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Warner Robins High School

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Warner Robins High School DECA members competed at their Region Conference, which took place at Middle Georgia State University in December. Members competed in a variety of events including Job Interview, Quick Service Restaurant, Entrepreneurship, and Food Service Marketing. Twenty-one members competed at Region and eleven placed in their events, which qualified them to move on to the State Career Development Conference in February.

Warner Robins High School is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Chris McCook serves as Principal.



Warner Robins
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FFA at Warner Robins High School

For several WRHS FFA members, long hours of practice paid off as they competed in the Central Region Floral Design held at Camp John Hope. FFA members also did an awesome job at the Georgia National Fair, competing in several areas including the rabbit show. The winners and participants are listed below.

Georgia National Fair, LDE, and Show Winners

Diamond Dawson - 2nd place, Plant ID;
 Ryan Thomson - 2nd place, Plant ID;
 Akira Jones and Anhyona Jones - 3rd place, Built Project;
 Tomire Barrow - 3rd place, Floral Design;
 Elijah Stockbridge - 3rd place, Landscape Plan;
 Joy Sanders - 2nd place, Plant ID, 2nd place, Mini Booth and 3rd place, Built Project;
 Ryan Thomson - 2nd place, Plant ID;
 Annihas Dinkins - 3rd place, Plant ID;
 Janela Stephens- 2nd place, Plant ID, Participation - Built Project and 3rd place, Landscape Plan;
 Kemarrious Baker - participation, Built Project;
 Nick Mitchell - 3rd place, Built Project;
 Mark Mitchell - 3rd place, Built Project;
 Antwoine Stewart - 2nd place, Built Project;
 WRHS FFA Chapter - 3rd place, Horticulture Chapter Booth;
 Aleeyah Freeney - 2nd place, Floral Design;
 Tianna Howard - 2nd place, Small Built project and 3rd place, Floral Design;
 Ryan Coulter - 3rd place, Built Project;
 Leahna Miller - 2nd place, Landscape Plan;
 Azurene Archie-Bell - 2nd place, Landscape Plan;
 Jordan Jackson - 2nd place, Landscape Plan;
 Angel Tapia - 3rd place, Landscape Plan;
 Joy Sanders - Participation, Job Interview, 1st place, Reserved Champion Best of Opposite and 2nd place, Variety, Breed, and Sex - Bean and Leo; and
 Anahi Alejandro - Top 10, Junior Floral Design.



FFA at Warner Robins High School (continued)



WRHS FFA is committed to making a difference in the community and lending a helping hand. FFA members donated over 2,500 items to the Salvation Army, assisted living facilities, elementary schools, and churches. Items included books, shoes, hygiene bags, food, and toys to help families during the holiday season. FFA members were also able to donate scarecrows to a local elementary school.

Horticulture/Agri-Science classes are working on cabbage plants and beds donated by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Agriculture teachers at WRHS are Dr. Veronica Sanders and Brian Rainwater.



WRHS FBLA Attends Region Leadership Conference



Warner Robins High School FBLA attended the FBLA Region Leadership Conference held at Houston County High School. The following students placed:

- Zach Johnson - 8th place, Business Calculations;
- Adnan Eldurssi - 5th place, Economics, 3rd place, International Business;
- Matthew Posada Zelaya - 2nd place, Accounting I;
- Jah-Noah Bell - 7th place, Accounting I;
- Sy 'Niah Newsome - 8th place, Intro to Business Procedures;
- Gabe Brunskowski and Brie Pysher - 1st place, Graphic Design;
- Linh Nguyen, Marquise Ford and Elliot Thompson - 3rd place, Banking and Financial System;
- Linh Nguyen - 3rd place, Business Management;
- Christian Copeland, Xavier Rucker and Donnie Wedges - 3rd place, Network Design.

Good luck to Zach Johnson, Matthew Posada Zelaya, Jah-Noah Bell, Gabe Brunskowski, Brie Pysher, and Sy 'Niah Newsome as they move on and compete at the State Leadership Conference.



Perry High School

Perry High School FCCLA Christmas Extravaganza

Perry High School FCCLA members celebrated the holidays with their annual Christmas social. Members brought their favorite holiday dish to share, and everyone enjoyed a nice holiday meal along with meaningful fellowship. Members participated in a white elephant gift exchange game. There were a lot of presents stolen and a lot of laughs had, but everyone was pleased at the end of the game. There was an ugly Christmas sweater contest where the members walked the runway in hopes of winning the cash prize. Member Carly Ridings was the big winner of the contest with her entire outfit. She was decked out from head to toe. Members had a great time and are already looking forward to next years gathering.

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



Jersey Wright and Mary Carver are pictured checking in members when they arrived to the party.



Gracie Svoboda is shocked about her gift.



Carly Ridings is pictured above as the winner of the ugly sweater contest.



Sara Ford is shown above showing off her gift.



Houston College and Career Academy

HCCA SkillsUSA Chapter Makes a Positive Impact Through Two Community Service Events

This year, the Houston College and Career Academy's SkillsUSA Chapter exemplified the true essence of community service by actively engaging in two impactful initiatives to support local families during the holiday season. The 53 member organization seized the opportunity to contribute to the community through their participation in the Feed the City event with Hope Church in Fort Valley, Georgia, and their collaboration with the Middle Georgia Food Bank.



SkillsUSA members, Zoe Daniels (Healthcare), Jamiah Williams (Criminal Justice) and Taylor Level (Healthcare), stop and pose for a photo at the Feed the City event.

During the Feed the City event, students joined forces with members of Hope Church outside Walmart on Watson Boulevard in Warner Robins, Georgia, where they encouraged shoppers to donate to families in need. Back at school, the students continued their efforts by successfully collecting three boxes of non-perishable food items. While these students are accustomed to showcasing their skills in competitions, they also recognize the significance of using their talents to create a positive impact on the lives of those facing challenges.

Participating in initiatives like Feed the City and collaborating with the Middle Georgia Food Bank allows students to grasp the value of empathy, teamwork, and the satisfaction derived from making a positive difference in the lives of others. This commitment to community service not only showcases their skills but also instills in them a sense of responsibility and a deeper understanding of the broader impact they can have beyond their individual accomplishments.



AV Tech members, Janie Martin and Madison Mugerditchian, are shown above with some of the generous donations.



SkillsUSA Adviser, Ginette Trapp and Healthcare member, Aviana Matthews, are pictured above working together at the Feed the City donation station.



SkillsUSA Member, Madison Mugerditchian, poses for a photo with the donation boxes.

Houston College and Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Sherry Johnson serves as Principal and Candace Hollingshed (AVT Instructor) and Ginette Trapp (Sports Medicine Instructor) serve as SkillsUSA Advisers.

Veterans High School

VHS AFJROTC Students Awarded the Air Force J-100 Character-In-Leadership ROTC Scholarship



Veterans High School Seniors, Jon T. (JT) Van Nostrand and Mackenzie Riordan were awarded the Air Force J-100 Character-In Leadership ROTC Scholarship. This four year scholarship is available through AFJROTC and recognizes outstanding high school seniors enrolled in Air Force and Space Force JROTC. The J-100 AFJROTC Character-in-Leadership Scholarship program provides 100 cadets a full scholarship with benefits including 4-years of 100% paid tuition at any university with an AFROTC detachment; a \$10,000 per-year allowance for university-owned/on-campus housing; an annual book stipend; and a monthly cadet stipend. This is the first time in Veterans High School history that any student has received this scholarship and Veterans High School received two. Congrats to JT and Mackenzie!

Pictured above are: Col Christopher Nick, JROTC Instructor; Dana Morris, Assistant Principal and CTAE Supervisor, students, JT Van Nostrand, and Mackenzie Riordan, and VHS Principal, Amy Barbour.



VHS FCCLA Hosts Family Cultural Night

On November 7, 2023, Veterans High School FCCLA chapter hosted a cultural night where members could bring a certain dish from their culture to dine with their family and other member's families from the chapter. This event was orchestrated by the chapter's VP of National Programs, Abby Rios. The national program that was focused on in this event, was Families First. Families First is an FCCLA peer education program that helps young people understand, explore, and appreciate diversity of families and family life. By families bringing in food from their culture, other families and young people were able to explore diversity. This event also helped the chapter represent this year's theme, which is "The Ultimate Journey." Members received a passport (invitation) to attend the event. The chapter's Advisers are Jill Massee and Julie Vinup.

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



Pictured above are Samiyah Williams, Madison Washington and her sister getting some food brought by families of FCCLA.



Mollie Mize (Chapter President), Abby Rios (VP of National Programs), Noah Rios (VP of Competitive Events), Maddy Lathrop (Social Media Chairperson), Ca'Shouri Jones (Historian), Na'riya Brown (Secretary), and Ashlyn Copeland (Public Relations Chairperson) enjoying the photo booth.



FCCLA families are pictured at Cultural Night.

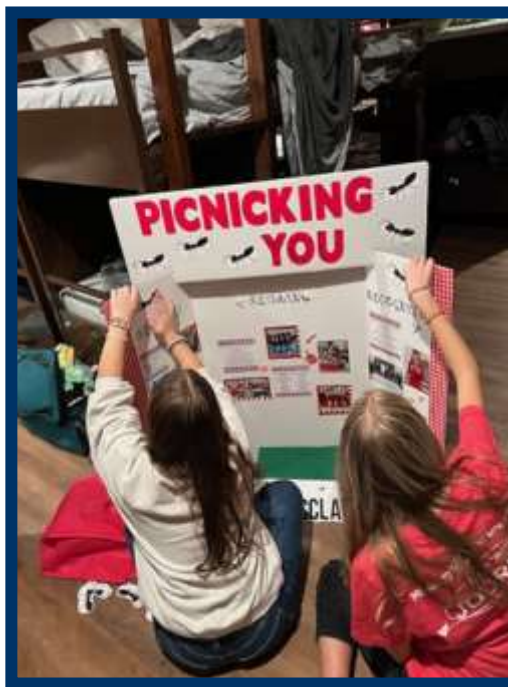


VHS FCCLA Attend Fall Leadership Conference

On November 14th - 15th, Veterans High School FCCLA chapter officers and advisers attended the Fall Leadership Conference at the FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia. At this event, multiple leadership workshops and information sessions were attended, and the students participated in many competitions. Na'riya Brown competed in the Cupcake Decoration competition, Katie McCall competed in the Fashion Stylist competition, Mollie Mize competed in the Pen it, Print it, Present it competition, Kaylee Greer competed in the Lapel Pin competition, and Brynli Adams competed in the Chapter Display Board competition. The chapter also had a team of four students compete in the Knowledge Bowl. Knowledge Bowl is a team competition that challenges students' knowledge in six content areas: personal finance, consumer rights and responsibilities, technology, health and safety, environment, and FCCLA knowledge. The chapter's team included Noah Rios, Maddy Lathrop, William Vinup, and Ca'Shouri Jones. The team left the conference with third place in the state. The theme for this conference was "Go the Distance" and that's exactly what many chapters did during this event. The chapter's advisers are Jill Masee and Julie Vinup.



The Knowledge Bowl team, William Vinup, Noah Rios, Maddy Lathrop and Ca'Shouri Jones, are pictured studying for their competition.



Brynli Adams and Kaylee Greer are pictured getting ready for the Chapter Display Board competition.



Northside High School

NHS National Technical Honor Society Holds Inaugural Induction Ceremony



The Northside High School National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) held its inaugural Induction Ceremony on December 14, 2023. The order of service was as follows: Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance - Zander Edwards; Welcome - Valeria Drummond - NTHS Adviser; Purpose of NTHS - Landon Taylor; Colors of NTHS - Austin Sayles; Emblem of NTHS - Zane Bankston; Motto of NTHS -

Zariyah Cotton; Slogan of NTHS - Julissa Erazo-Hernandez; Installation of Officers - CTAE Department; Introduction of Speaker - Robert Barrett; Guest Speaker - Mayor LaRhonda Patrick; Induction Ceremony - CTAE Department; Recitation of the Pledge - Valeria Drummond; and Closing Remarks - Dr. Candida Fielding - Assistant Principal of Discipline/CTAE.

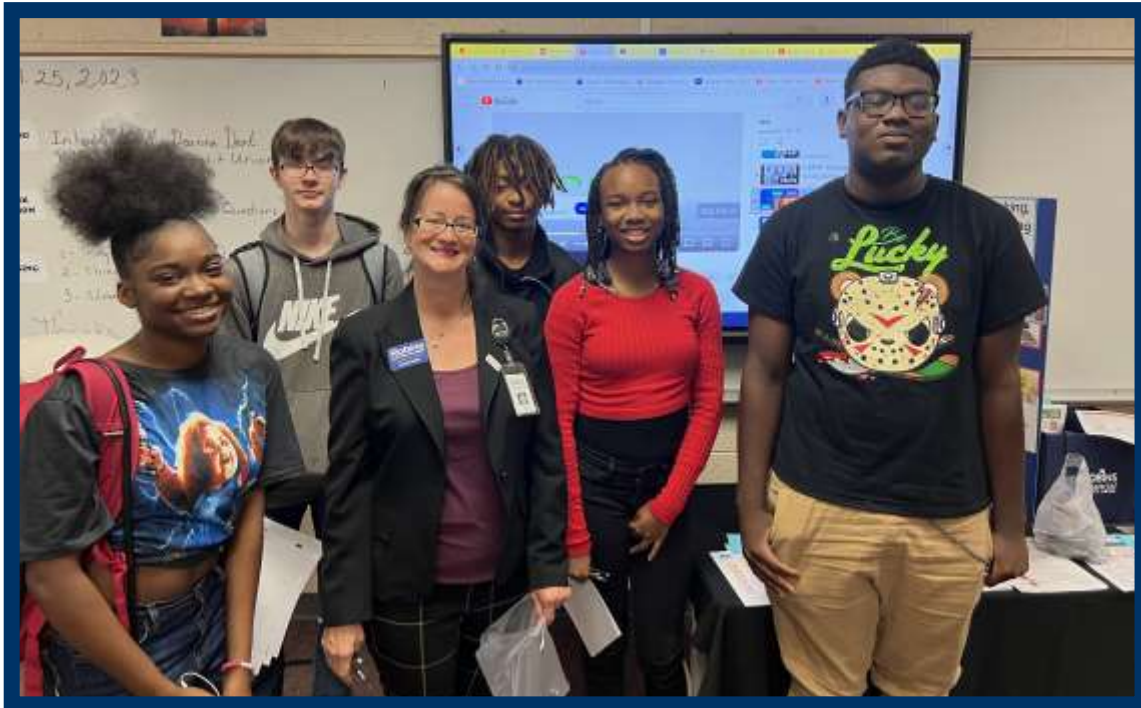
A total of forty-three students were inducted, sixteen of which will serve as the 2023-2024 National Technical Honor Society officers. The positions held are as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Finance Director, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Correspondent, Historian, Assistant Historian, Parliamentarian, Logistics Officer, Social Media Director, Social Media Officer (Instagram), Social Media Officer (Facebook), and Social Media Officer (X).

Mayor Patrick gave a heartfelt speech about the importance of Career Technical Education. She reminded our scholars that the skill sets they are learning in CTAE classes will help them obtain high paying tech jobs in the future. Mayor Patrick also explained how she is providing the necessary infrastructure to ensure the city of Warner Robins has the latest digital amenities and is on course to be a relevant force in a tech savvy society.

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



NHS Financial Literacy Class Hosts Guest Speaker from Robins Financial Credit Union



Pictured above, left to right are: Tremaya Blackshear, Alex Rahn, LeAnne Dent, Jaiden Scott, Kyla Holt, and Amarian Vance. Not pictured, Dr. Carlos McCloud.

To further familiarize students with the banking and financial system, LeAnne Dent of Robins Financial Credit Union visited Dr. Carlos McCloud's Financial Literacy class at Northside High School. She explained the role of banking and financial literacy to students. Students learned about various banking products including checking, savings, CD's, stocks, and bonds. Most importantly, Ms. Dent communicated to students the importance of managing and saving for the future.



Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Program

WRHS Work-Based Learning Student, Alley Hunt

Alley Hunt is a Warner Robins High School senior. She is a varsity cheerleader, BETA club member, Partner's Club member, and the president of WRHS DECA. Last year, she finished the marketing management pathway and passed her End of Pathway Assessment. This year, Alley joined the Work-Based Learning (WBL) program at Warner Robins High School. She is the manager of the Demon Depot, the school store for WRHS. Alley uses the skills and knowledge gained from her marketing classes every day in the store. Her responsibilities include organizing store inventory, pricing new merchandise, keeping track of daily sales, and promoting the Demon Depot. Being in the WBL program allows Alley to work in the store during the school day and still meet her obligations to be at cheer practice and games.

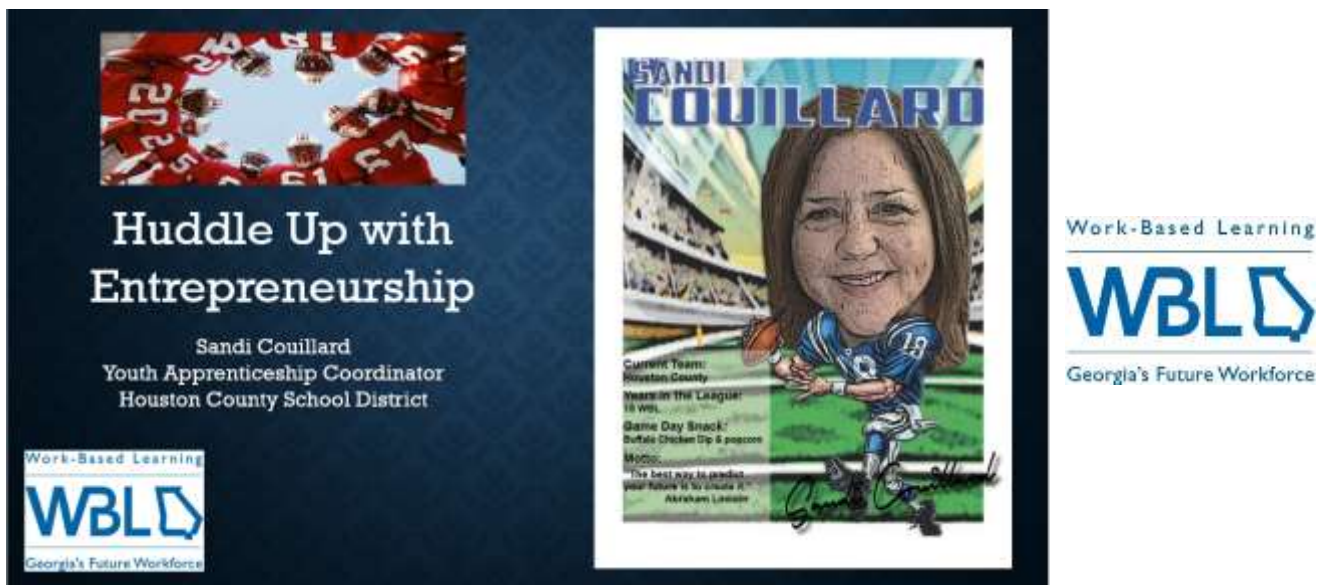
Alley has worked in the Demon Depot since her sophomore year and has gained valuable experience in the retail merchandise field. Over the past three years, she has trained numerous students who have worked in the store with her. Alley teaches them how to operate the point-of-sale system, organize the store appropriately, and how to provide excellent customer service. She also designed the WRHS spirit shirt, that was sold during Warner Robins vs. Northside spirit week which helped the Demon Depot raise over \$2,500 during that time.



High School WBL Coordinators and District YAP Coordinator Attend Conference

Georgia's Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Conference was held on November 15 – 17, 2023, at Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge and Conference Center in Buford, Georgia. The theme of this year's event was *WBL....the Real MVP* with football as the theme. Three Houston County School District (HCSD) Work-Based Learning Coordinators, Belinda Collier - Veterans High School; Sheila Jones - Houston County High School; and Lisa Loves - Northside High School; and Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, were in attendance to learn WBL/YAP Best Practices.

Sandi Couillard conducted two presentations about the new WBL Entrepreneurship Framework offering for students who are either interested in starting their own businesses or who have already started a business. HCSD Youth Apprenticeship student, Harrington Arnette, was featured during the presentation for his awesome work as owner and operator of Harry's Window Service.



Youth Apprenticeship
WBLD
 Georgia's Future Workforce



District YAP Coordinator Reads to 3rd Grade Students

On January 16, 2024, Houston County School District's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, traveled to Centerville Elementary School to read to 3rd grade students. Reading topics included Martin Luther King Jr, Groundhog Day, and careers.

Students were engaged during the reading and gave great feedback when prompted. Before reading Malcolm Mitchell's book about magic and careers, *The Magician's Hat*, Mrs. Couillard told the students the author played football at the University of Georgia (UGA) and later played for the New England Patriots. While at UGA, he joined a middle-aged, all-female book club where he shared his passion for reading with other avid readers. He has since written two books and works to support reading efforts.

Mrs. Couillard also talked with students about career aptitudes and interests and encouraged them to follow their dreams by putting in the work needed to achieve their career goals.

Thanks to 3rd grade teachers, Jakisha Jackson and Regina Watson, for arranging this wonderful event.



Bonaire Middle School

BMS Receives Flint Energies Foundation Grant



Pictured above, left to right, are: Steven Ruzic, APD; Alyson Keenom, Principal; students, Krista Smith and Riley Scarbrough; Makaela Fitzwater, FACS teacher; and Elizabeth Foster, API.

Bonaire Middle FCCLA has been awarded the Flint Energies Foundation Grant. This grant will empower BMS students by providing opportunities for development and leadership at local, state, and national levels within the FCCLA Program.

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



BMS FCCLA Earns Awards

Bonaire Middle FCCLA students rocked the Georgia FCCLA Fall Competitions this year.

- Addy Roach - Statesmen Award;
- Karrington Jefferson and Nolen Humphry - 1st place, Chapter Fair Booth Display;
- Riley Scarbrough - 1st place, Membership Recruitment Brochure; and
- Krista Smith and Riley Scarbrough - 3rd place, Membership Recruitment Display.



Addy Roach
Statesman Award Recipient



Riley Scarbrough
1st place
Brochure Event



Nolan Humphry and Karrington Jefferson
1st place
Fair Booth Display



Krista Smith and Riley Scarbrough
3rd place
Membership Recruitment Display

Feagin Mill Middle School

FMMS FCCLA, FBLA and FFA Deliver Gifts and Food to Those in Need

As a part of the Love the Children of the World Campaign, FMMS students collected much needed non-perishable food and toys to help Project Giving with the Christmas Family Adoption Project. After collecting items school-wide at Feagin Mill, students were able to donate 617 items to this great cause.

Not only did the students donate items, but Saturday, December 16th, FCCLA leaders and parents had the privilege of delivering the gifts and food to families in need in the area. Students were able to see first-hand and be a part of the Christmas Family Adoption Project. All the food and toys that were collected were given out to families in the community. It was an amazing opportunity to play a small part in this great project. The students gained so much from working together for the betterment of the community. Thanks to those who donated items for this including FBLA and FFA. FMMS loves it when the Career Tech Student Organizations work together to help others. Also, a special thanks to the students and parents who were able to hand deliver the items to the families. For more information, donate, or volunteer with this non-profit organization, visit the website at <https://projectgiving.net/>.

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



FMMS FCCLA Participates in Love the Children of the World Campaign

As a part of FMMS FCCLA's Love the Children of the World Campaign, students teamed up with the counselors and WROC (Women Reaching Out in Our Community) to provide some much-needed food and supplies for a mom and five kids in the local community. Students learned about the family in need and wanted to be a part of helping them while they are transitioning from a life of homelessness. A special thanks to Beth Topping, mother of FMMS's CTAE Supervisor, Matt Topping, for assisting with delivery of items to the family. For more information about WROC, see their thrift store Facebook page "Re-NEW". <https://www.facebook.com/share/qTd1MQse9TBC7k54/?mibextid=K35XfP>



Pictured, left to right, are: Makayla Jones, Abigail Cook and Beth Topping.



Pictured, left to right, are: Beth Topping, Makayla Jones, and Abigail Cook.



Mossy Creek Middle School

FCCLA at MCMS Recognizes Bus Driver Appreciation Day



Pictured above is a portion of the Houston County School District Transportation Department.



Each year FCCLA members take part in Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Members meet the buses early in the morning upon arrival, and give each bus driver and bus monitor handwritten notes from students, an edible treat, and a small gift.

In class and at the FCCLA September chapter meeting, students discussed the importance of bus drivers, the heavy responsibility they have each day, and how early they must get up and start their day to ensure students get to school on time. This profession requires a strong work ethic and commitment to the job.

This year MCMS FCCLA dove further into Appreciation Day, prompted by the many questions from students such as:

“Who are the bus drivers talking to on the radio?”

“Who was that man that came to fix my bus?”

“What is the bus barn?”

Every bus driver must go to the Houston County School System’s Transportation building to pick up their bus to start the day. This “bus barn” is the hub for all buses and drivers.

In this building you will find two dispatchers, nine mechanics, a fleet manager, a route specialist, six coordinators, four secretaries and the Director of Transportation, Mr. Tom Walmer. It certainly takes a village to keep the big yellow buses on the road each morning.



After learning about the intricate operation, students wanted to show these workers appreciation as well.

FCCLA at MCMS Recognizes Bus Driver Appreciation Day (continued)

FCCLA members and Mossy Creeks FACS class made a big “Thank-You” banner and took a variety of treats to the bus barn to help them start their morning. Students made personalized goody bags for each employee. Employees then filled their goody bags with all the treats provided by the students.

MCMS FCCLA is thankful for each of these workers that do an excellent job of keeping our county’s school buses safe and running each and every day. Almost anyone can learn how to drive a school bus, however it takes dedicated people that care about what they do to transport students safely to and from school.

Mossy Creek Middle School is located at 200 Danny Carpenter Drive in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Jody Dean serves as Principal.



Students are pictured preparing a “Thank You” sign for the Transportation Department.



Pictured above are Tom Walmer, Director of Transportation and Sherry Sheppard, FACS Teacher.



Pictured above, are treat bags that were prepared for Transportation Department employees.

Perry Middle School

PMS Computer Science Students Earn Rewards

Dr. Diana Phillips, Computer Science teacher at Perry Middle School, gave some of her students a little reward for all their hard work this semester. Numerous students received a cookie and hot chocolate with marshmallows as a treat. Students have been coding (CodeCombat and Code.org - Java and Blockly), doing web design, Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook, STEM modules, Ignition modules, learning about Internet Safety, Google Classroom, Keyboarding, Outlook, Paint, Game Design, and Gaming Storyboards, etc. With a semester of rigor coming to an end, Dr. Phillips hopes this bit of positive reinforcement encourages them to finish strong.

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



PMS Computer Science Students Create Pixel Art

After some complex projects in Excel with writing formulas, producing graphs, and using different functions within the program, students were able to access their creative side in Computer Science. Dr. Diana Phillips let them create some Pixel Art. Several samples were printed and displayed within the room as inspiration to others and as a lovely way to exhibit some creative works of art. Dr. Phillips is Perry Middle School's FBLA Adviser and is always looking for new and creative ideas to inspire the students.



PMS FBLA Enjoys Christmas Celebration



Perry Middle School FBLA, spearheaded by Dr. Diana Phillips, concluded the 2023 school year with an exciting Christmas celebration. Members played games, received treats, ate delicious food, and created angel ornaments. Using neckties, the FBLA students cut, glued, tied, and constructed adorable creations that they could display at home and keep as a treasured memento. Everyone had a great time and looks forward to the upcoming Region Leadership Conference in January.



PMS FBLA Brings Home Awards from Region Leadership Conference



On January 20, 2024, Perry Middle FBLA blew the competition out of the water. As part of the Region five area, Perry Middle School Future Business Leaders of America competed against participating middle schools from Houston, Bleckley, Twiggs, and Bibb County. With a total of 31 awards and two qualifiers, competitors set the bar high. The FBLA State Leadership Conference will be held February 26, 2024, in Columbus, Georgia. Competitors will have one last opportunity to showcase their skills before the school year ends. Below is a list of competitors, areas of competition, and their placement at Region.

1st PLACE WINNERS: Madyson Ortiz - Business Concepts, Ava Whelchel - Business Ethics, Keegan Torres - Business Math, Madison Martin - Career Exploration, Ansleigh Byrd and Rhonda Gordon - Critical Thinking, Joshua Orluck - Exploring Computer Science, Max Townsend - Exploring Economics, Johusa Orluck - Exploring Technology, Madison Martin - Interpersonal Communication, Morgan Hardwick - Intro to Business Communication, and Ansleigh Byrd - Learning Strategies.

2nd Place Winners: Jaycee Beasley - Business Math, Keegan Torres - Exploring Computer Science, Kaelyn Hair - Exploring Economics, Ismael Enriquez - Exploring Technology, Vania Pinkins - Interpersonal Communication, Vania Pinkins - Intro to Business Communication, Edwin Tang - Leadership, Asher Augsburger - Learning Strategies, and Morgan Hardwick - Running an Effective Meeting.



PMS FBLA Brings Home Awards from Region Leadership Conference (continued)



3rd Place Winners: Rhonda Gordon – Business Etiquette, Ismael Enriquez – Business Math, Kaelyn Hair – Financial Literacy, Melody Phillips – Marketing Concepts, and Mallory Raines – Running an Effective Meeting.

4th Place Winners: Ava Whelchel – Business Etiquette, and Mallory Raines – Leadership.

5th Place Winners: Melody Phillips – Business Etiquette, Peyton Beasley – Exploring Computer Science, Peyton Beasley – Exploring Technology, and Jaycee Beasley – Marketing Concepts.



Thomson Middle School

TMS Students Compete in Knowledge Bowl at FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference



Thomson Middle School FCCLA members joined advisers and members from around the state at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) 2023 Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) in Covington, Georgia on November 15, 2023.

During FLC, Ryhem Hacena, Stuti Patel, Alissa Lee and Trish Phan competed in the FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Competitive Event and brought home 1st place for the fourth year in a row. The FCCLA Knowledge Bowl is a team competition that challenges students' knowledge in Family and Consumer Sciences content areas: food and nutrition, consumerism, child development, interior design and FCCLA knowledge.



Ryhem Hacena, Stuti Patel,
Alissa Lee and Trish Phan
First Place
Knowledge Bowl

“Serving on the Knowledge Bowl team allowed us to make great friends and gave us an undeniable understanding of teamwork and dedication. This is our third year on the team and our third time winning first place. We are so excited for the next group of TMS FCCLA members to work hard and carry on our winning streak. It is such an honor to have served on the TMS FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team,” said Ryhem Hacena, President, and Alissa Lee, Vice President of Competitive Events.

In addition, FLC provided Thomson Middle School chapter members with the opportunity to hear from keynote speakers and attend leadership workshops. FCCLA members also networked with other youth leaders and participated in various other competitions showcasing their skills in Family and Consumer Sciences and related fields. Along with Knowledge Bowl, Kyndall Horne won first place in Fashion Stylist, Aloah Jones won second place in Cupcake Decorating, Zugey Alabat Castaneda received third place in the Georgia FCCLA Lapel Pin Design and Kyndall Horne and Zugey Alabat Castaneda scored an 85 or higher on the FCCLA Statesman Test, demonstrating their knowledge of FCCLA and Georgia FCCLA.

TMS Students Compete in Knowledge Bowl at FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference (continued)

Thomson Middle School is located at 301 Thomson Street in Centerville, Georgia. Dr. Scott Wynn serves as Principal. For more information, contact Leigh Cape Barrett, the Family and Consumer Science Teacher and FCCLA Adviser at 478.953.0489 or leigh.barrett@hcbe.net.



Pictured at left is
Kyndall Horne
First Place
Fashion Stylist



Pictured at right is
Aloah Jones
Second Place
Cupcake Decorating



Zugey Alabat Castaneda
Third Place
Lapel Pin Design



Zugey Alabat Castaneda and Kyndall Horne
scored an 85 or higher
Statesman Test

TMS FCCLA and Student Council Spread Holiday Joy at The Oaks at Willow Lake Assisted Living



Pictured above are TMS FCCLA and Student Council with residents of The Oaks at Willow Lake Assisted Living

On December 12, 2023, members of the Thomson Middle School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter partnered with Thomson Middle School Student Council to embark on a heartwarming community service initiative, bringing festive cheer and comfort to the residents of The Oaks at Willow Lake Assisted Living community in Centerville, Georgia.

In the spirit of giving back during the holiday season, FCCLA and Student Council students organized a special event to collect fuzzy socks and warm blankets for the elderly residents of The Oaks at Willow Lake. FCCLA and Student Council students collected over 140 fuzzy socks and 50 warm blankets from members, the community and the TMS student body. The students went above and beyond by engaging in hands-on activities, creating homemade pinecones and candy cane ornaments with over 20 residents.



TMS FCCLA and Student Council Spread Holiday Joy at The Oaks at Willow Lake Assisted Living (continued)

The atmosphere was filled with joy and laughter as students and residents bonded over crafting sessions and shared stories. The students, having prepared delicious snacks in advance, not only filled the air with the delightful aroma of holiday treats but also fostered a sense of community and togetherness.

The highlight of the day was the opportunity for Thomson Middle School FCCLA members and Student Council to sit and talk with each resident individually, spreading holiday cheer and forging meaningful connections. The residents were not only delighted by the thoughtful gifts of fuzzy socks and warm blankets, but also appreciated the effort and time the students dedicated to creating a festive atmosphere.

The warmth extended beyond the physical gifts as the students and residents exchanged smiles, laughter, and heartfelt conversations. The residents were particularly touched by the genuine care and compassion shown by the Thomson Middle students, making the cold holiday season a bit warmer.

The impact of this community service initiative was evident in the residents' gratitude, with many expressing their joy and appreciation for the thoughtful visit. The positive experience left a lasting impression, as the residents eagerly extended invitations for the students to return and spend more time with them.

Thomson Middle School FCCLA and Student Council remains committed to making a difference in the community and looks forward to continuing its tradition of spreading joy, kindness, and holiday cheer in the years to come.

For more information, contact Leigh Cape Barrett, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher and FCCLA Adviser, at 478.953.0489, leigh.barrett@hcbe.net or Romonica Turner, Student Council Adviser at 478.953.0489, romonica.turner@hcbe.net.



Pictured at right is one of the delicious snacks that the students brought to share during the visit.



Niyah Zachary is pictured with a resident of The Oaks at Willow Lake Assisted Living.



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High School CTAE Supervisors



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