



Tom Seward
CTAE Director

Houston County CTAE: Working to Produce High Achievement for All Through Continuous Growth

Veterans High School

AFJROTC Warhawk Fitness National Champions

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Congratulations to the Veterans High School AFJROTC Warhawk fitness teams. The Warhawks travelled to Daytona Beach, Florida to compete in the All-Service Fitness Nationals. Seventy-seven teams from across the nation travelled to this event with hopes of earning a National Championship title. The Warhawk Male and Female Fitness teams dominated both divisions. Both teams placed top 3 in all five events, ultimately resulting in the Warhawk fitness teams earning the honor of being the 2026 All-Service Fitness National Champions.



The Warhawks also had one male who took second place in the Ultimate Fitness Cadet overall. Congratulations to Izaydah Culley.



Veterans High



Northside High



Warner Robins High



Houston County High



Perry High



Houston College and Career Academy

AFJROTC Warhawk Fitness National Champions (continued)

Congratulations to the following students on this historic accomplishment:

Warhawk Male Team

Max Zamudio
Tristan Maine
Luke Hopper
Michael Skerl
James Zamudio
Jayden Ortiz
Izaydah Culley
Collin Lynch
Gavin Britt
Nick Ballard
Ben Ballard
Andrew Bell
Michah Moore
Reese Griffin



Warhawk Female Team

Amelia Koenig
Kaylah Judy
Ava Albright
Alyssa Meyer
Gabrielle Andrade
Brisa Adorno
Mikaela Alvarado
Palyn Hartman
Gwyn Stepp
Khurstin Meyer
Savannah Van Nostrand
Marciano Weeks
Reagan Pels
Amanda Giles
Elizabeth Smith



Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Amy Barbour serves as Principal.

FCCLA Recognizes Tom Seward with 2026 National School Administrator Award



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is proud to recognize Tom Seward of Georgia, CTAE Director for Houston County, as the recipient of the 2026 National School Administrator Award. This award honors school administrators who provide exemplary support for FCCLA, Career and Technical Education, and student leadership development.

Seward has been a strong and consistent supporter of FCCLA Members and FCCLA Advisers across Houston County. As an active member of the FCS/FCCLA Advisory Council, Seward provides guidance and advocacy for middle and high school Career and Technical Education programs.

Since becoming CTAE Director, Seward has helped implement STAR Event competition workdays across the district, supported recognition of FCCLA Achievements at Board of Education meetings and district-wide events, and promoted funding for FCCLA Projects and Family and Consumer Sciences classroom initiatives.

Seward also supports individual FCCLA Members by providing resources for conference participation, competition supplies, and official dress items such as FCCLA Red Blazers. These efforts help FCCLA Members represent the organization with confidence and access meaningful leadership opportunities.

Through mentorship opportunities, collaboration among middle and high school programs, community partnerships, and public recognition of FCCLA Accomplishments, Seward has strengthened FCCLA Visibility and membership across Houston County.

Seward will be recognized at the 2026 FCCLA National Leadership Conference, held in Washington, D.C., from July 6-10, 2026, alongside FCCLA Members, FCCLA Advisers, and supporters from across the nation.

FCCLA celebrates Tom Seward's commitment to Career and Technical Education and continued support for FCCLA Members, FCCLA Advisers, and FCCLA Chapters.

Warner Robins High School

WRHS FFA



Pictured above, left to right are: Commissioner of Agriculture, Tyler Harper; Ja'Sai Kirce, Gabriel Minor, Joy Sanders and Dr. Veronica Sanders.

The Warner Robins High School FFA chapter remained actively engaged in leadership, service, and agricultural advocacy throughout the spring semester. Students recently attended the annual Ham and Egg Legislative Breakfast at Fort Valley State University, an event hosted through the university's Cooperative Extension Program since 1982. The breakfast brings together Georgia's agricultural community, legislators, and industry leaders to discuss issues impacting agriculture, farming, and food production across the state.

During National FFA Week, WRHS FFA members also took

time to celebrate and honor faculty members during Teacher Appreciation activities by sharing thoughtful poems, encouraging staff to stay hydrated, and expressing gratitude for their dedication to students. In addition, members assisted during the WRHS Demon Fest in April by providing a rabbit petting station and a plant activity station that allowed students and families to interact with agriculture in a fun and engaging way.

The chapter continued to excel in competitive events and academic achievement. Congratulations to WRHS FFA member Joy Sanders, for earning the Georgia Science Teachers Association Award for Creative Problem Solving in the Senior Division. She received 2nd place honors, and was recognized for advancing to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) at the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair in Athens, Georgia.



Congressman Sanford Bishop and representatives are pictured above at the breakfast.

WRHS FFA (continued)

Congratulations also to Anahi Alejandro and Aleeya Freeman for earning their State FFA Degrees, one of the highest honors the Georgia FFA Association can bestow upon members for their dedication and accomplishments in agricultural education and leadership.

Additional congratulations go to Jesus Diaz and Joy Sanders for being named State Finalists in the Agriscience Fair, with Joy also earning recognition as a state finalist in the proficiency area. These accomplishments reflect the hard work, commitment, and excellence demonstrated by WRHS FFA members throughout the year.

Warner Robins High School is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Veronica Sanders and Brian Rainwater serve as FFA Advisers and Dr. Brett Wallace serves as Principal.



Sergeant Preston and Ja'Sai Kirce.



Coaches and FFA member, Joy Sanders.



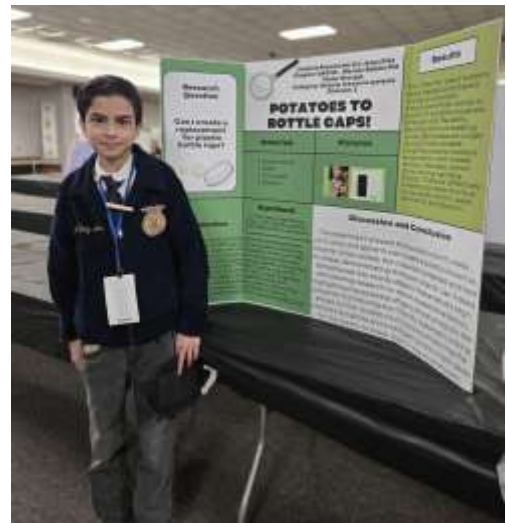
Joy Sanders



Anahi Alejandro



Anahi Alejandro and Aleeya Freeman



Jesus Diaz

Houston College and Career Academy

Education As a Profession Students Serve as Panelists
at the GaPSC Teacher Pipeline Summit 2026



Three HCCA teaching interns from Education As a Profession pathway (Hannah-Rose Wright, Alana Paulicheck, and Briana Locke) served as panelists at the GaPSC Teacher Pipeline Summit. This event was held April 23rd on the campus of Fort Valley State University. Representatives from various universities, state legislators, leaders in PAGE, members of the GaPSC, and many other organizations attended. The interns were joined by their instructor, Erin Morton, who also served as a teacher panelist.

Hannah-Rose Wright, Briana Locke, Alana Paulicheck, and Erin Morton.



Pictured at left are: Alana Paulicheck, Hannah-Rose Wright, and Briana Locke.

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

Perry Middle School

BMS and PMS FBLA Visit the New GEAR Lab at the Museum of Aviation



Students from Future Business Leaders of America chapters at Perry Middle School and Bonaire Middle School had the exciting opportunity to visit the new GEAR Lab at the Museum of Aviation on May 13, 2026. Dr. Diana Phillips, Adviser at Perry Middle School, and Allison Risaliti, Adviser at Bonaire Middle School, accompanied students for this unique STEM experience. The two schools were honored to be the very first student groups to experience the innovative new facility. Throughout the day, students were divided into three groups and rotated through hands-on learning stations designed to challenge their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

One station focused on electrical engineering concepts such as circuits, loops, grounding, positive and negative charges, and the roles of anodes and cathodes. Students connected circuits using Arduinos and fans, ultimately creating fully functioning fans through their designs. Another station introduced students to aerodynamics, wind resistance, and drag. Students tested their own creations in a wind tunnel



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Warner Robins
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Bonaire
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Huntington
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Mossy Creek
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Northside
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BMS and PMS FBLA Visit the New GEAR Lab at the Museum of Aviation (continued)



and constructed airplanes that they maneuvered through a series of obstacles. In the third station, students used coding and robotics skills to compete in an interactive ball challenge. Working in pairs, teams programmed robots to ring bowls worth 15, 10, or 5 points depending on the level of difficulty. Adding to the excitement, competitors could strategically use their robots to move opponents' bowls during competition time. Whitney Wilson, Advanced Technologies Instructor for the Museum of Aviation, spearheaded the STEM activities for the day and did an outstanding job engaging students in every activity.

Special recognition goes to Tom Seward, CTAE Director for the Houston County School District, for prioritizing these valuable opportunities and providing resources that allow students and teachers to participate in meaningful STEM experiences. Appreciation is also extended to Administrators Dr. Heath Burch of Perry Middle School and Rebecca Oakley of Bonaire Middle School for their continued support of CTAE and student leadership organizations. Because of the encouragement and support from school and district leaders, FBLA advisers and other CTAE educators can provide students with memorable, real-world learning experiences that inspire future careers in science, technology, engineering, and leadership. We would also like to thank Co-Owner, Jacob Cline, and his staff at My Father's Place for their professionalism and hospitality during lunch.

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



PMS Computer Science Classes Have Hands-On Engineering Experience

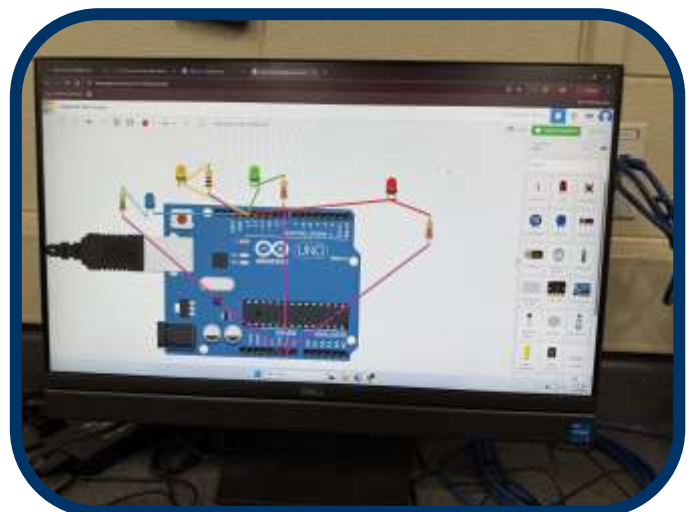


Students in the Computer Science classroom of Dr. Diana Phillips recently enjoyed a hands-on engineering experience when Whitney Wilson, an engineer with the Museum of Aviation, visited Perry Middle School to lead an engaging STEM lesson. Wilson brought real-world engineering concepts into the classroom, showing students how science, technology, and problem-solving work together in

exciting career fields. Her visit gave students a valuable opportunity to learn directly from a professional engineer while exploring how classroom concepts connect to practical applications in engineering and technology.

During the lesson, Wilson introduced students to Tinkercad, a web-based platform used for 3D design, electronics, and coding. Using the program's interactive circuit-building tools, students designed and simulated a working electrical switch that turned a light on and off. As they built their digital circuits, students learned how engineers use switches to control the flow of electricity and how components must be connected correctly for a circuit to function. The activity encouraged creativity, critical thinking, and experimentation as students tested their designs and made adjustments to achieve success.

Throughout the lesson, students gained a deeper understanding of important electrical concepts, including open and closed circuits, loops, live wires, ground wires, and the purpose of switches in controlling electrical current. Wilson explained how electricity travels through a complete loop in a closed circuit, while an open circuit interrupts the flow and prevents devices from working. By connecting these concepts to real-life examples, she helped students see how electrical systems power everyday devices and larger technologies around them. Her visit not only strengthened students' understanding of engineering principles, but also inspired them to consider future careers in computer science, engineering, and technology-related fields.



Dr. Kerry Rodgers, General and Robotics Surgeon, Visits PMS CTAE Students

Dr. Kerry C. Rodgers, visits Perry Middle School CTAE Students

May 4, 2026



Contest Winners!

Students and staff at Perry Middle School recently had the unique opportunity to hear from Dr. Kerry C. Rodgers, a respected General and Robotic Surgeon with Emory Healthcare, during a special visit arranged by Dr. Diana Phillips, Computer Science teacher and FBLA Adviser. Dr. Rodgers shared valuable insight into the world of general surgery, explaining how surgeons diagnose and treat a wide range of medical conditions through skilled procedures that improve and save lives. He captivated students by describing the precision, focus, and years of education required to become a surgeon, inspiring many to think about future careers in medicine, science, and technology.

Dr. Rodgers also introduced students to the incredible advancements in robotic surgery, explaining how robotic-assisted procedures allow surgeons to operate with greater precision, smaller incisions, and faster recovery times for patients. He discussed how modern technology continues to transform healthcare, combining human expertise with advanced robotics to produce safer and more effective surgical outcomes. Students were fascinated to learn how surgeons now use high-definition 3D imaging, robotic instruments, and cutting-edge systems that make once-complex procedures less invasive. His presentation highlighted how

technology is not only changing medicine today, but will continue shaping the future of healthcare for generations to come.

Perhaps the most exciting moment of the visit came when Dr. Rodgers challenged the 8th grade students with a surgical math question involving incision length, demonstrating that math plays a critical role in medicine, from measurements and calculations to precision-based procedures in the operating room. In an unforgettable act of generosity, Dr. Rodgers awarded \$100 out of his own pocket to each of the first two 8th graders who correctly answered his question, giving away a total of \$200. His message was clear: strong math skills open doors to careers in medicine, engineering, robotics, and countless other fields. Through his engaging presentation, real-world examples, and generous encouragement, Dr. Rodgers left Perry Middle School students motivated to work hard, think critically, and recognize the powerful connection between math, technology, and life-changing careers.

GBI Agent Visits CTAE Classes at PMS

Agent Logan Holland recently visited the CTAE classes at Perry Middle School to speak with 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students about careers in criminology and law enforcement. Dr. Diana Phillips, FBLA Adviser, invited Agent Holland to share his experiences and knowledge with students interested in science, criminal investigations, and public service careers. During his presentation, Agent Holland discussed cold case files, explained what defines a cold case, and described what agents look for when working to solve difficult investigations. He also spoke about the many career opportunities available within the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and other areas of law enforcement.

Students were especially engaged as Agent Holland explained the importance of science in the field of criminology and shared real-world examples of science in action during investigations. He discussed how evidence collection, forensic testing, critical thinking, and attention to detail all play important roles in solving cases. The presentation helped students see how classroom subjects such as science and technology connect directly to real careers and everyday problem-solving. Agent Holland's visit provided students with an informative and inspiring look into the world of criminal investigations and law enforcement careers.

Northside Middle School

NMS FFA



FFA Member and Northside Middle FFA President, Aubrey Kaiser, was the Area 3 FFA Winner and State Finalist for the Middle School Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Record Book Category, Poultry. Aubrey's SAE consisted of creating three automatic watering systems for the chickens at NMS. Utilizing the Scientific Method, Aubrey also compared whether bird color has any relation to the rate of weight gain in the two Cochin pullets that her Ag Teacher, Ivey Cook, purchased for her project.



Addyson DeFoe, who serves as the NMS FFA Reporter, was the Area 3 FFA Winner and State Finalist for the Middle School Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Record Book Category, Home and Community Development. Discovering a need for Agricultural Education in elementary school here in Houston County, Addyson created a P-3rd grade academic coloring book that emphasizes grade standards, along with educating youth about the agricultural industry. Addyson's inspiration for her SAE was founded on Senate Bill 330, Agricultural Education in Elementary Schools. With assistance from Ms. Cook, she created lesson plans for elementary school around the importance of agriculture to hopefully increase the agricultural literacy rate in Houston County.



Melani Morales, NMS FFA Secretary, was also recognized at the 98th Georgia FFA State Convention for being the Area 3 Winner and State Finalist for her Middle School Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Record Book Category, Horticulture. Growing up in a completely urban town, it was a challenge for Melani to find a project related to agriculture. It wasn't until she took an agricultural education class in the 7th grade that she found a perfect place to grow and flourish. With Ms. Cook's permission, Melani was in charge of greenhouse management and sanitation, and weed and pest control in the garden raised beds at Northside Middle. She also helped with watering, fertilizing, and propagating plants.



Ansley Griffeth, NMS FFA Vice President, competed in the Jr. Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event. In this competition, Ansley had to deliver a 4–6-minute speech that was fully memorized on an agricultural topic. Ansley's speech was titled, The Truth Behind the Snouts, solving misconceptions about the Swine Industry. In the Area 3 contest, Ansley placed 1st and advanced to state. At the state contest, she made the top four final round and took home 4th place in the state. Ansley made history as she is the only student from Northside Middle School to ever win the area and place in the top 4 for the Jr. Prepared Public Speaking Contest.

Northside Middle School is located at 500 Johnson Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Alma Mundy serves as Principal.

Houston County Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Staff

High School CTAE Supervisors



Pictured are, back row, left to right: Shayna Brown (HCHS), Tom Seward, CTAE Director, Heather Burley (NHS), and Robert Walker (WRHS). Front row: Jay Wood (PHS), Dana Morris (VHS), and Dr. Sherry Johnson (HCCA).

Middle School CTAE Contacts



Pictured are, back row, left to right: Frank Kenney (MCMS), Tom Seward, CTAE Director, and Dr. Torris Woolfolk (HMS). Front row: William Basby (NMS), Dr. Ciara Northern (FMMS), Andre Davis (BMS), and Shenequia Jones (WRMS). Not pictured are: Dr. Monique Lester (PMS), Fred Thomas (BMS/PMS) and Dr. Candida Fielding (TMS).

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