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Perry High School

PHS FCCLA Chapter Officers Participate in Training

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Perry High FCCLA chapter officers participated in a local officer training day with their advisers. The team traveled to Columbus, Georgia to begin their day. Officers enjoyed a delicious lunch together at Red Robin. Following lunch, the officer team headed over to Exodus Escape Rooms. There they participated in an escape room where they had to use their communication, leadership, and teamwork skills to successfully break out of their themed room. They conquered the challenge together with eight minutes to spare. Officers then scouted out the location of the new state meeting so that they could form a plan for the upcoming state leadership conference. The day ended back at their school in the Family and Consumer Science room where they discussed the highs and lows of the day as well as engaged in other adviser planned personality assessments to learn each other's strengths and weakness to better serve one another. This local training day was a huge success as these chapter officers feel more bonded together as a single unit and more equipped to serve their local chapter members this school year.



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



Warner Robins
High



Houston County
High



Perry
High



Houston College and
Career Academy



Veterans
High



Northside
High

PHS FCCLA Hosts a Welcome to FCCLA Social



Perry High FCCLA officers organized a "Welcome to FCCLA" social. The purpose of the social was to recruit new members for the chapter. All students were invited to come try out FCCLA by participating in the social event. Snacks were served for students attending and the officer's organized leadership and team building games were played. The social ended with door prizes in which some lucky students were able to snag some new FCCLA gear. Several students in attendance joined on the spot and many others joined in the next few days following the event. Perry High FCCLA officers felt this was a huge success and are already busy planning their next event.



PHS FFA Brings Home Awards from the Georgia Young Farmer Livestock Show

The Georgia Young Farmers Livestock show took place August 16th -17th in Perry, Georgia at the Georgia National Fair Grounds. Perry High School FFA exhibited 40 head of cattle and 50 head of swine. Addison Fuchs was selected as the 12th grade Champion Showman and had the 3rd Overall Market Animal. Stella Wood had the Reserve Champion AOB Steer and Aubrey Herndon had the Reserve AOB Breeding Heifer. In the swine show ring, Kate Peacock exhibited the 5th Overall Breeding Gilt. Luke Wright was named the 10th grade Champion Showman and exhibited the 5th Overall Market Hog. Perry High School's FFA livestock show team continues to shine inside and outside the show ring.



Houston College and Career Academy

Flint Energies Foundation Grants Funds to HCCA



The Flint Energies Foundation granted Houston College and Career Academy \$5,000. The requested funds will be used to send two students to the National FCCLA conference.

Suni Wilson, Houston College and Career Academy representative stated, “The Houston College and Career Academy culinary team is composed of several different schools in the Houston County area. The students recently won first place in the state competition and these funds will allow two students to compete at nationals in Seattle, Washington.”

The Flint Energies Foundation provides grants to local non-profits such as this one using money donated by Flint Energies

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Houston College and Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Sherry Johnson serves as Principal.



Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Program

Teaching as a Profession Student Experiences the Real World of Teaching



Rylee Smith is a second year Teaching as a Profession Youth Apprenticeship Program student whose work placement is at Lake Joy Primary School where she works alongside first grade teacher, Robin Burks.

Rylee is thankful for this opportunity to see what being a teacher is actually like and to receive real life experience in a classroom. As a student intern, she is incorporated in the classes' everyday routine. While at her placement, she gives assessments, leads small groups, teaches whole class lessons, and does read aloud.

When asked for thoughts on her future plans Rylee said "I have known since a very young age that I want to be a teacher when I grow up. This experience has only continued to drive that passion. Upon May 2025 graduation from Houston County High School, I am going to attend Columbus State University, majoring in Elementary and Special Education. I aspire to become a second-grade teacher and one day obtain my gifted endorsement."

Youth Apprenticeship Program Coordinator for the school district, Sandi Couillard, commented, "Thanks to the wonderful instruction by Teaching as a Profession Instructor, Erin Morton, Rylee is ready for her classroom tasks. This wonderful paid internship opportunity is made available because of the Houston County School District's investment in our future teachers."



Houston Healthcare YAP Students



On August 22, 2024, twenty-two Houston College and Career Academy Healthcare students and their parents attended Houston Healthcare's (HHC) Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) orientation. This great partnership between the Houston County School District and Houston Healthcare began in 2019 and, except for the COVID-19 year, has continued annually for student enrolled in Houston College and Career Academy's Healthcare Pathways (Sports Medicine, Nurse Aide, and Emergency Medical Responder).

Healthcare students attending were: Ka'Nya Beck (HCHS), Eboni Boyd (HCHS), Kamryn Burke (HCHS), Kayden Daniels (NHS), Shayla Denton (VHS), Fernanda Flores (WRHS), Kaleigh Hampton (WRHS), Goldie Haskell (VHS), Cassidy Howard (HCHS), Briana Marshall (WRHS), Mi Meh (WRHS), Meghan Miller (VHS), Gabriel Minor (WRHS), Jasmine Newsom (NHS), Scarlet Pacheco (WRHS), Arya V. Patel (HCHS), Aiyana Stripling (PHS), Sara Talton (PHS), Tyreah Tharpe (NHS), Katelyn Thigpen (VHS), Ximena Velasco (PHS), and Ruth Whittington (HCHS).

While Melissa Phagan, Houston Healthcare's Chief of Staff, gave an overview of HHC to the student/parent group. Houston County School District's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, met with HHC YAP mentors to conduct YAP orientation. A few of this year's mentors are new to the program, but many have been mentors for several years which speaks highly of their dedication to bringing the next generation of healthcare workers along.

HHC's Lead Recruiter, Kasey Osborn, works closely with Sandi Couillard on this project. When asked how she feels about this project she says, "Being part of the Houston Healthcare and Houston County College and Career Academy partnership from the beginning has been a true pleasure. Watching the program grow and shape these students' futures has been exciting. I hope this opportunity inspires them to pursue healthcare careers and join our incredible team in the future."

Sandi Couillard has also been a part of this project since its inception. She says, "It was great to see the collaborative efforts of the Houston Development Authority, Houston County School District, and Houston Healthcare to make these opportunities available for our healthcare students. Our students learn so much by being immersed in the healthcare environments they are considering for their careers. Upon completion of their apprenticeships students are able to make better informed decisions about their future healthcare careers."

Houston Healthcare YAP Students (continued)



Gabriel Minor is pictured with his parents.



Dr. Sherry Johnson and Kasey Osborn.



Alyssa Gilliam with Arya Patel and her mom.



HHC's Donald Smith, Katelyn Thigpen, Kaleigh Hampton and Eboni Boyd.



HHC Mentors



HHC's Kaci Boyett is pictured with new YAP students.



Ruth Whittington, her mom, and HHC's Joshua Buchanan.

Feagin Mill Middle School

FMMS FBLA

Feagin Mill Middle School FBLA has grown to over 50 members in 2024 compared to just over 30 in 2023.



FBLA officers pictured, left to right, are: Vishwa Meghani, Aarushi Patel, and Shrut Dhruv as they work together designing the Feagin Mill Middle School FBLA T-Shirt.



New FBLA members are pictured playing a game at the first chapter meeting of the 2024 school year.



Feagin Mill Middle School is located at 1200 Feagin Mill Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Mark Sams serves as Principal.



Thomson Middle



Warner Robins Middle



Bonaire Middle



Feagin Mill Middle



Huntington Middle



Mossy Creek Middle



Northside Middle



Perry Middle

Perry Middle School

PMS FFA

Perry Middle School FFA members had a summer full of achievements.



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Congratulations to Rollins Neal and Raegan Denton as they were awarded the Lindner Feed Scholarship. They received \$500 cash for winning their class at a state or national show.

Riley Baldwin competed at the National Barrel Horse Association Youth World competition where she won Reserved World Champion and earned the title of World's Fastest Female Youth Barrel Racer. Riley ran a 14.913 on Peanut and won a plethora of prizes and cash totaling over \$6,000. She competed against over 750 racers from 7 different countries. Check out this video of Riley at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gns5x32I78>



PMS FFA (continued)



Pictured, left to right are: Judge and Perry Middle School FFA Alumni, Cole Smyth; Lynlee Layfield, Hadley Allison, Jessica Allison, John Allison, Raegan Denton, Mason Allison, and Kate Peacock.

Pig show team members started the season off strong as they attended the Peach State Swine Shootout at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Blake Ennis, Gabe Brown, and Steele Smith placed 5th in Class, Mason Allison placed 5th in Showmanship, Liam Sturgeon placed 4th in Class, and Emory Turner and Hadley Allison placed 2nd in Class. Hadley went on to win 5th Overall Market Gilt. This win was assisted by pig jocks, Raegan Denton and Lynlee Layfield.

Additionally, Raegan Denton competed at the Southern Premier Goat Shootout where she earned Grand Champion 6th Grade Showman. What a great way to start the year.

Perry Middle School is located at 495 Perry Parkway in Perry, Georgia. The FFA is grateful for the support of PMS administrators including Principal, Dr. Heath Burch. For more information, please contact the Director of Career, Technology, and Agricultural Education, Tom Seward, at 478.988.6222, ext. 3440 or tom.seward@hcbe.net.



Ryleigh Denton
and Raegan Denton



PMS FCCLA Members Attend National Leadership Conference



This summer, three members from Perry Middle School FCCLA attended the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Seattle, WA to compete at the national FCCLA STAR Event Competition. In order for these students to compete at the national level, they had to place first or second place at both region and state level competitions last school year. The students attending and competing at this national competition are Kayla Gaines, Emmagrace Goodman, and Chloe Oglesby. They returned home with two gold medals and one silver medal.



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