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Houston County Career Academy

Teaching As a Profession Students Hear from Bridgett Hunt 2022-2023 Houston County Schools Teacher of the Year

What's Inside

The Houston County Career Academy Teaching As A Profession pathway students hosted Bridgett Hunt, 2022-2023 Houston County Schools Teacher of the Year, as a guest speaker. Mrs. Hunt shared about her educational journey and offered words of inspiration to the future teachers. The Teaching As a Profession pathway gives high school students the opportunity to learn about the teaching field through classroom instruction and internships.

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

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Bridgett Hunt is pictured sharing with the Teaching As A Profession classes .



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Teaching As a Profession Students Hear from Bridgett Hunt 2022-2023 Houston County Schools Teacher of the Year (continued)



Pictured with the guest speaker are: Trinity Ferguson, Imani Bundick, J'Khia Ross, Daniela Rios-Hernandez, Danna Morena Enciso, Bridgett Hunt, Dennaë Davenport, Kinlee Wallis, Rh'leia Lester, Charlie Betancourt, Josh Hill, Boe Meh, Cameron Mahoney, Madison Grace, Karly Crumpton and Jakori Harper.



Pictured with the guest speaker are: Undreah Rumph, Kaneisha Tolbert, Sara Ford, Mckenzie Payne, Andrea Jackson, Makaia Jones, Gabrielle Green, Bridgett Hunt, Taniyah Green, Maci McDermott, Rylee Smith, Jayden Hawthorne, Keyazmine West, Cherrie Stokes and Gracie Svoboda.



Veterans High School

VHS FFA Wins Awards

Congratulations to the Veterans High School FFA Meats Evaluation and Technology Teams. The Senior Team won the State Meats Contest at the University of Georgia on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Team members included Courtney Street, Rachel Schoonover (State high individual), Gracie Ware, and Grace Collier. This team will represent Georgia at next year's National FFA Convention. The Junior Team placed 2nd in the State in a very close contest. Team members included Madison Moore, Aly Corzine, Camryn Graham (State high individual), and Kaylin Bailey. Their Adviser, Dr. Jeff Wilson, is very proud of their hard work and dedication.

Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Amy Barbour serves as Principal and Dana Morris serves as the CTAE Supervisor/Assistant Principal.



Senior Team



Junior Team

Veterans High School FCCLA Attends Fall Rally

Youth from the Veterans High School Chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently participated in a motivational rally held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Over 4,700 students and advisers from schools across Georgia participated in the leadership rally session and competed in events.



Students attending Veterans High School pictured left to right are: Cherise Gulley, T'Erica Bracewell, Mollie Mize, Enne Norcross, Karly Kozick, and Katelyn Thigpen. Veterans High participated in the brochure and chapter t-shirt design events at the fair and their chapter t-shirt placed 6th in the state.



Ava Trussell
Georgia FCCLA State President

Pictured at left, is Ava Trussell, Georgia FCCLA State President from Veterans High School, opened and lead the Fall Rally along with the other state officers. Ava was the emcee for the themed speech competition for middle and high levels and she was the photographer for other competitions the previous day. Jasyria Moody, Region 7 officer from Veterans High School, was also present assisting with the rally. The advisers attending with the students were Jill Massee and Julie Vinup.



Pictured above, left to right, are: Georgia FCCLA Vice President of Community Service - Mia Carver (Bacon County High School); Georgia FCCLA President - Ava Trussell (Veterans High School); Georgia FCCLA 1st Vice President - Andy Lu (Houston County High School); and Georgia FCCLA Vice President of Membership - Bryna McKenzie (Pelham High School).

Veterans High School FCCLA and Class Officers Help Feed the City



Feed the City is an event each year to make sure no family in Middle Georgia is without food on Thanksgiving. A big "thank you" to everyone that contributed to Feed the City. Veterans High School collected a total of 2,145 boxes! VHS appreciates the members of FCCLA and the Class Officers for sponsoring this community service project.

Also, congratulations to Stephania Charles' 5th period French class for collecting the most Jiffy Corn Bread Mix. They collected 316 boxes. [#herewegrowthouston](#)

Veterans High School SkillsUSA Attends Champions Rally



The Veterans High School SkillsUSA organization traveled to the Georgia National Fairgrounds, in Perry, Georgia, October 7, 2022. The chapter attended the Champions Rally wearing their chapter t-shirt design. They enjoyed the speaker and their time at the fair. Students competed in Chapter T-shirt Design.

Pictured above, left to right are: Skyla Applegate, Lee Alleyne, Kylie Klick, Jada Klick, Ty'Asia Brown, Savannah Robertson, Emily Boan, Aubrey Milford, Kayley Greer, and Adviser, Ashley Strong.



VHS Food Science Creates an Imitation Apple Pie

Human senses are limited and easily fooled. Food Science students proved this point by creating an imitation food product that looked and tasted like apple pie but was not the real thing. A few Veterans High School faculty and administrators were asked to participate in a sensory evaluation of an apple pie. They believed they were tasting an apple pie for aroma, flavor, texture, and color. However, they got the apple-less apple pie that was made with Ritz crackers as an apple substitute. No one on the panel thought they were eating imitation. The only way they knew for sure what they were eating was when the students told them after they gave their feedback. The students became more aware that everything is not always as it seems, and that food scientists can make something taste like they want to and fool our senses. According to one source, during the depression years when apples were not available, Ritz crackers were used to make apple pies and that is how the apple-less apple pie originated. Jill Massee is the instructor for the Food Science class and Dana Morris is the VHS CTAE (Career Technical and Ag Education) Supervisor.



Pictured left to right: Kristi Cannon (VHS Science teacher); Shawn Masters (VHS AP); and Dana Morris (VHS AP and CTAE Supervisor).



Pictured above are Food Science students, Ollie Brothers and Caitlin Harmon.



Pictured above are Food Science students, Sydney Baker and Ava Trussell.

Veterans High School FCCLA Students Attend Fall Leadership Conference

Youth from the Veterans High Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently participated in a leadership conference held November 9th-10th, 2022 at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia. Over 1,700 students and advisers from 190 schools across Georgia participated in leadership workshops, planned the chapter's program of work and participated in competitions at this location and another in Fort Valley, Georgia. Students were motivated by the conference theme "Trekking to the Top." Chapters also had the chance to compete in several events including Lapel Pin Design, Membership Recruitment and Statesman Award. Along with other advisers and members from across the state, Veterans High School FCCLA Chapter Advisers, Jill Massee and Julie Vinup, accompanied 12 members to the meeting.

Ava Trussell, Georgia FCCLA State President, lead the opening and closing sessions. She also presented a workshop titled "Gold Rush", giving students nuggets for Star Event competitions. VHS FCCLA students that participated in the statesman testing were Daviona Ruff, Jasyln Nash and Emma Rice. The following students participated in the FLC competitions: Enne Norcross - Cupcake Decorating, Sydney Baker - Fashion Stylist, and Katie McCall - Pen It, Present It, Preserve It. Veterans High School FCCLA Knowledge Bowl team placed in the top eight schools in the state and will continue for the finals at State Leadership Conference. Members of the FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team for VHS are: T'Erica Bracewell, Jasyria Moody, Lakyn Summers and Maddy Lathrop. VHS FCCLA received first place for the Membership Recruitment Board designed by Kyndal Crawford.



Kyndal Crawford pictured with Membership Recruitment Board 1st Place in State.



Pictured above, left to right, are: Jasyln Nash, Jasyria Moody, Ava Trussell, Katie McCall, Maddy Lathrop, Lakyn Summers, Sydney Baker, T'Erica Bracewell, Madison Keller, Enne Norcross, Daviona Ruff and Emma Rice.



Fall Leadership Opening Session speaker, Ashley Arendt, representing the FCCLA Leadership Training Team and Ava Trussell.



VHS FCCLA members assisting with registration: Sydney Baker, Jasyria Moody, Lakyn Summers and T'Erica Bracewell.



Jill Massee and Ava Trussell at the Rededication program for the Inez Tumlin Room at the FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia.

Houston County High School

HCHS FBLA Attends BASIC Training



Members are pictured working together during the low ropes course.

This October, HCHS FBLA went to the FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia to participate in a wonderful leadership training called BASIC which stands for Building and Achieving Success in Chapters. This training allowed chapter members to feel confident in their abilities to be leaders and allowed them to grow closer together so they can better work together on projects throughout the year.

When members first arrived at the camp, they participated in team initiatives. These activities required a variety of skills. Untangling a tangled rope without moving their hands, different name games, and a team-oriented version of rock paper scissors were favorites among many. Members devoured a delicious lunch of chicken sandwiches, fries, corn on the cob, salad, brownies, and ice cream to refuel for more action. In the afternoon, the chapter moved onto the low ropes course where they implemented what they learned in the team initiatives and built trust. The low ropes course included having to get your entire team through a hanging tire and having their whole team get over a wooden wall. To end the day, members got to continue getting to know each other on their own through general recreation such as volleyball and basketball.

HCHS FBLA is looking forward to an amazing year focusing on continuing their tradition of excellence. They cannot wait to grow closer as a chapter.

Principal of Houston County High School is Dr. Douglas Rizer. Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins, Georgia. FBLA Advisers are Jenny Jackson, Ashley Deloach, Kimberly Henson, LaTasha Davis, and Sheila Jones. CTAE Supervisor is Karma Hayes.



HCHS FBLA Goes to Six Flags Over Georgia



On October 3, 2022, HCHS FBLA members attended the Fall Motivational Rally at Six Flags Over Georgia. This conference was an amazing way to help FBLA members kick start their year by motivating them to participate in future competitions, do their Business Achievement Awards (BAA), and attend more conferences and meetings.

When members arrived at the conference, they had the opportunity to listen to a motivational speaker as well as the Georgia FBLA state officers at the general session. After the general session, HCHS FBLA enjoyed networking with members from across Georgia during lunch which consisted of hotdogs, chips, and ice cream. Later in the day, members participated in open testing to allow them to experience questions similar to what they will experience on later competitive assessments. In between all the activities, attendees explored Six Flags with friends riding popular rides such as the Goliath, the Batman, and the Twisted Cyclone.

Officer Jana Herr stated, “I had a blast at this conference, and now, I cannot wait for competitions to begin and to attend other conferences.”

HCHS FBLA is looking forward to an amazing year focusing on continuing their tradition of excellence. They are brimming with excitement for the upcoming sessions.



HCHS FCCLA Racks Up Ribbons at Fall Leadership Rally

Students from the Houston County High School Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently participated in a motivational rally held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Over 2,000 students and advisers from schools across Georgia participated in the leadership rally and competed in competitions.



Andy Lu, Georgia FCCLA State First Vice President, helped kick off the motivational leadership rally, along with other Georgia FCCLA officers. As Andy and fellow State Executive Council Members led the motivational rally, members and advisers were motivated to commit to becoming leaders in community service, grow through FCCLA National Programs, and advocate for careers in Family and Consumer Sciences throughout the year. This event is one of four major conferences that Andy will help lead in his role as a State Officer this year.

FCCLA members not only gained personal growth and leadership development by attending the Fall Leadership Rally, they also gained valuable skills as they participated in competitive events. Houston County High School FCCLA was excited to bring home wins and ribbons in the following categories:

- Julian Williams received 2nd Place in the State Chili Cook-Off;
- Laney Davis received 4th Place in the State Themed Speech Competition;
- Houston County High School FCCLA Chapter received 3rd Place in the State Brochure Design Competition.

Houston County High School is so proud of the FCCLA members who helped lead the way through their involvement in competitions and participation at the Fall Leadership Rally this year.



Jay Williams, pictured above, won 2nd Place in the State Chili Cook-Off.



Laney Davis is pictured above with State First Vice President, Andy Lu, receiving her ribbon and recognition as a 4th Place Winner in the State Themed Speech Contest.

Perry High School

PHS FCCLA Recognized at Wesleyan College



Perry High FCCLA national competitors were recognized at Wesleyan College for their success at the National Leadership Conference. The competitors were recognized by being awarded Spotlight Certificates by the college's President. Following the awards ceremony competitors toured the campus, were treated to a luncheon in the dining hall and ended the day with a wonderful tour of the Equestrian Facility. This was a wonderful opportunity for competitors, and they are thankful to Wesleyan College for the opportunity.



Principal of Perry High School is Wesley "Del" Martin. The school is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry, Georgia.



Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Program

King of Smoothies



Joey Brumbelow recently picked up a free agent off the market for Smoothie King. The new recruit, Gentry Arnette, is about 6'2 and weighs in at about 170lbs. He has recently returned to the scene through the Work-Based Learning Program at Perry High School which helped him to stay on with Smoothie King after his summer loan period. He is currently rostered as a team member where he plays a hybrid role, moving from dishes to prep work to making smoothies to opening/closing.

Gentry jokingly stated that he was excited to be joining Smoothie King on Highway 96 "for the free smoothies" but then relented that the pay was good and the work is easy and indoors. He also told reporters that he was learning recipes for many different smoothies and saving up money, both of which he intends to use towards his time in college. Gentry plans to move on to college and then proceed in his career from there although he is still unsure of his major.



West-Central Region Work-Based Learning Meeting

On November 16, 2022, Houston County hosted the West-Central Region's Work-Based Learning meeting. The day began with a meeting at the Flint Energies conference room on Russell Parkway where all were greeted by Dr. Sherry Johnson, Houston County Career Academy Principal and CEO. After lunch, which was catered by Honey Baked Ham, the group toured Sandler Nonwoven in Perry, Georgia. Sandler Nonwoven President, Tobias Baumgaertel, made a presentation about the history of the company and talked about the many career opportunities offered. Human Resources Manager, Mia Maharaj, led everyone on a tour of their production and warehouse areas. Mr. Baumgaertel and Ms. Maharaj offered to have parent/student tours to expose students to careers at their company.



Pictured at left are West-Central Region Work-Based Learning and Youth Apprenticeship Coordinators.



Pictured at left are West-Central Region Chairperson, Katie Hankinson (Mary Persons High School) and Sandi Couillard, Houston County School's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator.



Pictured at right are Bibb County West-Central Region Work-Based Learning and Youth Apprenticeship Coordinators.

Feagin Mill Middle School

FBLA at FMMS



FMMS FBLA attended the Fall Leadership Conference with 11 students. Each student finished a path to leadership.

Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Jayd Pinkney, Britney Woods, Crisbiery Mendoza-Richard, Alyssa Brown and Sophia Gilliam. Back row: Landon Scott, Christi Wesbrooks, Aria Simpson, Justice Cormier, Carson Trevino, Shamar Gaines and Julie Folse.



Feagin Mill Middle FBLA collected over 300 pairs of socks for Genesis House in Perry, Georgia. October was transformed into "Socktober" and the whole school and the community came together to collect socks.



FMMS FBLA had a monthly meeting and focused on showing gratitude during November. FBLA created a bulletin board for the whole school to focus on the month of thankfulness. During the monthly meeting, students wrote cards and shared stories.

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



Huntington Middle School

TSA Events at HMS

The Huntington Middle School TSA Student Organization has been able to collaborate, via Zoom, with international friends from Germany, about careers in coding and flight.



Pictured at left, are: Ibrahim and Riyat. Ibrahim works for Deloitte Germany as an IT project manager. Riyat is a pilot and does aerial survey flights for Austrian Airlines in Europe.



TSA students were able to learn from primary sources about careers of an actual coder and from a flight pilot. The two Germans met HMS TSA Adviser in Cancun this summer. They collaborated, via zoom, in order to have Huntington Middle School students engage with first hand knowledge of the STEM jobs arising.



Pictured above are Huntington Middle School's TSA and FCCLA student organizations that partnered together in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.



HMS TSA Events (continued)

Huntington Middle School TSA students completed a STEM Gummy Lab. Students were taught to take compounds, transform into a liquid and then into a gel using heat transformation. Quite STEM-U-LATING! Hands on activity using reading skills for instructions held the student's engagement for them to create their own bag of treats for home. In addition, they made jolly rancher candy apples and regular candy apples with FCCLA. They watched a YouTube video over the science that was used in making candy apples, too.



TECH Day at Georgia National Fair

Huntington Middle School's TSA attended Tech Day at the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia. They viewed the competition, entered the video contest, met officers, and enjoyed rides.



Principal at Huntington Middle School is Dr. Gwendolyn Taylor. The school is located at 206 Wellborn Road in Warner Robins, Georgia.

Huntington Middle School FCCLA Club Crushes Their Community Service Goal



Huntington Middle School FCCLA Members and Adviser

In September, the Huntington Middle School FCCLA Club, along with the other Houston County FCCLA Middle School Chapters, joined forces with the goal to each collect 50 pairs of shoes and 50 pairs of socks for a community service project, "Shoes for Ellie". This community service project benefited the Middle Georgia Foster Organization. The Huntington FCCLA members quickly went to work making announcements at school and asking friends and family for donations. Shortly after the announcements started over the intercom, Coach Lisa Carson and Club Member Zoe Carson, showed up at the Family and Consumer Sciences' classroom with 30 pairs of shoes. FCCLA Adviser, Sekemia Caldwell-Johnson, was knocked off her feet and the donation brought her to tears. As the students continued collecting items, the first three packs of socks came from Principal, Dr. Gwendolyn Taylor, and the donations kept rolling in. Socks seemed to be the most popular donation as they came in various colors and some even had designs. HMS FCCLA Club ended their community service project the first week in November with 54 pairs of shoes and 89 pairs of socks for middle school aged foster children. The club is grateful for all the supporters of the community service project that assisted in helping to CRUSH the District Middle School FCCLA Club goal!



Club contributors, left to right are: Kayla Spikes, Zoe Carson, Kaleiah Pigford, Jalexia Mathis, Jada Musselwhite, and Keyaira Prince.



Huntington Middle School FCCLA Takes First Place at Fall Leadership Conference

The Huntington Middle School FCCLA Club recently competed at their Fall Leadership Conference at Camp John Hope FFA-FCCLA Center in Fort Valley, Georgia and brought back two awards for first place in competitions. Zoe Carson, a 6th grader, competed among other middle school students from across the State of Georgia in the Cupcake Decorating Competition. This year's conference theme was "Trekking to the Top" and she designed three jaw dropping cupcakes. The Club also received first place in the Member Recruitment Display Competition. The students brainstormed ideas that would go along with the school's club theme this year of "What's Poppin' in FCCLA at HMS?" Their creativity with their ideas popped them an award.

The Leadership Conference held November 2, 2022, hosted over 1,700 students and advisers from 190 schools across Georgia. The club participated in leadership workshops, planned the chapter's program of work, and participated in competitions at this location and another in Covington, Georgia. Students were motivated by the conference theme "Trekking to the Top." Chapters also had the chance to compete in other events including: T-shirt Design, State Lapel Pin Design, and Statesman Award. At the conclusion of the day, the awards ceremony was held to recognize all of the accomplishments of the competition winners. Along with other advisers and members from across the state, HMS FCCLA Chapter Adviser, Sekemia Caldwell-Johnson, accompanied six members to the meeting. Those students were: Kristin Bell, Zoe Carson, Kaylee Chastain, Sha'Neara Fluellen, M'Kya Gardner and Kaylie Upthegrove. The club is glad to have the support of HMS Principal, Dr. Gwendolyn Taylor, and the rest of the Huntington family in all of the club's endeavors . . . HAWKS SOAR!



Pictured at left, front row, left to right are: Sha'Neara Fluellen, Kaylie Upthegrove, and Kristin Bell. Back row, left to right, are: M'Kya Gardner and Zoe Carson.



Zoe Carson
Cupcake Competitor



HMS FCCLA club members
and Adviser.

Cupcake with theme,
"Trekking to the Top".



Perry Middle School

Houston County Future Business Leaders of America



Houston County Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) joined forces in a social activity for their young leaders. FBLA members from Feagin Mill Middle School, Perry Middle School, and Warner Robins Middle School went to Gold Cup Bowling on October 28, 2022, for a night of bowling, food, and fun. Chapters were able to build comradery and foster some healthy competition through a couple of friendly games of bowling. Students competed against their local and county chapters as they tried to increase their personal best scores.

Advisers, Julie Folse (FMMS), Dr. Diana Phillips (PMS), and Penney Ragin (WRMS), look forward to more opportunities working together in activities for the students, community service projects for stakeholders, and strengthening their programs through competition and team building.

Perry Middle School is located at 495 Perry Parkway in Perry, Georgia. Dr. Heath Burch serves as Principal.



PMS FBLA Attends Fall Leadership Conference



The Perry Middle School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter, led by Dr. Diana Phillips, attended the Fall Leadership Conference on November 9, 2022 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. As a precursor to an adventurous day, the group stopped at Chick-fil-A for a delicious breakfast. After a little fine dining and social interaction, participants attended leadership training, competed in Open-Events Testing, and a Monopoly Tournament. Members listened to state officers present about FBLA and upcoming events. Author Brad Killmeyer spoke to everyone about motivation, setting goals, and focusing on future dreams. Several members received signed copies of his book. Throughout the conference, members could purchase a myriad of FBLA items from the site-based store. A delightful lunch of Chick-fil-A was provided as they took a break from their activities.



Houston County Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Staff

High School CTAE Supervisors



Pictured are: (front row) Karma Hayes, HCHS; Sherry Johnson, HCCA; Dana Morris, VHS; (back row) Tom Seward, WRHS; Jay Wood, PHS; and Dr. Joe Hutcheson, NHS.

Middle School CTAE Contacts



Pictured are: (front row) Kelly Sharp, MCMS; Dr. Dana Brock, FMMS; Shenequia Jones, WRMS; Kizzy Johnson, PMS; (back row) Anthony Blasingame, HMS; Dr. Marlon Robinson, BMS; William Basby, NMS, and Fred Thomas, TMS.

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