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Houston County CTAE: Working to Produce High-Achieving Students

Warner Robins High School

FFA at WRHS

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Congratulations to Dixie Miller and Jordan Terry for advancing to State with their proficiency applications. Terry and Miller will compete again at the State FFA Convention held in April. Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor, FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. They also recognize members exploring and becoming established in agricultural career pathways.



The WRHS team: Ja'Sai Kirce, Gabriel Minor, Joy Sanders, Tim Deas - State FFA President, Kanaiya Cornelius and Dixie Miller.

State FFA President, Tim Deas, came to the classroom to speak about the benefits of FFA and how to be an effective leader. He also spoke about how FFA changed his life. He told the classroom about his success in agriculture and how they could also gain success, which was motivational and encouraging.

Terry McNair, the owner of Real Turf Solutions, spoke about Nursery Landscape careers to all the students and all the opportunities that come with nursery landscaping. As he told them about the possibilities, he also asked students what they wanted to do in the future. Some students would like to follow his career path. Mr. McNair shed light on the landscaping business while advising students on future careers. The students were attentive and made sure to pay close attention to the advice from Mr. McNair. Pictured at right are Dr. Veronica Sanders with Terry McNair.



Warner Robins High School is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Chris McCook serves as Principal, Dr. Veronica Sanders and Brian Rainwater are the agriculture teachers.



Warner Robins
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Houston County
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Perry
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Career Academy



Veterans
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Northside
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Houston County High School

HCHS FCCLA Members Learn Legislation and Leadership



HCHS FCCLA members pictured, left to right, with Governor Brian Kemp are: Kristen Hankins, L'zarhia Williams, Camden Hamann, Olivia Morrison - Region 7 Officer, Andy Lu - State First Vice President, Kimberly Holston, Laney Davis, Governor Kemp, Amber Iglinsky, Aubrie Lane, Madi Wellman, Mackensie Walker, Krisha Patel, Kyra Bonifacio, and Brittany Tolleson.

Students from the Houston County High School Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) celebrated Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Month and FCCLA Week by putting advocacy into action by attending the FCCLA Day at the Capitol.

FCCLA Day at the Capitol is designed to stress the importance of students being career-ready leaders that make an impact on their families, careers, and communities by promoting advocacy and allowing the opportunity to connect with legislative officials. Through this event, students had the opportunity to utilize the FCCLA State Program, Legislative Connection, as they met with several local representative to promote the positive growth and impact that FCCLA has on students, as well as demonstrate the importance of CTAE. Students also had the opportunity to tour the State Capitol and learn new information about Georgia's amazing history.

Houston County High School FCCLA members were honored to have the chance to meet with Governor Brian Kemp, Senator Larry Walker, Representative Shaw Blackmon, and Representative Bethany Ballard at this event. These legislative leaders took time to address student questions about the legislative process, existing bills related to education, and more.



HCHS FCCLA Members Learn Legislation and Leadership (continued)



HCHS FCCLA members pictured with Senator Larry Walker.

Laney Davis, HCHS FCCLA member, said that this was her first time visiting the Georgia State Capitol and remarked that “it was an honor to be a part of this incredible learning experience and have the chance to meet and speak with so many legislative leaders who make an impact on our local community and state.” Davis, who is also competing in a Public Policy Advocate STAR Event Competition at the State Leadership Conference, also noted that this experience made her more aware as a citizen and appreciative of the time and service that legislators put into their elected duties to support students and needs within our community.

FCCLA Day at the Capitol truly left an impact on the students that attended and allowed them to positively advocate for FACS and FCCLA and show their appreciation to leaders that support CTAE and CTSO programs across Houston County.

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



HCHS FCCLA members pictured with Representative Shaw Blackmon.

Perry High School

Perry High FBLA Wins at Region Leadership Conference

On January 20th, Perry High School attended the FBLA Region 5 Leadership Conference. The conference was attended by Advisers Thomas Dunbar and Gayle Hardwick, along with several students.



FBLA competitions range from online testing events to developing projects and presentation events in the areas of business and computer science. This year, Perry High School represented region well and the following students earned awards, qualifying them to attend the State Leadership Conference:

- 2nd Place in Impromptu Speaking – Bryson Griner
- 2nd Place in Introduction to Business Communication – Destint Little
- 2nd Place in Public Speaking – Gabriel Delgado Diaz
- 2nd Place in Public Service Announcement – Caroline Hardwick & Timothy Zayac
- 2nd Place in Web Design – Colton Lyons and Alexander McDonald
- 3rd Place in Introduction to Business Procedures – Destint Little
- 4th Place in Job Interview – Bryson Griner
- 7th Place in Introduction to Business Procedures – Reese McDowell
- 9th Place in Introduction to Business Communication – Easton Masters

These students will represent Perry High School at the State Leadership Conference in Atlanta on March 10th and 11th in attempt to qualify for the National Leadership Conference this summer. Way to go Panthers!



Pictured above, left to right, front row are: Reese McDowell, Gabriel Delgado Diaz and Colton Lyons. Pictured back row, are: Adviser Gayle Hardwick, Caroline Hardwick, Timothy Zayac, Alexander McDonald, Bryson Griner, Adviser Thomas Dunbar and Region Officer Cole Kleinebikel.

Houston College and Career Academy

HCCA Hosts Mock Interviews

On March 15 - 16, 2023, Houston County Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, organized and hosted mock interviews for Houston College and Career Academy (HCCA) students. Twenty-nine interviewers conducted 142 mock interviews with twelve of those being students who interviewed twice.

Interviewer feedback was overwhelmingly positive and three different interviewers indicated they would hire the student they interviewed on the spot. Interviewers also provided suggestions on how students might improve their interview skills which will be used to guide future employability skills instruction at HCCA.

Mrs. Couillard is grateful for the participation of interviewers from business partners at Synovus Bank, Young Chefs Academy, Warner Robins Middle School, Central Georgia Technical College staff, Home Town Occupational Medical, Atrium/Navicent Hospice, Robins Financial Credit Union, Ashley's Business Solutions, Peach County High School Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, CareSource, Houston County Work-Based Learning Coordinators, Lexes, Inc., and Houston County School District Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Richard Rogers.

Mrs. Couillard thanks the Houston College and Career Academy's Audio Video Technology Department for conducting student exit interviews. Footage from those interviews will be used to promote next year's event.

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



Pictured at left, back row: Central Georgia Technical College's Executive Director for High School Initiatives, and Kim Gunn, interviewing a student. Front row: Traci Jolley, Peach County Work-Based Learning Coordinator.

HCCA Audio, Video Technology Student, Zachary Pearson.



Pictured above in mock interviews with students are: Lauren Franklin (WRHS), Tameka Price (PHS), and Belinda Collier (VHS).



Houston County School District WBL Coordinators, Tameka Price (PHS), Lauren Frankin (WRHS) and Belinda Collier (VHS).

Veterans High School

VHS FFA Student Earns Awards

Congratulations!

TOBY HIMES

**exhibited the
4th overall gilt at the
Georgia National Junior
Livestock Show**



Toby Himes exhibited the 4th overall gilt at the Georgia Junior National Livestock Exhibition in Perry, Georgia at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Toby is a Senior at Veterans High School and has been a member of the FFA Chapter for three years. He is dedicated to the VHS FFA Program. In addition to being named 4th overall at the show he is also a member of the State Champion Ag Sales Team. He exhibited the Grand Champion barrow at the Houston County Young Farmers Hog Show all within two weeks.



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



VHS FCCLA Advances to National Leadership Conference



Congratulations to Adelyn Condet and Maddy Lathrop for placing in the top 15 in the nation with their FCCLA Online Star Event - Veterans High FCCLA Chapter Website Level 2. They qualified to advance to the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado this summer for the next level of competition. Advisers are Jill Masee and Julie Vinup.

VHS Food for Life Classes Participate in Teen Cuisine

Veterans High School Food for Life classes are participating in Teen Cuisine through the University of Georgia Extension Program. Teen Cuisine is a series of six lessons that teach the students life skills and promote optimal health. The curriculum encourages making informed food and lifestyle choices which can lead to positive eating patterns and improved health. Each lesson consists of a variety of activities on nutrition, food safety, food preparation, and physical activity. Students are pictured in session one, helping to make orange dip yogurt for a class treat.



Pictured are Mollie Mize and Nyeshia Anderson.



Pictured are Abigail Sasser, Lindashia Slaughter and Des'tyn Seaton.

Northside High School

NHS FBLA Snags 1st Place at State Conference



The Northside High School FBLA earned 1st Place and statewide recognition for having the “Largest Increase in Local Chapter Membership” at its most recent 2023 State Leadership Conference. The conference was held at the beautiful Hyatt Regency in downtown Atlanta, Georgia on March 10th - 12th. The students were energized with motivational speeches, career related workshops, and highly engaging networking opportunities with other high school students from all over the state.



Students from Northside High entered competitions in the following areas:

- Carrie Staton - Advertising
- Angus Mackinnon - Computer Problem Solving and Network Infrastructure
- Donald Mackinnon - Economics and 5th place statewide in Publication Design
- Ayah Abdul-Malik - Health Care Administration
- Sydney Stoddard - Human Resource Management
- Tyrell Owens - Insurance and Risk Management
- Julietta Benitez-Campos - Intro to FBLA
- Ah'zia Thompson - Intro to Public Speaking and Journalism
- Adajah Coach - Supply Chain Management

Future Business Leaders of America, Inc. (FBLA) is the largest business Career and Technical Student Organization in the world. Each year, FBLA helps over 230,000 members prepare for careers in business.

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins, Georgia. Markeeta Clayton serves as Principal. The Co-Advisers for the chapter are Marcia Gregory and Dr. Carlos McCloud.



Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Program

WRHS Work-Based Learning Student Spotlight



The Warner Robins High School Work-Based Learning Program aims to teach students soft skills as well as give hands-on experience through their place of employment for job readiness skills after high school. Throughout the course, the students in the Work-Based Learning Program are evaluated based on their employability skills at their work place, that results in their final grade for the course. This month, the spotlight student at Warner Robins High School is Kijuan Weldon. Kijuan has worked hard during this year, achieving goals at school and his place of work at Arby's. After speaking with his boss over the past two semesters, Kijuan continues to be praised for his work ethic time and time again. When Kijuan arrives to work, he asks what needs to be done before shift begins. Kijuan was praised for getting tasks done and going the extra mile without

being asked. He was also praised for his honesty on the job. Kijuan has improved greatly with speed of service during his time at Arby's, ensuring customers get their food in a timely manner. Kijuan's manager also praised him for his communication with his managers and other employees. He scored proficient in areas of washing/cleaning dishes for next shift and keeping work area tidy and clean. Not only does Kijuan demonstrate an exceptional work ethic, he carries the same energy in the classroom with his grades. Kijuan is a model student who turns in assignments on time and asks questions when needed, demonstrating the work ethic needed to succeed in the WRHS Work-Based Learning Program. Kijuan attends all monthly meetings held by the Work-Based coordinator and is eager to turn in assignments on time. He always shows up with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. Warner Robins High School is proud of Kijuan.



Perry Middle School

PMS FBLA Attends State Leadership Conference



The Perry Middle School Future Business Leaders of America Chapter, spearheaded by Dr. Diana Phillips, brought home nine awards from the 2023 FBLA State Leadership Conference on February 24th. Members not only got to compete, but they also participated in leadership training, enjoyed shopping, and built comradery with their peers. Dr. Phillips was very proud of all her competitors. Below is a list of winners and their awards:

Team	3rd	Monopoly Tournament Champions
Bowen Taylor	4th	Mobile App Design
Melody Phillips	5th	Desktop Publishing
Melody Phillips	7th	Marketing Mix Challenge
Shyla Jordan	7th	Business Ethics
Adam McCarthy	8th	Multi-Media and Website Design
Adam McCarthy	9th	Social Media Concepts
Erika Best	10th	Desktop Publishing
Rhonda Gordon	10th	Critical Thinking

Perry Middle FBLA ended the 2022-2023 school year by bringing home a total of 33 awards this year including Region and State. Congratulations to everyone!

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



Huntington
Middle

Mossy Creek
Middle

Northside
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Perry
Middle

Thomson
Middle

Warner Robins
Middle

Bonaire
Middle

Feagin Mill
Middle

Feagin Mill Middle School

FCCLA Advisers Attend GATFACS Conference

FCCLA Advisers from all over the State of Georgia had the opportunity to attend the 2023 GATFACS In-service Conference held at Lake Lanier this past January. Several schools from Houston County took advantage of the opportunity to attend, and they were not disappointed at the sessions that were offered.

A tour of the Kings Hawaiian Facility was offered as a pre-conference-only event. This tour gave a behind the scenes look at the bakery facility in Oakwood, Georgia. Houston County FCCLA Advisers learned how Kings Hawaiian has partnered with the food science program at the University of Georgia and the manufacturing and robotics programs from the Georgia Institute of Technology. The tour was an awesome experience. It allowed the teachers to see firsthand, the robotics machines in action while at the same time witnessing the family culture they have built among all employees. It goes without saying, the hot rolls that were sampled were indescribably delicious!



Lisa Duke and
Sherry Sheppard



Jill Masee, Chef
Rebecca Lang and
Sherry Sheppard

Veterans High School and Mossy Creek Middle School Advisers had the privilege of attending a session led by the famous Georgia cookbook author and chef, Rebecca Lang. Mrs. Lang gave a very informative presentation on the “Study of Butter”. This was a very enlightening session on the different types of butter, the science of clarifying, and the browning of butters. Teachers also got to enjoy a demonstration of Chef Lang’s perfect and easy shortbread. The “Study of Butter” was certainly an event that provided many new ideas that the teachers will bring back and use in their classrooms.



Cathy Hoover, Lisa Duke
and Sherry Sheppard

The event was used as an opportunity to collaborate with peers on several plans for the remainder of the school year.

Advisers are thankful they were given this opportunity and look forward the new school year and the chance to once again experience a similar career enhancement opportunity.

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



Lisa Duke and
Sherry Sheppard



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 Dr. Joe Hutcheson, NHS.

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