighter. CGTC and HCCA wants to give a very special THANKS to Lt. Sullivan, Lt. Mixon, and Lt. Ellis for speaking with HCCA students. At HCCA students are striving to be "Work Force Ready".



Pictured from the Warner Robins Fire Department are: Lt. Sullivan, Lt. Mixon, and Lt. Ellis.

Brandon Force, Instructor and Lt. Mixon.



Houston County Robotics Team 3635, The Flying Legion, Competes in Peachtree District Columbus Event

The Houston County Robotics Team 3635, The Flying Legion, competed in the Peachtree District Columbus Event March 17-19, 2022. They were ranked 4th after the qualifying matches and were an Alliance Captain, getting to choose their alliance teammates. The team won their quarterfinals and advanced to semifinals. They were eliminated during semifinals with a record of 14 wins and five losses for the competition. The Flying Legion finished the competition ranked 5th out of 25 teams. They won the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors, due in part to the engineering process in designing the intake arms and the bracket for their shooter. First they drew out their idea to scale and cut it out of wood, then they modified the design using CAD and cut it out of paper. They then ended the design process by making a final proof-of-concept model made of wood on the laser cutter. The team traveled to Mercer University where the final product, made of aluminum, was cut with the help of Mercer Engineering students on their plasma cutter.



Pictured above from left to right on the back row are: David Gentry (mentor), Jason Wood (mentor), Logan James (VHS), Stephen Carter (VHS), Richard Van Slyke (mentor), Aiden Harris (VHS), Nick Jenkins (mentor), and Jarod Homer (mentor). Middle row: Barb Van Slyke (mentor), Parker Marfell (VHS), Cooper Jones (PHS), Colby Wood (VHS), Nathan Holmes (VHS), and Larry Wilcox (mentor). 3rd row: Lt. Col (retired) Jessica Chapman (teacher mentor VHS), William Van Slyke (VHS), Aislinn Haugabrook (WRHS), Tristan Smith (VHS), Carson Hulse (VHS), and Rebecca Winters (VHS). Front row: Madee Applonie (PHS), Hailey Tayag (VHS), Ryan Wilcox (VHS), Devon Hulse (VHS), Ruth Holt (VHS), and Eli Hobbs (VHS).



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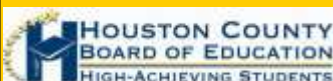
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