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

### Veterans High School

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On September 6<sup>th</sup>, Veterans High School's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) sponsored a canned food drive for the month of September. This food drive was to support the First United Methodist Church Food Pantry in Warner Robins, Georgia. This community service project was led by Katie McCall, the Chapter's VP of Community Service. The chapter invited the student body at Veterans High School to help with the collection of cans for the food pantry. The members then took the collected items (about 300 cans) to First United Methodist Church to be donated to their food pantry. The chapter Advisers are Jill Masee and Julie Vinup.



Pictured above are: President, Molly Mize; Jaylee Hatcher, Karly Kozick, and VP of Community Service, Katie McCall.



Pictured above are: Karly Kozick, President, Molly Mize; Director of Food Pantry, Rick Westray; VP of Community Service, Katie McCall; and Jaylee Hatcher.

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



Veterans High



Northside High



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Houston College and Career Academy

## VHS Hosts Senior Night



On September 11, 2023, Veterans High School hosted their Senior night. To promote VHS's paid summer internship program, Robins Air Force Base's Software Engineering Group's Computer Scientist and Internship Technical Facilitator, Ben Hawkins, attended. Houston County School District's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, who works closely with RAFB on their graduating senior student recruitment efforts was also in attendance. VHS parents and students visited the RAFB SWEG's booth to inquire about the wonderful opportunities for their graduating seniors interested in software, electrical or computer engineering.

Twenty-five of middle Georgia's brightest students are selected each year. To qualify for this paid Department of Defense internship, applicants must be U.S. Citizens, be graduating high school seniors (Class of 2024), and must submit a completed portfolio (cover letter, resume, transcript copy, letters of recommendation, and an essay response). Students whose portfolios are selected will interview for the positions. Mrs. Couillard assists the students with their portfolios and interview preparation.

Graduating seniors interested in applying for this program are asked to complete the RAFB Summer Internship Interest Form at <https://forms.office.com/r/RH4y51teHN>.

Questions should be directed to Sandi Couillard at 478-293-8691 or [sandi.couillard@hcbe.net](mailto:sandi.couillard@hcbe.net).



## VHS FCCLA Attends 2023 DISCOVER Training

On September 14<sup>th</sup> the FCCLA officers for the Veterans High School Chapter participated in DISCOVER (Developing Individual School Chapters with Vision, Energy, and Responsibilities) Training at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, Georgia. At this training, VHS FCCLA officers were able to gain valuable leadership and life skills through presentations, artistic activities, and group work. The officers got to participate in eight workshops that each included great information for the chapter. The first workshop was Financial Fitness which helped members gain knowledge on how to earn, spend, save, and protect their money. The officers also got to participate in a cup game, where the chapter's very own VP Kendal Crawford won every round. The officers then went to the leadership workshop, which was led by Georgia State President Olivia Morrison, and they learned what makes a great leader and how to make a Leadership Sunday.

The chapter then went on to a posters workshop with Caitlin Roberson, the Georgia FCCLA Executive Director. Students participated in chapter games, which helped demonstrate the officer's teamwork. The competitive events workshop was helpful because multiple VHS chapter members will be participating in the upcoming STAR Events. It also explained many new and fun competitions which the chapter could be involved. Another workshop was all about membership, which helped the officers discover new and fun ways that their FCCLA chapter could be promoted at VHS. The final workshops were all about fundraising, Power of One, and elevator speeches. Officers learned how to fundraise for the chapter, all about the national program, Power of One, and finally, they learned how to write and give elevator speeches. Power of One was especially helpful because of their current participation in the national program. The whole day was extremely memorable, and a lot of amazing information was gained. VHS FCCLA Advisers are Jill Masee and Julie Vinup.



VHS officers are pictured at the posters workshop with Caitlin Roberson. Pictured, left to right, are: Mollie Mize, Brynli Adams, Ashlyn Copeland, Ca'Shouri Jones, Noah Rios, Abby Rios, Maddy Lathrop. Front Row - Kyndal Crawford, Na'riya Brown, Katie McCall and Adviser, Julie Vinup.



Pictured are VHS officers Mollie Mize, Kyndal Crawford, Katie McCall, Noah Rios, Abby Rios, Ashlyn Copeland, Na'riya Brown, Ca'Shouri Jones, Maddy Lathrop, and Brynli Adams.





## VHS FCCLA Attends Region Meeting



On September 29<sup>th</sup> Veterans High School FCCLA attended region meeting in Americus, Georgia at Georgia Southwestern State University. Forty-one members from the chapter attended the meeting and took the Statesman test which tests your knowledge on FCCLA. Two members, Madi Washington and Cherise Gulley, received exceptional scores on the test and received the Statesman Award. Throughout the day members attended several sessions and workshops to learn more about what they could do in FCCLA. The chapter officers, Ashlyn Copeland and Noah Rios, led a workshop on STAR Events and explained more about the competitions where members could compete. The chapter had such a fun time meeting new people, making new friends, and learning more about FCCLA. The chapter Advisers are Jill Massee and Julie Vinup.



Chapter members that participated in the STAR Event Workshop with Ashlyn Copeland and Noah Rios's were:  
 First row - Madi Washington, Maddy Lathrop, Abby Rios, Adelyn Condet, Katie McCall and Chloe Northrip.  
 Second row - Kyrsten Buckner, Jaylee Hatcher, Tahlor Glover, Na'riya Brown, CaShouri Jones, and Cherise Gulley.  
 Third row - Madison Keller, Kaley Greer, Karly Kozick, Ava Brantley, Reagan Lawerece and Kyndal Crawford.



Pictured at right are:  
 Madi Washington and  
 Cherise Gulley - Statesman  
 Award winners.



## VHS FCCLA Rush Week

Veterans High School FCCLA created its own Rush Week to recruit new members for the year. The chapter's very own Brynli Adams created, planned and participated in the Rush Week. This year's theme was "Picnicking you for FCCLA" and all the chapter officers helped get ready for the week. The week started out strong with Monday's theme, "Don't be Antsy join FCCLA". Some of the chapter officers were in the lunchroom passing out an "ants on a log" while promoting the organization. Tuesday's theme was "FCCLA is One in a Melon" and members could stay after school and enjoy refreshing watermelon while hearing a guest speaker. The guest speaker was the current State President Olivia Morrison and Region 7 officer Arav Patel. Wednesday was the picnic basket drawing to give away some FCCLA bags. During lunch, members could stop by to see the officers and put their name into a drawing to receive a prize at Thursday's event. Ending the rush week, FCCLA went out with a bang on Thursday with the picnic themed social. Paid members were each allowed to bring one guest to enjoy a fun filled afternoon of food, friends, and FCCLA. The chapter also provided a special treat for the members by bringing in last year's State President, Ava Trussell. Ava spoke about her journey in FCCLA and how it has affected her life today, for the better. The chapter was so thrilled to have 62 members and guests in attendance. A huge thank you to all the officers and Advisers, Jill Massee and Julie Vinup who helped bring this week together.



Pictured above is the 2023-2024 officer team including: Ashlyn Copeland, Abby Rios, Noah Rios, Maddy Lathrop, Mollie Mize, Ca'Shouri Jones, Na'riyah Brown and Advisers, Jill Massee and Julie Vinup.



Pictured above are Veterans High School Chapter President, Mollie Mize; and Brynli Adams, Chapter Vice President of Membership.



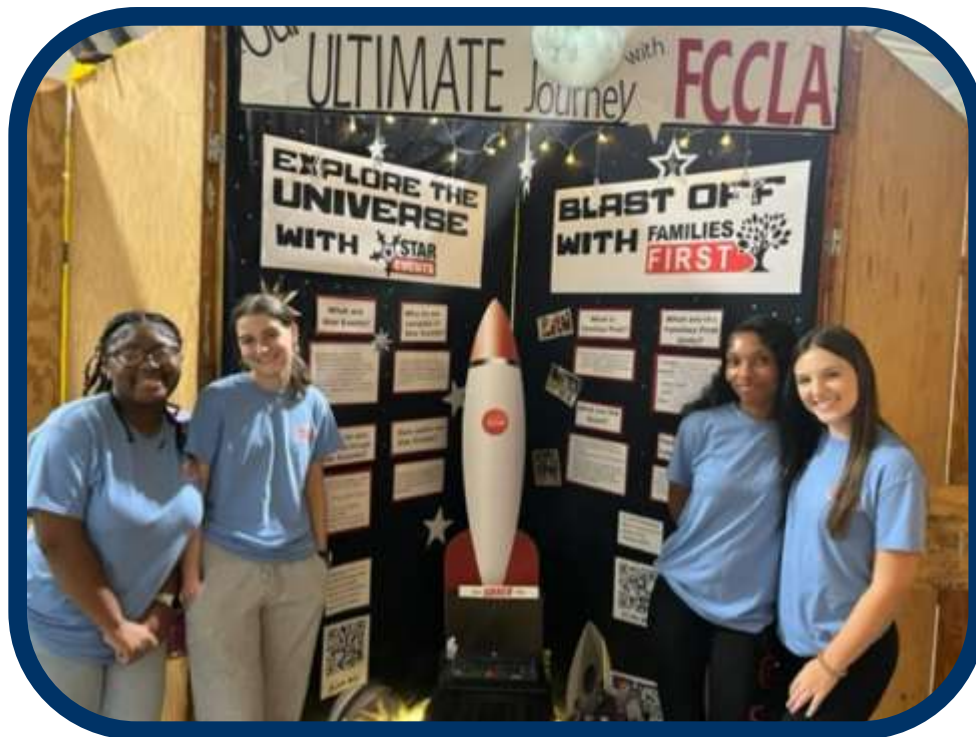
Pictured at left are Ashlyn Copeland, VHS FCCLA Public Relations Chairperson; and Ava Trussell, 2022/2023 GAFCCLA State President and VHS Alumni.





# Northside High School

## NHS FCCLA Brings Home Ribbon from Fall Leadership Rally



Students from the Northside High School Chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Chapter Booth Design at the Fall Leadership Rally on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. The event was held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Each year thousands of students and advisers from schools across Georgia participate in the leadership rally. FCCLA Chapter Advisers, Cathy Hoover and Faythe Pollard, accompanied members to the rally.



Pictured above, left to right, are: D'kiya Bryant, Kandi Black, Lakayla Davis, and Caroline Yawn.

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



## Warner Robins High School

### Dr. Veronica Sanders Honored by National FFA Organization



Dr. Veronica Sanders of Warner Robins, Georgia, was selected to receive the Honorary American FFA Degree. This award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment. The National FFA Organization works to enhance the lives of youth through agricultural education. Without the efforts of highly dedicated individuals, thousands of young people would not be able to achieve the success that, in turn, contributes directly to the overall well-being of the nation.

The Honorary American FFA Degree is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists. Members of the National FFA Organization's board of directors approved the nomination.

Dr. Sanders will receive the award during the 96th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, November 3, 2023. All recipients will receive a plaque, a medal, and their names will be permanently recorded as recipients of the highest FFA honor.

Warner Robins High School is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Chris McCook serves as Principal. FFA Adviser and Agriculture teacher is Dr. Veronica Sanders.



# Houston County High School

## HCHS FBLA Kicks Off School Year at Six Flags



On October 2nd, HCHS FBLA members attended the Fall Motivational Rally at Six Flags Over Georgia. From the non-stop fun on rides, to the inspirational opening session led by the State Officers, including HCHS's Hailey Oneal, it was the perfect way to help FBLA members start off the year with a bang. Not only were they motivated to participate in future competitions, they were also motivated to do their BAA's, attend more conferences, and so much more.



When members arrived at Six Flags, they were given a chance to listen to an amazing motivational speaker at General Session. After the General Session, HCHS FBLA enjoyed networking with members from across the state during lunch. Later in the day, members got the chance to participate in open testing to experience the type of questions asked on their objective test for competitions later in the year. In between activities, attendees got to explore Six Flags with their friends, and ride popular rides such as the Goliath, the Batman, and the Twisted Cyclone.

Officer Kushal Patel stated, "I had such an amazing time at this conference, and I am so excited for the upcoming FBLA conferences."

HCHS FBLA is looking forward to an amazing year focusing on continuing their tradition of excellence. They cannot wait for competitions to begin and have the chance to attend more conferences in the upcoming year.

Houston County High School's FBLA Advisers are Jenny Jackson, Sheila Jones, Kimberly Henson, and Diane Byington. CTAE Supervisor is Karma Hayes. The school is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Jay Jones serves as Principal.



# Perry High School

## Perry High School FCCLA Attends DISCOVER Training

Developing Individual School Chapter Officers with Vision, Energy and Responsibility (DISCOVER) Training is an experience for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America local chapter officers. Officers learn more about their positions and opportunities to lead their chapter during the 2023-2024 school year. PHS FCCLA attendees were able to take part in an opening and closing ceremony and participate in nine different workshop presentations led by the State Executive Council and Region Officer Teams. Perry High School FCCLA officers were engaged in the various workshops and training opportunities. President Sara Ford also participated in the president pinning ceremony. The day was filled with growth opportunities and memories were made. Officers are ready to lead their chapter this year.



Pictured above, left to right, are: State FCCLA President and Perry High FCCLA President, Sara Ford.



Pictured, left to right, are: Marquita Jackson, Gracie Svoboda, Mary Carver, Sara Ford, Jersey Wright and Cathryn Geiger.



Pictured at right, back to front are: Mary Carver, Gracie Svoboda, Marquita Jackson, Jersey Wright and Sara Ford.

Pictured at left, left to right, are: Marquita Jackson, Gracie Svoboda, Mary Carver, Jersey Wright, Sara Ford and Cathryn Geiger.



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

## Perry High School FCCLA Hosts a Fall Into FCCLA Social

PHS FCCLA hosted a Fall into FCCLA social event. Members brought in a pot of chili to be entered into the Chili Cook-Off. Everyone sampled the various chilis and voted on one to win. Morgan Taylor was presented a cash prize for having the most votes for her chili. Members were guided through leadership and team building games. The evening ended with some delicious smore making. It was an evening of all things, "Fall". The members and officers had a great time.



Pictured above are President Sara Ford and Morgan Taylor.





## Perry High School FCCLA Attends FCCLA Fall Rally

The annual FCCLA Fall Rally was held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Chapter members attended the event which included a motivational speaker in Reaves Arena with over 3,000 other chapter members in attendance. The state executive council also spoke during the rally and announced winners for the multiple competitions. Perry High FCCLA competed in the Chapter T-shirt Design, Brochure Event, Peanut Recipe, Chili Cook-Off, and Theme Speech Competitions. Gracie Svoboda received 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Chili Cook-Off Competition with her crazy good chicken chili recipe. Sarah Ford and Jersey Wright received 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their Chapter T-shirt Design. Mary Carver received 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Peanut Recipe Contest with her apple peanut crunch cookie with maple cream cheese frosting. Cathryn Geiger received 1<sup>st</sup> place for the third year in a row in the Themed Speech Competition. Advisers Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick are super proud of all the hard work these competitors put into their events.



Cathryn Geiger is pictured receiving her 1<sup>st</sup> place award for her Theme Speech from the FCCLA State President.



Perry High School FCCLA Chapter members who attended the rally.



Mary Carver receiving her 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon from the Peanut Recipe judge and state executive staff.



Gracie Svoboda receiving her 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon from the FCCLA State President for the Chili Cook-off Competition.



Adviser, Kama Beaumarchais; Cathryn Geiger, Mary Carver and Adviser, Crystal Quick.



Adviser Kama Beaumarchais, Gracie Svoboda and Adviser, Crystal Quick.



## Perry High FCCLA Officers Attend Leadership Conference

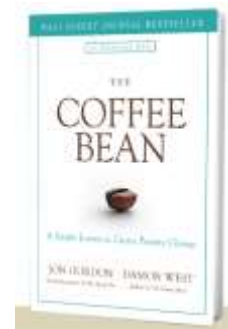
Perry High School FCCLA officers and advisers attended the Better Together Servant Leadership Conference at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Featured motivational speakers included Damon West and Jon Gordon, the co-authors of "The Coffee Bean". The central message of the book explores lessons to generate a positive change. The event was a great opportunity for learning and leadership growth. FCCLA was honored to have the opportunity to learn from such amazing leaders.



Pictured above, left to right, are Officers Marquita Jackson and Mary Carver.



Pictured, left to right, are Adviser Kama Beaumarchais and Officer Gracie Svoboda.



# Houston County College and Career Academy

## Teaching as a Profession Interns All-Day Experience

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, the HCCA Teaching As a Profession (TAAP) pathway interns spent the entire school day in their host classrooms. These future teachers, (second-year TAAP students), gain valuable experience being engaged directly with students in a classroom setting every day during their 6th - 7th periods. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, they were in their host classroom the entire school day which allowed them to see all content areas taught, transitions to and from specials, recess, and lunch, and to sit in on PLT/PLC or data meetings.

The Teaching As a Profession pathway gives high school students the opportunity to learn about the teaching field through classroom instruction and internships.



Boe Meh (WRHS) reads a book to Ms. Haslem's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class at CBWPS using the document camera .



Maci McDermott (PHS) assists students working in Ms. Scott's Kindergarten class at MAES.



Rilee Smith (HCHS) leads a Math mini lesson in Ms. Burks' 1<sup>st</sup> grade class at LJPS.

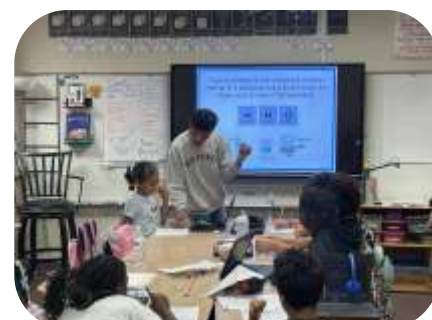


Keyazmine West (PHS) leads a small group during Power Hour in Ms. Taylor's Kindergarten class at TES.

Houston County College and



Trinity Ferguson (NHS) collects student work during a Math lesson in Ms. Rudziak's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at PWES.



Charlie Betancourt (VHS) leads students in a Science lesson in Ms. Hallman's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at HES.

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



## HCCA SkillsUSA Chapter Shines at the SkillsUSA Champions Rally

The Houston College and Career Academy SkillsUSA Chapter showcased their talent and skills at the recent Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia. The event was a fantastic opportunity for the students to compete, bond with fellow members, and proudly represent their chapter on a statewide stage. This year's theme, "No Limits," served as an inspirational backdrop for the event, encouraging participants to push their boundaries and explore new horizons. Competing against talented individuals from across the state, the students secured 7th place in Chapter Recruitment Pathway Poster. Up next, the students will travel to Dublin, Georgia to compete in the Regional Conference on January 5th.

Currently, there are over 40 members in HCCA's SkillsUSA chapter, representing eight different pathways. Houston College and Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Sherry Johnson serves as Principal and SkillsUSA Advisers are Candice Hollingshed (Audio Video Tech and Film), Kristie Norris (Fine Furniture), and Ginette Trapp (Healthcare).



Pictured at left are: Healthcare Students Aviana Matthews (VHS), Naveah Hale (VHS), and Adviser, Ginette Trapp.



Pictured at right is SAV Tech and Film student, Jayden Perez (PHS), capturing the moment.



SkillsUSA members pictured, left to right, are: Back Row - Mariyah Brown (HCHS), Jamiah Williams (VHS), Taylor Level (NHS), Kamryn Burke (HCHS), Destiny Little (PHS), Jasmine Jazmin McClanahan (NHS), Travis Johnson (WRHS), Jameson Hawkins (HCHS), and Kareem Perry (HCHS). Front Row - Kristie Norris (Adviser), Listel Crawford (HCHS), Christian Kitchens (HCHS), Austin Kruger (PHS), Madison Mugerditchia (NHS), Bryana Young (HCHS), Camdin Banks (HCHS), Olivia Hortsman (HCHS), Issac Freeman (HCHS), Addyson Simon (WRHS) and Jayshun Matthews (HCHS).



## TCSG Names College and Career Academy of the Year, Student of the Year and Business Partner of the Year

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) is pleased to announce that Newton County College and Career Academy (NCCA) has been awarded the prestigious title of College and Career Academy of the Year for 2023. In addition to naming the College and Career Academy of the Year, TCSG named Syon Schlecht from Empower College and Career Center in Jackson County as the College and Career Academy Student of the Year. Mohawk Industries in Gordon County was named as the 2023 Business Partner of the Year.

“I’m proud to congratulate our College and Career Academy of the Year on their exceptional work providing students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed,” said Governor Brian Kemp. “I also want to congratulate our CCA Student of the Year and CCA Business Partner of the Year for setting themselves apart as leaders in this space. Examples like theirs remind all of us of the power of these institutions to build a strong economy and open doors of opportunity for all Georgians.”

NCCA was selected as the winner of the 2023 College and Career Academy of the Year award based on its exceptional performance in several key areas, including academic excellence, workforce development, industry partnerships, and community engagement.

"Newton County College and Career Academy has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to empowering students with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in both their academic pursuits and future careers," said TCSG Commissioner, Greg Dozier. "Their innovative programs, strong ties to local industries, and active involvement in the community have set a high standard for college and career academies across the state."

The Newton College and Career Academy was founded in 2012 and currently serves 899 students. NCCA represents a strategic focus of the Newton County Board of Education and the Newton County School System to meet the growing needs of the workforce of Newton and surrounding counties. NCCA partners with area businesses, technical colleges, and universities, produce postsecondary graduates who can enter the local workforce and immediately deliver bottom-line results. NCCA offers 16 AP courses ranging from AP Environmental Science to AP Statistics, and the Career Academy also houses the largest CTAE pathway offerings in the Newton County School System with 22 pathways.



Paul Sabin, TCSG Program Manager, Metro and North Georgia College and Career Academies; Sherry Johnson, HCCA Principal/CEO; and Sabrina Phelps, TCSG Program Manager, Central and South Georgia College and Career Academies.

## TCSG Names College and Career Academy of the Year, Student of the Year and Business Partner of the Year (continued)

College and Career Academy Student of the Year, Syon Schlecht is engaged in multiple CTAE pathways and will have completed eight by the time he graduates. Schlecht participated in the Governor's Honors program, is an AP Scholar, and has been published in two medical journals.

“As I reflect on my journey toward a career as a physician-scientist (MD-MS), I am grateful for the invaluable support and guidance from Empower College and Career Center and its dedicated faculty,” said Schlecht. “They have provided me with an intimate understanding of the multifaceted nature of medical care, equipping me with a skill set that extends beyond the traditional boundaries of a medical career.”

Mohawk Industries was nominated by the Gordon County College and Career Academy (GCCCA) of Design and Advanced Manufacturing and by the Calhoun College and Career Academy. Mohawk offers work-based learning positions and pre-apprenticeship opportunities for high school students and has provided an engineer to teach mechatronics/industrial mechanics at GCCCA. In addition, Mohawk created and hosted the first Future Leader Week providing students the opportunity to participate in leadership training with Mohawk executives and job shadowing with multiple leaders.

College and Career Academies in Georgia foster strong relationships with local businesses and industries, providing students with valuable opportunities for internships, apprenticeships, and job placements. These connections help bridge the gap between education and employment, ensuring graduates are well-prepared for the demands of today's job market.

The following College and Career Academies were certified as Georgia College and Career Academies in 2023:

- Cairo High School College and Career Academy (Cairo)
- Central Educational Center (Newnan)
- Fitzgerald High School College and Career Academy (Fitzgerald)
- Hart County College and Career Academy (Hartwell)
- Houston College and Career Academy (Warner Robins)
- Ignite College and Career Academy (Americus)
- Wiregrass Regional College and Career Academy (Douglas)
- W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy (Macon)

Learn more about College and Career Academies in Georgia at [www.TCSG.edu/gcca](http://www.TCSG.edu/gcca).



Tom Seward, Houston County School District (HCSD) CTAE Director; Ashlee Simmons, Middle Georgia Consortium/WorkSource Middle Georgia, Program Services Specialist and HCCA Board of Directors member; Sherry Johnson, HCCA Principal/CEO; Sandi Couillard, HCSD YAP Coordinator and HCCA Board of Directors member; and Sabrina Phelps, HCCA Board of Directors Treasurer.

## Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Program

### Up and Coming Window Washer

Harrington Arnette is a Perry High School junior. He plays soccer and enjoys being with his family. Over the summer he decided to start a window washing service. He started the service by himself and used about \$300 to get the equipment needed. The first few customers of Harry's Window Service were his family and friends, but he quickly expanded all over Warner Robins and Perry. Harrington constantly changed the service in the early months as he learned from experience. For example, he started by offering window, tracks, sills, and blinds cleaning, but changed to just window washing recently to maximize efficiency.

His motivation to start this business was to have flexible work hours to fit into his busy soccer schedule. He is also able to use knowledge gained in his General Horticulture and Plant Science classes when working around shrubbery. Harrington joined Work-Based Learning's (WBL) newest pathway which is for student entrepreneurs. Enrolling in WBL allows him to get out of school early each day which eases the stress of trying to balance his busy schedule. Without the program, he would not have been able to grow his business so quickly. Currently Harry's Window Service has three cleaners, Harrington, Cameron Nethaway, and Cullen McDaniel who are all PHS students.

Harrington's future goals for the business are to keep expanding and add pressure washing and gutter cleaning services. To see some of Harrington's work, visit Harry's Window Washing Facebook page.



Youth Apprenticeship  
**WBL**  
 Georgia's Future Workforce





## WBL and YAP Coordinators attend West-Central Region Meeting



On September 7, 2023, Houston County School District's Work-Based Learning (WBL) and Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) Coordinators traveled to Sumter County for the WBL West-Central region meeting. Georgia Department of Education's Work-Based Learning Program Specialist, Laura Boswell, made a presentation to the approximately thirty-five WBL and YAP Coordinators present about recent changes and updates in Work-Based Learning .

All attendees were also escorted on a tour of Sumter County High School's Ignite College and Career Academy building which opened in 2021.

Pictured above are: Shelia Jones (HCHS), Belinda Collier (VHS), Ryan Van Dalinda (WRHS), Lisa Loves (NHS), Holly Arnold (PHS) and Sandi Couillard, HCSD WBL and YAP Coordinator.



## Youth Apprenticeship Student Grows His Teaching Skills



Jesse Price is a Northside High School senior who has completed the Teaching as a Profession pathway at Houston College and Career Academy. He is a second-year teaching intern for the Houston County School District thanks to the Youth Apprenticeship Program headed by Sandi Couillard. Last year, Jesse worked with his former Quail Run Elementary teacher, Patsy Clower, to gain experience working with elementary aged students. This year, Jesse is working at Warner Robins Middle School to gain experience in teaching Secondary English Education. He is currently working with Aimee Bagwell (Honors 7th and 8th grade ELA) and Kayla Levieux (8th grade general education ELA). He enjoys working in both classroom environments as he gets to experience a plethora of different teaching styles, learning types, and students.

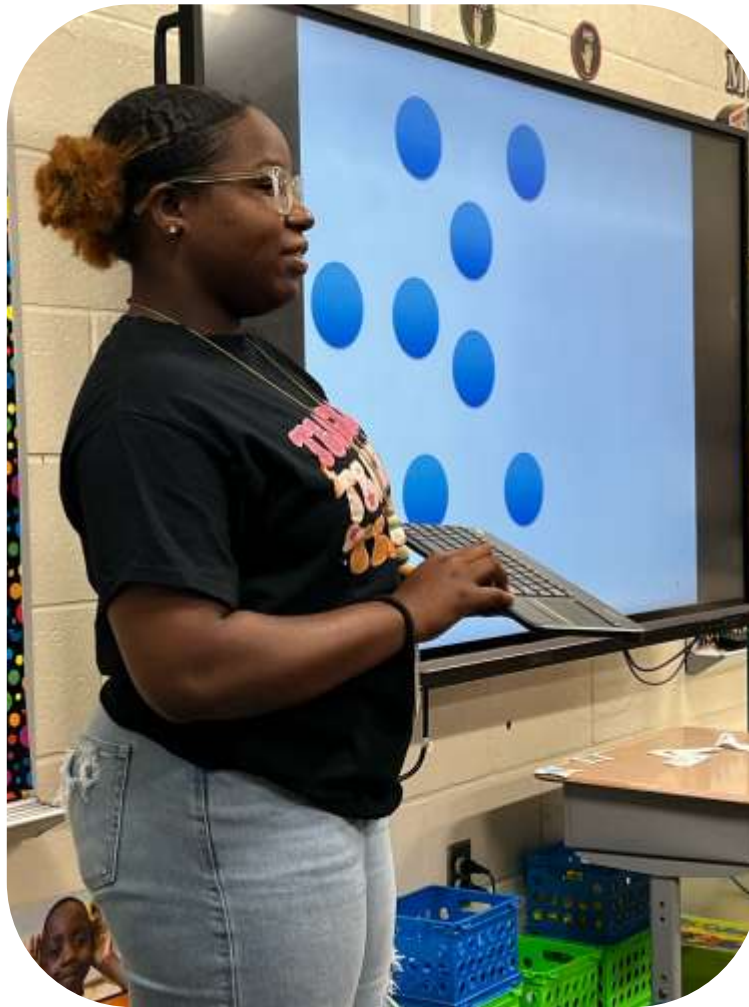


This month, Sandi Couillard was able to observe Jesse as he taught his first independent lesson. He had minimal support from Mrs. Bagwell as he planned an entire class period. Jesse's lesson covered denotation and connotation using the Smart Board, PowerPoint, notes, and independent work sessions for the students. During the lesson, the students remained engaged with the subject, and helped contribute to the conversation over what could be a difficult topic. Mrs. Couillard's feedback to Jesse was that he did a wonderful, informational, and engaging lesson and to keep up the great work. Warner Robins Middle School Principal, Dr. Brett Wallace, is very excited to host a teaching intern this year.

Upon high school graduation, Jesse is planning to attend Middle Georgia State University to earn his Bachelor of Secondary English Education.



## Youth Apprenticeship Student Succeeds in Classroom



Warner Robins High School senior and Teaching as a Profession pathway completer, Sierra Hill, is knocking it out of the park in her C. B. Watson 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom with host teacher, Ashley Colson. Sierra is in her second semester as a Houston County School District hired Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) student. On September 27, 2023, HCSD YAP Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, visited Sierra's classroom to watch her lead a lesson on counting numbers. The students were attentive and eager to answer questions posed by Sierra during her lesson.

Mrs. Colson reports that Sierra is already proficient in all areas including group student instruction, differentiated instruction, technology skills, critical thinking, and adaptability. She is distinguished in patience with the students.

Sierra says she loves the interaction with the students, working one-on-one, and helping the students become better learners. Upon graduation from high school, Sierra will enter college to earn a degree in Elementary Education and then begin her teaching career.

# Warner Robins Middle School

## WRMS Dairy Cattle Show Team Earns Awards

Congratulations to the entire Warner Robins Middle School Dairy Cattle Show Team on awards earned at the 2023 Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia. Aislynn Turner earned 6<sup>th</sup> Overall in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Showmanship, First Place Class 10, Division 4 Grand Champion, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Commercial Dairy Heifer. Elle Hayes earned 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Showmanship, and First Place Class 2. Madison Jones earned 10<sup>th</sup> Overall in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Showmanship and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Class 6.



Madison Jones



Elle Hayes



Aislynn Turner is pictured at left in the center.



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



- Thomson Middle
- Warner Robins Middle
- Bonaire Middle
- Feagin Mill Middle
- Huntington Middle
- Mossy Creek Middle
- Northside Middle
- Perry Middle



## Bonaire Middle School

BMS FFA Chapter Named 3 Star Chapter for 2023 National Chapter Award



**Bonaire Middle School FFA Officers pictured above, left to right, are: Brynn Gibby, Ellie Talton, Savannah Van Nostrand, Bella Riddle, Shiloh Henderson, Lucy Mott, Carleigh Hallman, Ava Wooley, and Katherine Griffis. Not pictured, Ruby Davidson.**

The Bonaire Middle School FFA chapter of Bonaire, Georgia, has been recognized as a 2023 National 3 Star Chapter from the National FFA Organization. A 3 Star rating is the highest rating in the National Chapter Award Program.



The 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.

Chapters that received star ratings during judging this summer will be recognized at the 96th National FFA Convention and Expo, November 1-4, 2023. All star-rated FFA chapters receive honors made possible by corporate sponsor, John Deere.

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

## BMS FFA Rabbit Show Team Earns Awards



The Bonaire Middle School FFA Rabbit Show Team competed in their first show of the year at the Georgia State Rabbit and Cavy Association Youth Show in Carrollton, Georgia on August 26, 2023. The students and their rabbits had a successful first show, winning five first place ribbons, five second place ribbons, and two third place ribbons. Special honors went to Savannah Van Nostrand for her Best Opposite of Variety and

Group Black Junior Buck Mini Rex, Ellie Story for her Best Opposite of Variety and Group Broken Junior Doe Mini Rex, and Parker Hughes for his Best Opposite of Variety Black Junior Buck Polish.

## FCCLA Chapter at BMS Participates in Events

The officers of Bonaire Middle School's FCCLA chapter recently participated in two significant events. The events were the DISCOVER Training at Camp John Hope and the Region 7 meeting hosted at Georgia Southwestern University. During these gatherings, BMS officers actively participated in student-led workshops, gaining valuable insights into leadership and FCCLA programs.



Pictured at left are: Nolan Humphrey, Riley Scarbrough, Krista Smith, and Karrington Jefferson.



Pictured at right are: Maggie Thompson, Addy Roach and Kate Rumford.





## BMS FBLA, FCCLA and TSA Attend BASIC Training



Bonaire Middle School's FBLA, FCCLA and TSA chapters together participated in BASIC Training at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia as a kickoff for the school year. Members participated in activities to encourage team building and leadership within their chapter. The activities were the mud obstacle course, high ropes course and recreation time. It was a great learning experience for members and a time to make new friends within the CTSO clubs. BMS Advisers are Melissa Knowland, FBLA; Makaela Fitzwater, FCCLA; and Stacey McDuffie, TSA.



## Feagin Mill Middle School

FMMS Career Tech Student Organizations Team up with Eagle Scout Candidate to Construct a Sensory Garden



Pictured above are FMMS Principal, Mark Sams; Beau Heuring and API, Joey Hinson.

Beau Heuring completed this project at Feagin Mill Middle School to obtain Eagle Scout status. He designed, planned, organized, and built the items for the sensory garden after lots of research and fund raising, not to mention a heart to bring joy to others. He brought a team of 15 other boy scouts, leaders, and family to assist with setting set up. Among the boy scouts helping was a former FMMS FCCLA student Aiden Wildey. It is always great to see our CTSO students come for a visit and give selflessly of their time. Upon completion of set up, Beau presented a check to assist with the upkeep. FMMS has truly enjoyed seeing how much these sweet students are enjoying this sensory garden full of fun and engaging activities. A HUGE thank you to Beau Heuring for his awesome design and construction of the sensory garden for FMMS's special friends. Also, a special thanks to Julie Folse for getting this project started and organized. These engaging activities will certainly bring joy to the FMMS students for many years to come. It is great when Feagin Mill Middle School CTSO's connect with the community to meet the needs of others.

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





FMMS Career Tech Student Organizations Team up with Eagle Scout Candidate to Construct a Sensory Garden (continued)



## FMMS FCCLA has a Great Start to Love the Children of the World FCCLA National Program Project

As a part of our Community Service project, Feagin Mill Middle FCCLA joined forces with the Feagin Mill FACS classes to collect items desperately needed for Orphanage Emmanuel in Honduras. FCCLA found out about the need through a non-profit run by Dr. and Mrs. Lance Slade. The Slade's and a team from the Middle Georgia area had a trip planned to Orphanage Emmanuel and requested items to fill up suitcases to help meet the many needs of the children. The chapter collected items from students, faculty, and parents for a total of 1,021 items. The items included clothes, shoes, toiletry items, accessories, crafts, candy, and bags, \$50, and wrote 109 personalized notes. The team came back from Honduras with hearts full of joy for all the needs that were met, but heavy hearts for the items still needed. Upon the team's return from Orphanage Emmanuel, a list was compiled of urgent needs. When the chapter heard about the needs, they had to be a part of helping again. Many of FMMS students, faculty, and parents brought in items for both collections to make this a successful project.



Toni Slade visited all the FACS classes to share about Orphanage Emmanuel, her family adoption process from the orphanage, and the greater purpose of Woodlands Coffee Shop and Café. The Coffee Shop and Café will be opening in January and will be located on Highway 96/Lake Joy Road between Goodwill and Black Barley. The students were touched hearing what an impact the items and notes made on the children at Orphanage Emmanuel. Mrs. Slade said that the sweet handwritten notes from FMMS students (some in Spanish) were especially treasured by the kids. She said they walked around with them in their hand or pocket all day and night proudly showing them to others.



FMMS surpassed the number of items from the first collection. The FCCLA collected 2,291 items (clothes, shoes, feminine products, bookbags, socks, underwear, and more). The collection filled up the back of a SUV and the bed of a truck. The items were taken to a drop off location at the Grove Church. The students are learning so much about reaching out to others and the impact it can make on others. FCCLA is all about family, reaching out into the community and developing leaders. Projects like these truly reflect the purpose of the organization and builds leaders with a better perspective of those around them.



## FMMS FCCLA has a Great Start to Love the Children of the World FCCLA National Program Project (continued)

The FMMS Christmas project will be adopting families in the local area to provide and deliver Christmas gifts along with needed essentials. If you would like to assist the school with providing for these families, contact FCCLA Adviser, Lisa Duke, at [lisa.duke@hcbe.net](mailto:lisa.duke@hcbe.net)

Pictured, left to right:  
Jason Duke,  
representative at The  
Grove Church, Dana  
McIntyre, Madilyn  
Taylor, Shelby  
Manley, and Arav  
Patel.



Pictured above, left to right:  
Jason Duke, Shelby Manley,  
Arav Patel, and Madilyn Taylor.



Pictured above, left to  
right: Toni Slade, owner  
of Woodlands Coffee  
Shop and Café, with Lisa  
Duke, FMMS FCCLA  
Adviser.



Pictured left to right:  
Arav Patel, Dana  
McIntyre, Madilyn  
Taylor, and Shelby  
Manley.



Pictured left to right:  
Olivia Grant,  
Akasha Martin, and  
representative for  
Jill Olf at Keller  
Williams.





# Perry Middle School

## PMS FBLA Attends FBLA Fall Motivational Rally

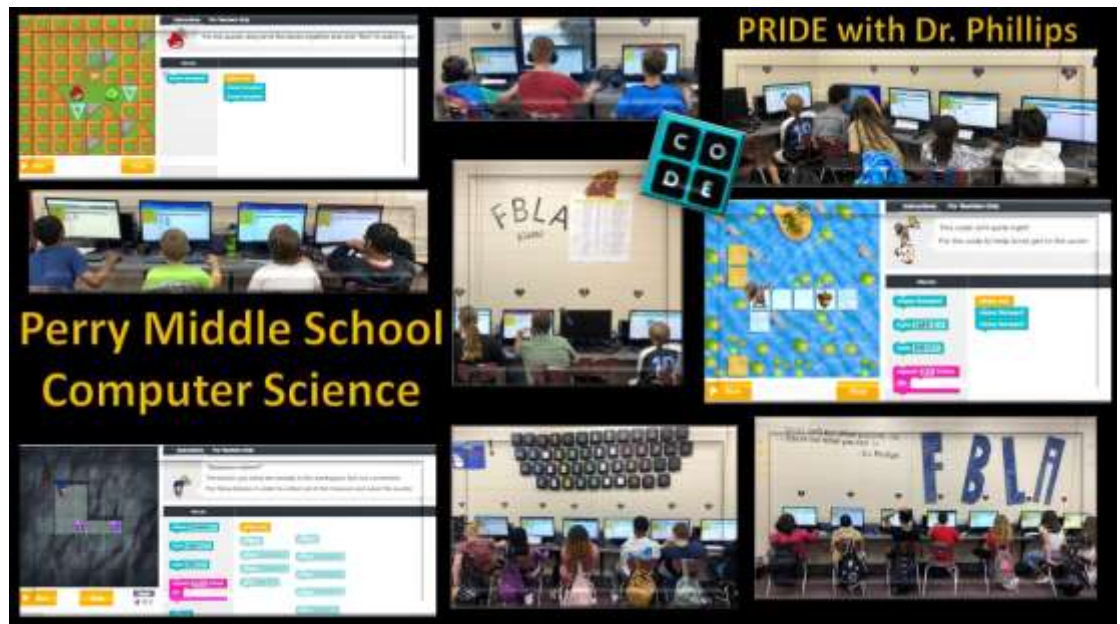


October 2, 2023 was a fun day for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members at Perry Middle School. Dr. Diana Phillips, FBLA Adviser, took members to the FBLA Fall Motivational Rally held at Six Flags Over Georgia in Austell, Georgia. Members had the opportunity to compete in pre-submission events, take open-event tests, ride rides, and listen to leadership presentations. Twenty-two members from the chapter attended the event. The next conference will be held in November at the Fall Leadership Conference in Columbus, Georgia.

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

## Coding at PMS

Perry Middle School Computer Science teacher Dr. Diana Phillips uses PRIDE time to showcase coding using Code.org. Students learn block coding and many other terms throughout the exercises. A few things they will cover are programming, algorithms, loops, debugging, and creating art with code – to name a few. As the year progresses, these students will be given the opportunity to create games on different software and possibly their own app.



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## High School CTAE Supervisors



**Pictured are: Dana Morris, VHS; Jay Wood, PHS; Dr. Candida Fielding, NHS; CTAE Director, Tom Seward; Dr. Sherry Johnson, HCCA; Robert Walker, WRHS ; and Karma Hayes, HCCHS.**

## Middle School CTAE Contacts



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