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### **Houston County High School**

HCHS FBLA Officers Attend Summer Leadership and Officer Training

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Pictured above, left to right, are: Shiva Soundappan, Salome Rodriguez, Vincent Le, Rani Shekarappa, Luciano Da Fieno, Siya Patel, Collin Key, Gianna Castro, Vansh Patel, Brooklyn Jackson, Hailey O'Neal. In July, the officer team of the Houston County High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America traveled to Crisp County to participate in the Summer Leadership and Officer Training Summits (SLOTS). At the conference, officers participated in communication and leadership challenges helping them bond as a team, learn how to best communicate together, and discover each other's

strengths and weaknesses in order to best lead their chapter to success during the upcoming school year. In between team leadership challenges and specialized officer position training, officers had the chance to network with officers from other FBLA chapters across Georgia. Finishing out the day of training, the officers developed goals for the chapter for the school year and a Program of Work.

Chapter Secretary Hailey O'Neal said, "I feel so prepared for the year and so much closer to my fellow officers after the fun challenges and planning session. I cannot wait to get back to school and start implementing our new ideas."

HCHS FBLA is looking forward to an amazing year focusing on continuing their tradition of excellence. They cannot wait to come back to school and grow the chapter through implementing their Program of Work.

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



Houston County High



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#### Houston County High School FBLA Attends National Leadership Conference in Chicago



Pictured above, left to right, front row, Seyanna Castro, Rani Shekarappa, Hailey O'Neal and Shiva Soundappan. Back row, Luciano Da Fieno, Tyler Nguyen and Kylie Godman.

Article by Hailey O'Neal ~ In July, Houston County High **School Future Business** Leaders of America (FBLA) and their adviser, Jenny Jackson, got the opportunity to travel to Chicago, Illinois for the FBLA National Leadership Conference. At the conference, members got the chance to network with other members across the country, participate in workshops led by national officers, compete in national competitions, and explore Chicago. HCHS FBLA visited major sites in Chicago including the Bean, Lincoln Park Zoo and the Navy Pier. They also went to a Cubs game at Wrigley Field. While in Chicago, members enjoyed authentic Chicago foods such as deep dish pizza and Chicago dogs. FBLA member and officer, Hailey O'Neal,

stated, "It was such an amazing experience to get to visit such a well-known city and meet people from across this city all at the same time."

Students competitors were:

Deborah Jacklin: Parliamentary Procedures and National Officer Candidate

Hailey O'Neal: Introduction to Business Procedures

Kylie Godman: Parliamentary Procedures

Luciano Da Fieno: Web Design

Rani Shekarappa: Parliamentary Procedures Shiva Soundappan: Parliamentary Procedures

Tyler Nguyen: Web Design

Hailey O'Neal placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for Introduction to Business Procedures and Deborah Jacklin was elected as the national Southern Region Vice President.

HCHS FBLA is looking forward to an amazing year focusing on continuing their tradition of excellence. They cannot wait for the next National Leadership Conference, which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia.



#### HCHS FBLA Officer, Deborah Jacklin, Becomes a National Officer



#### Article by Deborah Jacklin ~

The National Leadership Conference was an experience of a lifetime. When arriving at the Hartsfield—Jackson International Airport, I was extremely nervous and excited about the week ahead because there were so many responsibilities and opportunities awaiting me. However, when I arrived at the terminal, I was immediately greeted by some members of my state officer team. Throughout the whole week, I felt supported by my team and the Houston County High School chapter.

As a State Officer Team, our goal was to serve the members of Georgia FBLA and make sure that they felt connected to us during our time at the National Leadership Conference. In order to do this, the State Officer Team personally wished every Georgia FBLA competitor good luck and gave

them goodie bags. Through these meet and greets, the State Officer Team was able to build personal connections with members and even cheered them on during their performances. We also handwrote multiple cards to 399 competitors to encourage and appreciate their hard work in preparation. When it was time for Georgia FBLA members to accept their awards on the National stage, we would run with them to and from the stage to support and cheer them on throughout the whole process.

Not only did I have the opportunity to meet members of Georgia FBLA, but I also had the unique circumstance to network with people all across the nation by running my campaign booth. This year, I ran for the position of National Southern Region Vice President, and at my booth, I talked to people about my platform and all things FBLA. My campaign was a success through the support of my local FBLA chapter, Houston County High School, helping me run my campaign booth. When they announced my name as the new National Southern Region Vice President, I couldn't process what was happening because this was something I had dreamed of since I was in middle school. I never could have imagined my first - in-person - National Leadership Conference to have such great outcomes, but like my campaign motto said, "Imagine More!"



#### HCHS FCCLA Students DISCOVER Their Potential



Pictured above, left to right are: State First Vice President, Andy Lu; Collin Key, Sienn Bui, Abby McLean, Region 7 Officer, Olivia Morrison; Ashley Amaya, Maggie Duke, Laney Davis, and Meosha Holloway. On Thursday, August 25th, students from Houston County High School FCCLA discovered their leadership potential at the FCCLA DISCOVER Training held at the Camp John Hope FFA-FCCLA Center in Fort Valley, Georgia.

DISCOVER Training which stands for Developing Individual School Chapter Officers with Vision, Energy, and Responsibility allows FCCLA chapter officers to explore their roles as officers and collaborate as a team to develop strategies for executing unique and successful projects to promote membership, engage and recognize chapter members, strengthen the community through service projects, and

excel in competitive events. By participating in DISCOVER Training, students learn the importance of being a leader and have a better understanding of what it means to lead within their local chapter.

DISCOVER Training provided chapter officer attendees from HCHS FCCLA the opportunity to engage in various workshop breakout sessions that covered an array of topics that are central to implementing a successful Chapter Program of Work. Playing a key role in the success and planning for DISCOVER Training were State First Vice President, Andy Lu, and Region 7 Officer, Olivia Morrison. Andy and Olivia created and presented content-specific workshop sessions for DISCOVER Training attendees. Andy's session provided valuable information for students regarding planning an effective chapter meeting while Olivia's session covered important tips for advocating effectively for Family and Consumer Sciences and FCCLA.

Houston County High School FCCLA Chapter President, Maggie Duke, said, "I am so glad that I had the opportunity to attend DISCOVER Training this year. This training not only strengthened my leadership skills but also provided valuable resources and time to work with my fellow Chapter Officer Team to plan an incredible year for our FCCLA members."

The Houston County High School FCCLA Officers for the 2022 – 2023 school year include: Maggie Duke, Abby McLean, Collin Key, Hannah Koppel, Sienn Bui, Meosha Holloway, Laney Davis, and Ashley Amaya, alongside State Officer, Andy Lu; Region Officer, Olivia Morrison; and Chapter Advisers, Brittany Tolleson and Kristen Hankins.



#### HCHS FBLA Focuses on Recruitment

In August, as students went back to school, the HCHS FBLA officers started off the year with a goal of recruiting many new members. The officers immediately began working on accomplishing this goal by developing a club fair booth and planning a first meeting that was focused on information distribution and possible membership recruitment.

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For the club fair booth, officers Collin Key, Salome Rodriguez and Asher
Bradford created a tri-board that focused on all the past events that HCHS
FBLA had participated in and planned future participation. Officers Hailey O'Neal, Jana Herr, Brooklyn
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Jackson, and Deborah Jacklin organized a raffle in which students would receive a raffle ticket for obtaining a membership form, and another ticket for paid membership submission. During the club fair, the officers worked the booth by having informal FBLA conversations and distribution of raffle tickets with a smile.

The first meeting of the year kicked off with a successful group of candidates and officers celebrating school donations with a pizza party. An informational speech, given by a collection of FBLA officers, discussed HCHS FBLA's plans for the year, including conferences, competitions, and monthly meetings. With over 90 attendees, this meeting was a huge success.

HCHS FBLA is looking forward to an amazing year focusing on continuing their tradition of excellence. They cannot wait to meet all the new members that they gained from their recruitment efforts.



Officers working at the club fair booth.

### **Perry High School**

### Perry High School FCCLA Welcomes Students During its First Social Event



Pictured above, left to right, are: Gracie Svoboda, Mary Carver, Amelia Kelly, Sara Ford, Jersey Wright and Cathryn Geiger.





Perry High FCCLA hosted a "Welcome to FCCLA" social event for students at Perry High School. The whole student body was invited to attend and welcomed to come try out FCCLA for the night. Students brought their favorite dish to share with the group. After eating, students participated in a series of ice breaker, leadership and team building games. Door prizes were given out at the end of the social to students with the winning ticket number. Everyone in attendance had a great time! Students were heard saying that "they couldn't believe how much fun they had". Most students didn't even realize the leadership and team building skills they were learning during the event because they were having so much fun. Advisers Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick were excited to see the group of students stepping out of their comfort zone and trying something new. The Perry High FCCLA officers planned the event and led the games throughout the evening. They are already planning the next social event for members.

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



### **Houston County Career Academy**

### Teaching As a Profession Students Investigate Degrees in Education

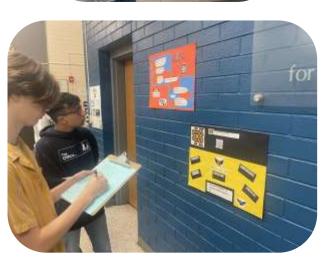
HCCA Teaching As a Profession pathway students recently researched colleges and universities in the state that offer degrees in education. Students learned about the degrees required for careers in education and discovered the admissions requirements and tuition costs. Their research was displayed for students to "visit" and learn more.

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

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



Maci McDermott is pictured at left as she checks out the admissions requirements at UGA.



Cameron Mahoney and Charlie Betancourt are pictured above as they investigate Savannah State University and Kennesaw State University.



Pictured above are Rylee Smith and Undreah Rumph as they locate information about Middle Georgia State University.



### **Veterans High School**

### Veterans High FCCLA Officer Installation



Veterans High School FCCLA recently held their officer installation service. The officers selected and installed for the 2022-2023 school year, pictured above, left to right, are: President - Lakyn Summers, Social Media/Publicity - Sydney Baker, Vice President of Community Service - Trinity Glover, First Vice President - Jasyria Moody, Vice President of Competitive Events - Mollie Mize, State Liaison (Georgia FCCLA President) - Ava Trussell, Membership Recruitment - Kyndal Crawford, and Secretary - Kam Kennedy.

Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Amy Barbour serves as Principal. Jill Massee and Julie Vinup are the Advisers for VHS FCCLA.



### Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Program

Ethan Winters Hired at Speir and Associates Electrical Contractors, Inc.



Pictured above are Jerry Ward and Ethan Winters.



On September 21, 2022, Jerry Ward, Safety Coordinator for Speir and Associates Electrical Contractors, Inc., stopped by Houston County Career Academy's Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning classroom lab to observe Ethan Winters' demonstration of different types of circuits.

Ethan is a Houston County High School senior who is currently enrolled in his second year of HVAC classes at the Houston County Career Academy. He was recently hired by Speir as a Helper I as a result of an informational field trip to a Parrish Construction job site and a subsequent parent meeting promoted through Parrish Construction.

Ethan joined Sandi Couillard's Youth Apprenticeship Program to be able to leave school early each day to go to work. He hopes to make a career in the HVAC or electrical fields.



### **Perry Middle School**

#### PMS FBLA Officers Attend SLOTS

This summer Perry Middle School FBLA officers attended the State Leadership Officer Training Summit (SLOTS) in Cordele, Georgia. Officers were provided training based on their specific position and attended several social games. Officers got a head start preparing for the upcoming year. They planned meetings, community service projects, and recruitment ideas. Chick-fil-A was on the menu for lunch and was provided for all in attendance. The wonderful young leaders worked very hard to help prepare for the upcoming year.

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



Pictured above, left to back, are: Keegan Torres, Chandler Carter; right to back: Khurstin Meyer, Adam McCarthy, Melody Phillips and Erika Best. Pictured at right, left to right, are: Khurstin Meyer, Keegan Torres, Erika Best, Chandler Carter, Melody Phillips and Adam McCarthy.







Pictured at left are Julie Folse, FMMS Adviser; and Dr. Diana Phillips, PMS Adviser.



Pictured above, left to back are: Khurstin Meyer, Keegan Torres, Chandler Carter; right to back: Adam McCarthy, Melody Phillips and Erika Best.

















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### PMS FBLA Holds First Chapter Meeting

Perry Middle School FBLA kicked off the year with their first chapter meeting of the school year. Members played leadership games, met new members, and made new friends. Enthusiasm graciously flowed as they all excitedly left preparing for the Fall Motivational Rally that will be held at Six Flags in October. Perry Middle School and Feagin Mill Middle School will ride together to this event. Members will be able to compete in a variety of events, ride rides, and obtain leadership training, all while having a blast!









### Feagin Mill Middle School

### FMMS FFA, FBLA, FCCLA and Band Work Together to Support Athletics

Great teamwork between Feagin Mill Middle School FFA, FBLA, FFA, and Band supporting FMMS Wolves. Trey English and the Pep Band did a great job playing their hearts out. Lisa Duke, with help from the 8th grade FACS class and FCCLA, hosted the 8th grade football team before the game. James Judson and FFA worked hard in the concession stand keeping everyone hydrated and fed. The cheerleaders, Julie Folse, and FBLA showed up with amazing spirit to cheer on the football teams. Thanks to the great teamwork between these groups along with the coaches, players, and parents.

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



FMMS Pep Band

8th grade football team pictured with Lisa Duke.





Christi Westbrooks, Aria Simpson and Julie Folse.





James Judson and FFA Concession Stand



FFA Concession Stand

#### Feagin Mill Middle School FCCLA Hosts Region, State, MCMS Officers and Advisers

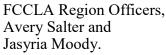


The state, region, and Mossy Creek officers came to the Feagin Mill Middle FCCLA August meeting to share all the great things about FCCLA. Everyone enjoyed ice cream sundaes and fun times together while hearing from the experts. It was great to connect with

the officers and advisers over food and fun. The FCCLA chapters love connecting with others in the county and state over their passion for FCCLA.



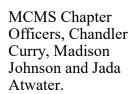
Shelia Johnson, WRHS; Jill Massee, VHS; Sherry Sheppard, MCMS; and Lisa Duke, FMMS.







FCCLA State Officers, Ava Trussell, Andy Lu and Cara Hall.







FMMS FCCLA Chapter Officers, Delilah Frazier, Jatan Patel, Shelby Manley and Arav Patel.

### Houston County Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Staff

# **High School CTAE Supervisors**



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

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