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Warner Robins High School

WRHS FFA Hosts State Floral Practice Clinic

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It was a true privilege for the WRHS FFA members and Dr. Sanders to host the State Floral Practice Clinic. Finalists from across the state who desired to participate traveled to Warner Robins High School to sharpen their skills and prepare for the upcoming state competition at ABAC in December.

This clinic provided students with a valuable opportunity to practice their designs, receive feedback, and build confidence before stepping onto the state stage. WRHS FFA was honored to welcome so many talented young people and to support their dedication to the floral design career development event.

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

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Pictured above, back row, Ja'Sai Kirce; middle row, Allison Diaz, Joy Sanders and Dr. Veronica Sanders; and front row, Jesus Diaz.



Pictured at right are Dr. Sanders and Anahi Alejandro.



Pictured at left are: Ja'Sai Kirce, Allison Diaz and Jesus Diaz.



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HCHS FCCLA Directed a Destiny of Success at Fall Leadership Conference



HCHS FCCLA members are pictured above at the Fall Leadership Conference, left to right, back row: Akiya White, Akasha Martin, Blanca Blanco, Jenna Afifi, Sakura Fujinaga, Raelee Brown, Kennedy Thomas, Thanushri Thirumurugan, Aminah Thompson, and Trishtina Tran. Front row: Justice Trasmer, Sedra Alghazi, Ryhem Hacena, and Madison Jones.

In November, students from Houston County High School attended the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Fall Leadership Conference held at the FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia. At this event, students had the chance to experience the conference theme, “Directing Your Destiny”, by taking their leadership to the next level by attending workshops, engaging in leadership development sessions, and competing in competitions.

HCHS is very proud of the following FCCLA members who competed in Fall Leadership Conference competitions:

- 2nd place in State Knowledge Bowl competition – Ryhem Hacena, Jenna Afifi, Sakura Fujinaga, and Justice Trasmer;
- 3rd place in State Crafting Your Career competition – Madison Jones;
- 3rd place in State Membership Recruitment Display – Blanca Blanco and Thanushri Thirumurugan;
- Cupcake Decorating Competition – Akasha Martin; and
- Statesman Award Recipients – Trishtina Tran, Madison Jones, and Ryhem Hacena.



HCHS FCCLA members advanced to the final rounds of the State Knowledge Bowl competition and placed 2nd in the state.

In addition to the team and individual wins listed above, the HCHS FCCLA chapter was also recognized with a 2nd place win in the State Georgia Organics “Apple of Our Eye” competitions held in collaboration with Farm to School Month. HCHS FCCLA members that attended the Fall Leadership Conference showcased their skills and leadership in a positive and dynamic way. HCHS FCCLA chapter member, Madison Jones, stated, “Attending the Fall Leadership Conference was a great way to demonstrate my skills through competitions and explore how I can be a stronger leader in my school and community.”

HCHS FCCLA Directed a Destiny of Success at Fall Leadership Conference (continued)



Pictured above, left to right, are: Justice Trasmer, Ryhem Hacena, Sakura Fujinaga, and Jenna Afifi pictured receiving Knowledge Bowl awards for placing 2nd in the state with FCCLA State First Vice President, Sunny Suthar (center).



Pictured above, left to right, are: FCCLA State President with Thanushri Thirumurugan and Blanca Blanco who placed 3rd in State Membership Recruitment Display competition.



HCHS FCCLA Chapter President, Raelee Brown (right), is pictured receiving the 2nd place Chapter Award for Georgia Organics State competition.

Houston County High School is located at 920 GA Highway 96 in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Brittany Tolleson is the HCHS FCCLA Adviser and Dr. Jay Jones serves as Principal.

HCHS FCCLA Hosts “STEM-mas” Fun at Lake Joy Primary School

Lake Joy Primary School families got a festive dose of science, technology, engineering, and math this holiday season thanks to Houston County High School’s Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter. During the school’s Pancakes with Santa event, FCCLA members hosted “STEM-mas Fun” tables where children and families engaged in hands-on holiday-themed STEM experiences.

Six different STEM activities were uniquely developed and planned by HCHS FCCLA members. Families from the community were able to explore a variety of engaging activities, including a “Grow the Grinch’s Heart” baking soda experiment, a flying reindeer challenge, building towers using gumdrops and toothpicks, measuring distance by launching marshmallows with handmade catapults, and observing a colorful candy cane color-spreading experiment. Each activity was designed to be family-friendly while encouraging critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. In addition to planning and executing the STEM activities, FCCLA members also created a STEM DIY flyer to share with families to take home from the event. This resource was developed by students to provide simple, at-home STEM activities using everyday household items. The flyer aimed to inspire parents to support STEM learning beyond the classroom and spark curiosity in young learners throughout the holiday season and beyond.

One HCHS FCCLA member who participated in the planning and execution of the event, Danae Riley, said, “As an Early Childhood Education student, I see the importance and value of STEM education and the need to engage children in STEM at a young age. I loved being able to use community opportunities through FCCLA by participating in this activity, where we shared the excitement of STEM with young learners and their families. This project is a perfect example of how FCCLA members, like myself, can use leadership and FCS skills to make learning fun and meaningful in our community.”



Perry High School

Perry High FCCLA Shines at Fall Leadership Conference



Pictured above, back row, left to right, are: Chloe Oglesby, Marquita Jackson, Emmagrace Goodman, Alyssa Butts and Dallas Locke. Front row left to right: Morgan Taylor, Ayana Plummer and Eleanor Sengenberger.

Perry High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter proudly represented the school at the FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference, returning with new leadership skills, stronger connections, and an award-winning membership display.

The Fall Leadership Conference brought together FCCLA chapters from across the state for a day of dynamic workshops, hands-on leadership training, and opportunities for student growth. Perry High FCCLA members actively participated in multiple breakout sessions focused on team building, communication, goal setting, and the importance of student leadership within their communities.

A highlight of the conference was the Membership Recruitment Display competition where Perry High's creative and engaging display earned second place among a strong field of competitors. The display showcased the chapter's innovative approach to reaching new members, highlighting their fun, inclusive, and community-driven recruitment activities. Students worked collaboratively to design a board that reflected their chapter's spirit, values, and commitment to service.

FCCLA Adviser, Kama Beaumarchais, shared her pride in the chapter's efforts by saying, "Our students poured their hearts into this display and into every part of the conference. Seeing them recognized for their hard work and leadership means so much. They continue to represent Perry High with excellence."

The Fall Leadership Conference served as a powerful kick-off to the FCCLA year, and Perry High members returned energized and ready to continue building their chapter, serving their school, and preparing for upcoming STAR Event competitions.

Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry, Georgia. Dr. Arthur Billings serves as Principal.



Dallas Locke



Marquita Jackson and Alyssa Butts.



Pictured left to right are: Ayana Plummer, Morgan Taylor, and Dallas Locke.

PHS FCCLA Hosts Festive Friendsgiving Social



Perry High FCCLA recently celebrated the season of gratitude with a warm and festive Friendsgiving social. Members gathered together and each brought their favorite holiday side dish or dessert to share, creating a delicious spread that highlighted the diverse tastes and traditions within the chapter.

After enjoying food and fellowship, students split into two teams for a lively round of Thanksgiving-themed Pictionary. Laughter, creativity, and friendly competition filled the room as teams worked to guess holiday-inspired drawings.

The group then shifted to service by creating thoughtful Thanksgiving cards for

the residents of Summer Hill Nursing Home. Members poured care into each card. To wrap up the event, students made paper pumpkins as a keepsake, an easy, meaningful craft to remember the day spent together.

The Friendsgiving social was a perfect blend of fun, food, creativity, and community service, highlighting the heart of FCCLA and the importance of giving back while building strong bonds within the chapter.



Perry High FCCLA Spreads Holiday Cheer to Summerhill Nursing Home Residents



Perry High School FCCLA members embraced the spirit of giving this season by creating heartfelt Thanksgiving cards for the senior residents of Summerhill Nursing Home in Perry, Georgia. With the goal of uplifting seniors who may not have family nearby or regular visitors during the holidays, members poured their creativity and kindness into each handmade card.

Students crafted the cards during the chapter's recent Friendsgiving social, where members gathered to share food, fun, and fellowship. Additional cards were made in Family and Consumer Science classes, allowing even more students to participate in the act of service. Each

message was designed to bring a smile, offer encouragement, and remind residents that they are cared for during this special time of year.

By combining service with creativity, Perry High FCCLA continues to model leadership and compassion demonstrating the true meaning of community during the holiday season.



PHS FCCLA Leads Holiday Community Service Effort to Support Local Families



The Perry High FCCLA Chapter demonstrated outstanding leadership and compassion through a holiday community service project focused on supporting families in need throughout the local area.

As part of the initiative, FCCLA members organized and led a macaroni and cheese collection drive, gathering more than 1,400 boxes to be donated to Perry Volunteer Outreach. These donations will help provide essential food items to local families during the holiday season.

In addition to the collection drive, Perry High FCCLA members volunteered their time to pack 250 food boxes for families in need. The boxes will be distributed within the community to help ensure families have access to meals during the holidays.

This service project reflects FCCLA's mission of strengthening families and communities through leadership, service, and responsibility. The Perry High FCCLA Chapter is proud to partner with Perry Volunteer Outreach to make a meaningful impact and support those in need during the holiday season.



PHS FCCLA Chapter Celebrates the Holidays with a Festive Party

The Perry High FCCLA Chapter celebrated the holiday season with a joyful Christmas party that combined festive fun, friendship, and community service. The event gave members an opportunity to relax, connect, and create lasting memories.

Members brought their favorite holiday dishes to share, creating a festive potluck filled with seasonal favorites. The celebration featured a lively White Elephant gift exchange, a creative ugly sweater contest, and a holiday photo booth where members captured fun and festive moments together.

The Christmas party was a meaningful way for members to celebrate the season while continuing FCCLA's mission of leadership, service, and community involvement.



Veterans High School

VHS FBLA Student Brings Home Award and Advances to State Leadership Conference



McKenzie Barnes competed at the Fall Leadership Conference in Athens, Georgia, and won 3rd overall in Financial Planning and advanced to the State Leadership Conference. She will compete in March 2026 for a chance to advance to nationals.

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



Northside High School

NHS FCCLA - Learning, Leading, Serving

Northside's FCCLA officers and members were accompanied by their advisers, Faythe Pollard and Sasha Smith, to the Georgia FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference in Covington, Georgia, held November 11th - 12th.

NHS FCCLA members proudly represented the chapter while sharpening their leadership, team-building, and career-ready skills. Highlights included:

- Stuti Patel, representing Region 7, delivered an outstanding Student Body presentation.
- Kyndall Horne earned a placement on the FCCLA Statesman Test, ranking 16th out of 100 students. This is an excellent achievement that demonstrates her strong understanding of FCCLA's history, purpose, and programs.
- Along with attending the conference, Adelyn Norris and Alicia Robinson continued a meaningful personal tradition by volunteering at the Shoes4Ellie 6th Annual Event at Woodlands Coffee Roasters and Café. The nonprofit was founded by Krista in memory of her daughter, Ellie, who passed away due to SUDC. To honor Ellie's love for shoes, the organization collects new shoes from the community and donates them to children in foster care. They spent the day greeting guests, collecting donations, and helping direct attendees.



NHS is proud of each member for exemplifying what FCCLA is all about: Learning. Leading. Serving.

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Dustin Dykes serves as Principal.



Kyndall Horne



Pictured in the middle of the group at the left, are Adelyn Norris and Alicia Robinson.



NHS FCCLA Students Promote Health Habits at Northside Elementary

On Monday, January 12, 2026, students from Northside High School's FCCLA chapter visited Northside Elementary School to deliver an engaging and educational hygiene lesson to first-grade classrooms.



FCCLA members Kyndall Horne, Alissa Lee, and Stuti Patel led the lesson, teaching students the importance of proper handwashing and toothbrushing techniques. The interactive session allowed first graders to walk to the restroom and practice brushing their teeth correctly, reinforcing healthy habits through hands-on learning.

Students learned daily hygiene routines and why they are essential for overall health. Each child also received a new toothbrush, a healthy snack, and an activity book designed to further engage them and strengthen their understanding of good hygiene practices.

Additional FCCLA members, Yousif Sami, Allan Deljado Lopez, Briston Blasingame, Lance Williams, and Jamiya Coar assisted throughout the lesson, helping guide students, pass out materials, and support the presenters.

This outreach activity was part of the FCCLA students' commitment to leadership, service, and community engagement. By working with younger students, Northside High FCCLA members demonstrated the organization's mission to strengthen families and communities through education and service.



Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Program

Educators Attend Work-Based Learning Conference



Pictured above are Shelia Jones, Houston County High School WBL Coordinator, and Sandi Couillard, Houston County School District's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator.

Georgia's 2025 Work-Based Learning Conference was held December 10th - 12th at Lanier Islands Resort. This year's theme was Unwrapping the Future: Building Tomorrow's Workforce Today. Kicking off the event was a video message from Georgia Governor, Brian Kemp. Work-Based Learning Coordinators from throughout the state were also able to hear from such speakers as Georgia School Superintendent, Richard Woods, Deputy Superintendent of CTAE, Dr. Barbara Wall, and a High-Demand Careers in Georgia Workforce Panel moderated by Georgia Economic Development Liaison, Patrick Ledford.

Breakout sessions held throughout the event included presentations from Work-Based Learning Coordinators about their WBL best practices and presentations from industry representatives from the Georgia Association of Manufacturers, Georgia Power, Atlanta Gas Light, and more. C.W. Matthews was on site to guide attendees through heavy equipment simulators which Sheila Jones, Houston County High School WBL Coordinator, and Sandi Couillard, Houston County School District's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator took part in. After their experience, both Sheila and Sandi said they were surprised to learn just how the bulldozer and tracked excavators worked.

The Work-Based Learning Conference is an annual event which focuses on sharing best practices and sharing the tremendous impact Work-Based Learning has on the Georgia economy.



Northside Middle School

NMS FCCLA Members and Family and Consumer Science Students Celebrate World Kindness Day

Northside Middle School students in their Family and Consumer Science classes celebrated World Kindness Day with a series of lessons focused on showing kindness at school, helping others, practicing self-kindness, performing small acts of kindness, supporting their community, sharing with others, and using positive, encouraging words. Students also reflected on how kindness affects both themselves and the people around them.

To highlight these lessons, Family and Consumer Science students created a vibrant “Kindness Wall” filled with messages and examples of everyday kindness.

FCCLA members continued the celebration during their November chapter meeting, themed “Kindness ROCKS.” Members painted inspirational rocks for the FCCLA-sponsored Kindness Rocks Garden, a new campus project designed to inspire positivity and encourage kind actions throughout the school community.

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



Huntington Middle	Mossy Creek Middle	Northside Middle	Perry Middle	Thomson Middle	Warner Robins Middle	Bonaire Middle	Feagin Mill Middle
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NMS FFA Showcases Livestock Projects on the National Level



Northside Middle FFA Members, Paige Lyle and Aubrey Kaiser, pictured above, had the opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects at the North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Kentucky. This is one of the six national major shows where students can exhibit their projects. Also, this was Northside Middle School FFA's first time having students reach the well-known green shavings.



Northside Middle School FFA Connects with Houston County Agriculture



Pictured above, left to right, are: Rudy Pacheco, Gauge DeLoach, Karly Gainey, Cali Thomas, Owen Carter, Zander Wright, and Brayden Wilder.

22 FFA students from Northside Middle School attended an Agricultural Industry Tour viewing the various areas of the Agricultural Industry. While attending, students toured Lasseter Tractor Company, Silicon Ranch, and Cleveland Tree Company, learning about different career opportunities in Agricultural Mechanics, Animal Science, and Forestry. A big thank you goes to all of these companies for having the students tour their facilities and to Bonaire Middle School's FFA, for partnering with NMS to make this event possible.



Perry Middle School

Perry Middle School FBLA/TSA Attend the Mercedes-Benz STEAM Tour



On December 10, 2025, students from the Perry Middle School FBLA and TSA chapters participated in the Mercedes-Benz STEAM Tour, where they explored real-world applications of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics in a professional manufacturing environment. The experience gave students valuable insight into modern automotive production, innovation, and career pathways connected to STEM fields. Students engaged with interactive exhibits and learned how teamwork, problem-solving, and technology are used daily in the workplace. They also saw how the Mercedes-Benz stadium emphasizes resource conservation by reducing energy and water use throughout its manufacturing processes. The company incorporates recycling systems and sustainable materials to minimize waste and environmental impact. These efforts help promote responsible production while protecting natural resources for future generations. The trip concluded with a group meal at Golden Corral, providing students an opportunity to reflect on their experience and enjoy time together after an educational and inspiring day.

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



Perry Middle School Hosts the FBLA Joint Workplace Event

More than 50 members and advisers gathered for a joint FBLA event that brought together FBLA members from Perry Middle, Bonaire Middle, Warner Robins Middle, Warner Robins High, and Veterans High School. The meeting featured three guest speakers: Virginia Wynn, Trevor Dettmer, and Dalton Walker. Each focused on a key workplace topic: Soft Skills in Today's Workplace, Internet Safety and Security in Today's Workplace, and AI in Today's Workplace - a ten-year projection of how artificial intelligence may reshape jobs and daily work. Attendees participated in question and answer sessions during each presentation, sharing experiences and asking practical questions about preparing for future careers.



The event gave students a chance to learn real-world skills that go beyond textbooks. The soft skills session emphasized problem solving and professionalism – how to help people succeed in any job. The internet safety presentation taught concrete steps to protect personal and company data online, and how important it is to make keep your personal information secure. The AI forecast encouraged students to think about how emerging technology could change workplaces by introducing new roles, automating routine tasks, and requiring ongoing learning. Overall, students left with actionable tips for their academic and career planning and stronger connections across schools in the community.

A special “Thank you!” was extended to Allison Risaliti (BMS) for organizing the event and Dr. Diana Phillips (PMS) for hosting the function. Additionally, a sincere gratitude was offered to Dr. Heath Burch for allowing the use of PMS. Lastly, the following advisers deserve a special recognition for going above and beyond in their content areas: Penney Ragin (WRMS), Tobias Stripling (VHS), and Pamela Harvey (WRHS). Their participation provided a unique opportunity to FBLA members that otherwise would not have been possible.

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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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