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## Houston County CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students

### Sabrina Phelps Receives Administrator of the Year Award at 2021

Sabrina Phelps was named the 2021 Administrator of the Year for the Work-Based Learning and Youth Apprenticeship Division of the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education in July.

Sabrina Phelps was among 38 Career, Technical, and Agricultural (CTAE) educators honored by the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education (GACTE) during its Summer Summit. The Summit drew over 1,800+ CTAE educators from throughout the State of Georgia. Each division recipient was then considered as a nominee for the corresponding state award.

Phelps serves as the Principal and CEO of the Houston County Career Academy. Phelps has been an educator for more than 25 years for the Houston County School District. She is recognized as a leader in Career Technology Education, and is committed to preparing student for their future.

“It is an honor to receive the GACTE Administrator of the Year award from Georgia’s Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship division,” said Phelps. “Our workforce projects continue to create a pipeline of employees for our business community.”

The Houston County Career Academy, located at 1311 Corder Road, integrates academics and advanced career/technical education programs. HCCA is available as a part-time option to students who attend one of the five high schools in the Houston County School System. For more information about the Houston County Career Academy, visit [hcca.hcbe.net](http://hcca.hcbe.net).



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## Houston County Career Leaders Attend GACTE



Georgia Agriculture, Career, and Technical Education Association (GACTE) restructured the delivery model of its annual “Summer Conference”. Participants had the option of attending face-to-face or virtual. In July, four Houston County Career Education instructors attended the conference in person in Athens, Georgia.

Attendees included Sabrina Phelps, Principal/CEO Houston County Career Academy, Dr. Sherry Johnson, Assistant Principal Veterans High School, Sandi Couillard, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, and Brittany Tolleson, Family and Consumer Science teacher at Houston County High School.

Houston County educators received special recognition at the conference. Principal Phelps was named Administrator of the Year for the Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship affiliate. Dr. Johnson will represent the administrative division as the new Social Media Coordinator; Sandi Couillard concluded her role as West Central WBL/YAP chairperson, and Brittany Tolleson graduated from CTAE LEAD and was elected as GATFACS division Vice President where she will also serve on the GACTE board.

The mission of GACTE is to provide educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce by providing a wide range of CTAE opportunities for teachers and students.



## Educators Attend Employability Skills Workshop



**Pictured above, left to right are: Principal, Sabrina Phelps; Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard; and VHS Assistant Principal, Sherry Johnson.**

Career Technical Education plays an important role in student success and workforce development across numerous career and industry sectors. To better prepare teachers, CTAE educators attended a Train the Trainer Employability Skills Workshop in July at Callaway Gardens.

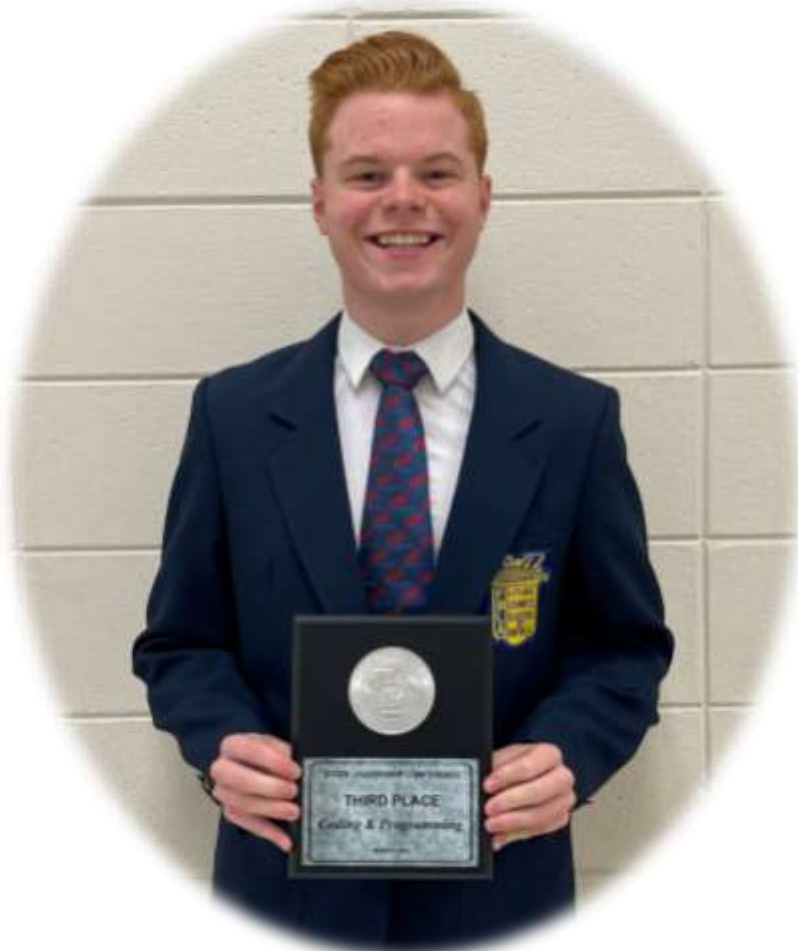
The professional learning workshop, Integrating Employability Skills. A Workshop for CTAE Educators was developed as an effort to help teachers integrate employability skills instruction into daily instruction. Workshop attendees participated in an eight hour training session. The training was rigorous and information packed as participants had an opportunity to learn, interact, and network with CTAE teachers in a variety of pathways across Georgia.

# Veterans High School

## Veterans High FBLA Winner at Virtual State Leadership Conference



The Veterans High School FBLA Chapter participated in the 2021 FBLA “Dare to Dream” Virtual State Leadership Conference on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The conference culminated with the Awards of Excellence Program where all state competitors found out if they were selected to go on to compete at the next level at the FBLA Virtual National Conference. Congratulations to 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Bryce Wellman, represented Veterans High School in the Coding and Programming competition.



Dr. Amy Barbour serves as Principal at Veterans High School, which is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia and Dr. Sherry Johnson is the CTAE Supervisor. Tammie Love-Davis and Belinda Collier are FBLA Advisers.

## Veterans High School DECA End of the Year Celebration

VHS DECA members convened at Buffalo Wild Wings to have an End of the Year Celebration commemorating a successful 2020-2021 school year.

Christian Parton was presented with a DECA Award of Excellence for participating in the Stock Market Game and a DECA Certificate of Achievement for participating in the International Career Development Conference.

Senior Samantha Boedicker was recognized for being a member of DECA for three consecutive years. Samantha was gifted with a 2021 DECA picture frame, certificate of achievement, and a DECA t-shirt.

DECA paraphernalia was given as door prizes so each attendee was able to take home DECA related memorabilia.

Dr. Sherry Johnson is the CTAE Supervisor at Veterans High School. Angeles Jeffreys serves as VHS DECA Adviser.



Pictured left to right are: Amiyah Bryant, Anijah Bailey, Shy'Lexia Brown, Anthony Roebuck, Angeles Jeffreys, Samantha Boedicker, Christian Parton, and K'Shon Clark.



Christian Parton and Angeles Jeffreys



Angeles Jeffreys and Samantha Boedicker

## Houston County High School

### Tolleson Becomes the First Houston County Graduate of the LEAD CTAE Program



Brittany Tolleson, a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America adviser at Houston County High School, was recently recognized as a graduate of the Leadership Exploration Advocacy Development (LEAD) CTAE program.

Tolleson was one of 20 candidates chosen from a pool of applicants from across the state selected to be a part of this esteemed leadership program. LEAD CTAE is a leadership development program sponsored by the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education (GACTE), the CTAE Resource Network (CTAERN), and the CTAE Division of the Georgia Department of Education. Through LEAD CTAE, Tolleson completed over 65 hours of professional development focused on areas such as team building, leadership priority management, business engagement, economic development, legislative advocacy and policy communication, and instruction.

While reflecting on the experience of being a part of LEAD CTAE, Tolleson stated, “being a part of LEAD CTAE was an incredible opportunity to collaborate and network with educators and professionals who possess a shared vision and passion for CTAE. Through LEAD, I was able to strengthen my leadership potential and gain skills to guide me in developing a vision for the future of CTAE within our county and a plan for helping build stronger programs to support local students to become the future entrepreneurs, employees, and leaders our community needs. LEAD CTAE truly provided me with the skills to not only lead, but lead well.”

Tolleson was recognized at the 2021 GACTE Summer Summit as a graduate of LEAD CTAE. She is the first CTAE teacher from the Houston County School System to receive the honor of completing this program.

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



# Perry High School

## Perry High School FCCLA Wins First Place in the Nation



Karla Arias, Savannah McKleroy, Sophi Di Sarli, Chyna Lester and Damon Negrón

PHS FCCLA competed virtually. Lots of new things to figure out but these students were **AMAZING** throughout the entire process.

The Parliamentary Procedures level 3 team Karla Arias, Savannah McKleroy, Sophi Di Sarli, Chyna Lester and Damon Negrón received a silver medal. This team has been an amazingly mature

team to deal with all the hardships a pandemic brought in the middle of their season last year that prevented them from competing. They could have quit and threw in the towel but instead they held their heads high and pushed out another National win. These students have been a leading inspiration for the rest of their FCCLA group.

The Parliamentary Procedure level 2 team Summer Smith, Jersey Wright, Sara Ford, and Amelia Kelly placed third in the nation. The President was the only returning member. The other three young ladies knew nothing about FCCLA parliamentary procedures at the beginning of last school year.



Summer Smith, Jersey Wright, Sara Ford and Amelia Kelly

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

## Perry High School FCCLA Wins First Place in the Nation (continued)



Both Food Innovation competitors placed FIRST at nationals. The level 2 competitor, Gracie Svoboda, a freshman, the sky is truly the limit for this young lady as she will continue to build her resume throughout her next three years in FCCLA. The level 3 competitor, Janna Young, received three scholarships to choose from that are worth over \$50,000.

Advisers Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick are speechless. “Well, I can’t think of enough words to describe how we feel” says adviser Kama Beaumarchais. These competitors have gone through a pandemic and then had to learn a new way to compete. Proud just doesn’t seem like a big enough word.”



Gracie Svoboda



Janna Young





# Houston County Career Academy

## HCCA Holds STEM Summer Camp



Trinity Madison, a rising 10th grade student at Houston County High School, is pictured above holding a solar powered “frightened grasshopper” that she and the other campers made during the camp.

The Houston County Career Academy held a **free** STEM Summer Camp for current eighth and ninth grade students enrolled in the Houston County School District. The camp began June 1st, and ended June 10th.

Each student was able to explore four major areas of engineering with emphasis on teamwork, problem solving and design. The campers also investigated various engineering fields, met women engineers, participated in daily hands-on activities and designed projects.

Sabrina Phelps, Principal/CEO of the Houston County Career Academy, said, “Engineering offers a vast array of opportunities for a career that is rewarding, not just financially, but provides much personal satisfaction while solving problems faced by society in general.”

Katelyn Harris, a rising 10th-grade student at Warner Robins High School and STEM camp participant, said, “This camp is an eye opener. It showed me that although STEM is male-dominated, it still has many opportunities for girls. It shows me the many opportunities that I have in the future.”

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



## HCCA Students Tour CGTC Labs

Site visits granted HCCA students the opportunity to tour select pathway labs on Central Georgia Technical College's Warner Robins campus. The goal was to expose students to their programs on the main campus in hopes that they will consider continuing their education at CGTC after graduation.



## Veterans High School Graduate Selected as CEFGA 2021 K12 Graduate of the Year

2021 Veterans High School graduate, Samantha Boedicker, was selected as the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA) *2021 K12 Graduate of the Year*. This award recognizes a graduate of a high school construction pathway who is excelling, advancing, and thriving in the skilled trade industry.

While in high school Samantha completed the dual enrolled (Central Georgia Technical College) Industrial Maintenance pathway at the Houston County Career Academy. She also gained valuable electrical and workforce experience her senior year working with Speir & Associates as a part of Sandi Couillard's Youth Apprenticeship Program. To top off her senior year, Samantha participated in the Skills USA National Signing Day in 2021 as well.

Samantha was honored at the Third Annual Craft Pro Champions Awards Breakfast held at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta on July 28, 2021.

Samantha is the second winner from Houston County in two years. Levi Johnson, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning pathway completer also won the same award in 2020. He is currently making a career at Keadle Heating and Air.



**Pictured above, left to right, are: Mrs. Boedicker, Samantha, Mr. Boedicker, Craig Hoffman, Frito Lay; Mark McCurdy, Instructor, Central Georgia Technical College; and Michael Engel, Dean for Academic Affairs, Central Georgia Technical College.**

## Culinary Arts Success at 2021 National FCCLA Competition

CONGRATULATIONS to Chef Suni Wilson and her Culinary Arts students for their success at the 2021 National FCCLA competition. Two of the competitors were announced as Gold winners and the third student was awarded Silver (the highest level). Parents of the winners have personally expressed their gratitude for Chef's drive and determination in unleashing their children's talents in Culinary Arts.



Olivia Kinser, VHS graduate, Silver National Winner in FCCLA Baking and Pastry competition. Olivia is planning to study Culinary Arts at Sullivan University.



JayVian Stone, upcoming WRHS senior, Gold National Winner in Culinary Arts Level 3 competition.

Shayla Pope, upcoming NHS senior, Gold National FCCLA Repurpose and Redesign competition.



## HCCA Healthcare Science



Sports Medicine students at HCCA learned about life saving measures that can be taken in a time of crisis. Students received a Stop The Bleed Certification for completing the course successfully.

Pictured at left are Ja'nevia Walker (HCHS) and Tahja Doster (VHS).



Pictured at right are Mar'Kiyah Anderson (PHS) and Ava Rogers (PHS).



Pictured at right are Kaylee Jones (VHS) and Audreyanna Enriquez-McMahon (HCHS).



# Work-Based Learning

## HVAC Pathway Completer Speaks to Students

On August 9, 2021, Andrew Grant, Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning pathway completer and member of the class of 2020, came by to speak with second year HVAC students in Roy Falls' class at HCCA.

Andrew spoke about his job at Hoke's Heating and Air in Perry, Georgia. He talked about the importance of really learning what is taught in the HVAC classes as he uses the knowledge and skills learned on a daily basis. He also talked about the importance of teamwork and cross training in the HVAC industry. Andrew also spoke about the importance of good customer service and communication.



**HOKE'S  
HEATING & AIR**

## Youth Apprenticeship Program Student Works at Houston County State Court



Northside High School Junior and Youth Apprenticeship Program participant, Stephanie Alabat, works as an intern at the Houston County State Court Clerk's office. She works under the direction of Teresa Hathaway, State Court Clerk. She started her job in April of 2021 and enjoys working every day. Her job responsibilities include filing traffic jackets and criminal files, attaching E-filed documents, scanning old files, stuffing envelopes to defendants, filing Bench Warrants, assisting in keeping files in order, and assisting with answering the phone. Stephanie is well prepared for this type of work after completing a year of Introduction to Business and Technology class with Dr. Carlos McCloud.

When asked how she feels about her job, Stephanie replied, "I find my job very persuasive to work hard for my dreams. The opportunity of working in a State Court Clerk's office gives me an idea about choosing my career".

According to Mrs. Hathaway, "Stephanie comes to work with an amazing attitude and has a great work ethic. She works hard to complete her assigned tasks and always asks what she can do to help others. Stephanie is a pleasure to have around. I have no doubt she will be successful in whatever career field she pursues. We will miss her when she leaves us."

# Perry Middle School

## PMS Computer Science Classes Code in Web Development



Avalee Hartis



Dr. Diana Phillips is the Computer Science teacher and FBLA Adviser at Perry Middle School. Her eight grade Computer Science classes have kicked-off the 2021-2022 school year with flying colors. These students have completed over 230 lines of code in Web Development 1, earning them a Certificate of Completion. They had to successful code each level in order to advance forward. These students covered concepts such as alter existing web pages, Basic CSS, and Basic HTML.

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



Colin Wiseniske



Tucker Black





## BMS Computer Science Students Complete Coding in Ozaria

These seventh grade students completed 28 levels of coding in Ozaria, completing all of chapter one, in their Computer Science class. Ansley Bigler, Jaxon Burris, Ethan Carver, Lasheela Martin, Johnathan Vossmer, and Leah Weinberg all wrote over 100 lines of Python code. The concepts they covered included: game design, methods, objects, syntax, debugging, for loops, sequences and algorithms. Each student earned a certificate of completion after coding each level successfully.



Ansley Bigler



Jaxon Burris



Ethan Carver



Jonathan Vossmer



Leah Weinberg



## FBLA at PMS Kicks off the School Year

Perry Middle School FBLA kicked off the school year with their first FBLA meeting. Members learned about the Fall Motivational Rally, competition, community service projects, LEAD, and the Fall Leadership Conference. Everyone had a great time learning and filling-up on pizza and drinks.



# Warner Robins Middle School

## WRMS FCCLA Competes at National Leadership Conference



Warner Robins Middle had two students compete at the FCCLA Hybrid National Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference competitive events were held virtually. Casidy Mann placed silver in Food Innovations. Aiden Hayes placed gold and first place in the Nation in FCCLA Chapter Website.

Warner Robins Middle School is located at 425 Mary Lane in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Brett Wallace serves as Principal.



## Bonaire Middle School

### BMS FFA Chapter Named Finalist for 2021 National FFA Middle School Model of Excellence Award



The Bonaire Middle School FFA chapter has been chosen as a finalist to compete for a 2021 National FFA Middle School Model of Excellence Award from the National FFA Organization.

The National Chapter Award program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

Middle school chapters that received high three-star ratings during the July 22-27, 2021 judging are eligible to compete for the Middle School Model of Excellence award, the highest honor awarded to a middle school FFA chapter by the National FFA Organization. Five FFA chapters will compete in a presentation and interview process for the top honor at the 2021 National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, October 27-30, 2021.

The FFA chapter selected to receive the Middle School Model of Excellence award will be announced on stage during convention.

Bonaire Middle School is located at 125 Highway 96 East in Bonaire, Georgia. Alyson Keenom serves as Principal.



# Huntington Middle School

## HMS FCCLA Attends GOLD



Huntington Middle School FCCLA attended Goal Oriented Leadership Development (GOLD) at Camp John Hope on September 3rd. GOLD is designed to teach teambuilding and leadership skills to students in an exciting and hands-on environment. The goal is to develop the student chapter into a successful and effective team. The program consisted of team initiatives, leadership course, team recreation, and chapter planning. Members attending were (left to right) Laina Therrien, Emily Hardy, Lily Hardy, Ke'Amber Butler, and Sha'Nera Fluellen. Melanie Bratcher serves as the FCCLA adviser.

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



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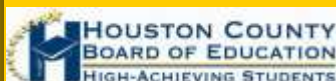
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