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### Veterans High School

#### VHS Marketing Education Students Participate in Shark Tank Days

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Veterans High School Marketing Education students participated in Shark Tank Days at VHS. Students were challenged to create an innovative, yet feasible, product to present to a group of Sharks. The committee of Sharks consisted of Jennifer Belcher, owner of Burger IM; Mark Byrd, Houston County Commissioner and owner of Houston Lake Country Club; Anya

Turpin, Executive Director of Visit Perry; Curtis Coates, Director of Leisure Services with the City of Perry; Sandi Couillard, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator for the Houston County School District; Jeff and Kristene Peterson, and Maria Bibiloni, VHS parents; Kimberly Denson, parent and representative for the State of Georgia; and Khayla Owens, Jessica Miranda, Randall Owens, and Emily Weigert, teachers at Veterans High School.

Each class period presented their ideas to the Sharks and the Sharks selected the best idea for each class. The winners with the best Shark Tank idea are: 2<sup>nd</sup> period: Marley Laguines and McKenzie Barnes; 3<sup>rd</sup> period: Mia Styles and Rihab Ouali; 4<sup>th</sup> period: Logan Pierson; 5<sup>th</sup> period: Frank Wall and Graham McLaughlin; and 7<sup>th</sup> period: Kyra Allen and James White. Each winner received a gift certificate for Burger IM and Small Cakes. Congratulations to each student for displaying their creativity and new product development skills.

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



Veterans High



Northside High



Warner Robins High



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# Northside High School

## NHS CTSO Officers Speak at NMS Career Day



Northside High School Career Tech Student Organization (CTSO) officers spoke to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Northside Middle School. The students spoke about their individual CTSO and how they can help students gain the skills for their future careers. Each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student was gifted a Northside High School pin donated by NHS SkillsUSA and a magnet donated by NHS DECA.

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





## NHS CTSO Officers Speak at NMS Career Day (continued)



# Warner Robins High School

## WRHS FFA Earns Awards



Ja'Nila Stephens and Kaelyn Adriance

Congratulations to Ja'Nila Stephens and Kaelyn Adriance for earning their State FFA degrees. This is the highest degree in each state. Ja'Nila is all smiles because she is wearing her mom's FFA jacket from 1999-2000, when she served as WRHS FFA President. This degree demonstrates the student has put an exceptional amount of time into their SAE and local chapter.

Congratulations also to Joy Sanders for advancing to State with her proficiency applications. She competed at the State FFA Convention held in April and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in State. 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.



Dr. Veronica Sanders and Joy Sanders

Sanders also placed 1<sup>st</sup> for her Agri-Science fair project. The Agri-Science fair recognizes student researchers studying the application of agricultural scientific principles and emerging technologies in agricultural enterprises.

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



Ja'Nila Stephens



## WRHS FFA Participates in Demon Fest



Congratulations to Warner Robins High School FFA for participating in the Demon Fest sponsored by Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy. The Fest allows WRHS FFA to gather and support various community organizations. This year, the Haven Hope House received a monetary donation. WRHS FFA prides itself on community service.

Pictured above are WRHS FFA, Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick and Mr. Brian Wise.



## Perry High School

### Perry High School Air Force JROTC Unit Earns Prestigious Distinguished Unit Award with Merit



Perry High School's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) unit has been honored with the Distinguished Service Award with Merit. This prestigious award, bestowed upon only a select few units nationwide, underscores Perry's dedication to cultivating outstanding young leaders and instilling values of integrity, service before self and excellence. Renowned National Champion Raider and Fitness teams, PHS JROTC course has distinguished itself through a myriad of impactful initiatives and community service projects this year. One cadet was awarded an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and several cadets were awarded three, and four-year scholarships to Georgia Tech, Texas A&M, and University of North Georgia. As they continue to uphold their tradition of excellence, the PHS JROTC unit continues to be an example of the transformative power of leadership and community service.

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





# Houston College and Career Academy

## Celebrating Latin Students' Achievements at HCCA



Representing 1<sup>st</sup> block (l to r): Sariah Neal (silver maxima cum laude), Isabella Turpin (cum laude), Anaiah Hill (cum laude), Emma Dockery (cum laude), Michelli Newman (magna cum laude), and Cal Green (gold summa cum laude).

This year, 44 Latin II students took the 2024 American Classical League: National Junior Classical League (ACL/NJCL) National Latin Exam (NLE) at Houston College and Career Academy (HCCA). Eighteen (41%) of these won awards or medals by exceeding the national average. HCCA is proud of all 44 Latin II students who participated in the NLE this year, along with over 100,000 students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 26 countries.

Houston College and Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Sherry Johnson serves as Principal and Dr. Brian Cherer serves as the Latin Teacher and JCL Sponsor.

Representing 2<sup>nd</sup> Block (l to r): Mackenzie Edmunds (cum laude), Ava Rehling (magna cum laude), Peter Randall (silver maxima cum laude), and Sean Mygrant (gold summa cum laude).



Representing 3<sup>rd</sup> Block (l to r): Camryn Graham (magna cum laude), Aiden Cardinali (magna cum laude), Artez Lacson (magna cum laude), Brayden Jones (magna cum laude), Mia Turner (magna cum laude), A'Nyla Savage (cum laude), Malia Blanson (gold summa cum laude), and Janeliz Gonzalez (silver maxima cum laude).

# Northside Middle School

## NMS FCCLA Earns Awards at FCCLA State Leadership Conference



Northside Middle School FCCLA members had a very successful showing at the 2024 Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference winning many awards.

Middle School Family and Consumer Science Proficiency:

1st in State: Josie Wise  
2nd in State: Lea Ordonez  
3rd in State: Emily Wittenberg

FCCLA Statesman Award: Josie Wise, Emily Wittenberg, Lea Ordonez, and Kenya Brown

Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation - Level 1, Gold, 1st in State, and qualified for nationals: Karleigh Wittenberg, Camila Huinac and Isabella Pounds

Fashion Construction - Level 1, Silver, 1st in State, and qualified for Nationals - Cheyenne Downing

Repurpose and Redesign - Level 1, Silver, and 4th in State: Aayla Pierce and Andrea Huinac

FCCLA Chapter Website - Level 1, National Qualifiers: Haley Clark and Josie Wise

Haley Clark, Josie Wise, Cheyenne Downing, Isabella Pounds, Camila Huinac, Karleigh Wittenberg, Aayla Pierce, and Emily Wittenberg will be traveling to Seattle, Washington this summer to commit at FCCLA National Leadership Conference. These smart and talented FCCLA members have represented Northside Middle School with pride, professionalism, and enthusiasm, showcasing their talents and dedication to FCCLA.

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





### NMS FCCLA Earn Awards at FCCLA State Leadership Conference (continued)



### NMS FCCLA Member to Serve on Georgia FCCLA Officer Team



Congratulations to Cheyenne Downing for being selected to serve on the 2024-2025 Georgia FCCLA Region 7 Officer Team.



# Huntington Middle School

## HMS FFA Member Earn Silver During Area Awards Banquet



Huntington Middle School's FFA member, Makaylin Barr, has achieved great success by earning her first silver award during the FFA Area 3 Awards Banquet. Makaylin was awarded this medal for her Middle School Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) record book detailing her journey into livestock and showing pigs.

The SAE record book is a tool used by FFA members to keep records of their supervised agricultural experience. The SAE is a structured, agricultural related, work-based learning opportunity that takes place outside of the classroom. The record book is used as precise documentation of the experience and later reviewed by judges.

Huntington Middle School is located at 206 Wellborn Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Torris Woolfolk is CTAE Supervisor and Sekemia Caldwell-Johnson is the FCCLA Adviser. Dr. Marlon Robinson serves as Principal.



Pictured is FFA member Makaylin Barr and Agriculture Teacher and FFA Adviser, Christina Ford.





## HMS FCCLA Attend FCCLA State Leadership Conference



Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference Soars to New Heights with a "Sky's the Limit" theme. Huntington Middle School FCCLA members were able to have a fun-filled weekend in Athens, Georgia while attending a conference aimed to inspire and empower future leaders to reach their full potential.

The conference featured a diverse range of activities, including a Say Yes to FCS Signing Event, Leadership Workshop Sessions, an interactive Foundation Event, Competitive Events, and a Career and Trade Expo. With 203 chapters in attendance and a remarkable turnout of 1,949 attendees, including 1,251 competitors in STAR and State Events competitions, the conference provided ample opportunities for learning, networking, and personal growth.

Two HMS students, Sincere West and Aston Walton, competed at the state level after placing in the top two at the Region 7 STAR Event Competitions. The following members attended the conference: Gianni Winston, Jerimiah Hill, Aston Walton, Laila Ragin, Sincere West, D'Shanae Davis and Jurnee Roberts.



## HMS FCCLA Member Prepares for Nationals



After placing second at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Athens, Sincere West is headed to Seattle, Washington. Sincere is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade honor student that competed in February at the Region 7 STAR Event Competition at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia. She earned a spot to compete on the State level. Sincere competed in Professional Presentation with the topic focusing on “The Effects of Social Media on Teenagers”. She was able to present her topic to her classmates at Huntington Middle and allowed the students to ask any questions after the presentation. Sincere has worked tirelessly to continue preparing to compete against FCCLA members from around the United States. She will travel to Seattle, Washington in late June to compete and hopefully earn a top ten spot in the Country.

Pictured with Sincere is Aston Walton, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Region 7 STAR Event Competition winner. Aston had the privilege to compete at the state level in Career Investigation with focus on being a Health Equity Coordinator, earning him 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.





## HMS FCCLA Adviser Named HMS Teacher of the Year



Sekemia Caldwell-Johnson was named Huntington Middle School's 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year. This is only her second year at Huntington Middle School, but she came in soaring like a Hawk. Mrs. Caldwell-Johnson has been in the education field for 16 years beginning her teaching career as an Early Childhood Education Career Pathway Teacher in Sumter County. She currently teaches Family and Consumer Science and serves as the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Club Adviser. She can be found doing many things to make an impact around Huntington Middle inside and outside of the classroom. Mrs. Caldwell-Johnson likes to give her students opportunities to explore real-world situations through numerous field trips relating to content standards. As the FCCLA Adviser, she is a positive role-model to her students and brings the energy and stamina needed to guide them to be the next leaders of the world.



## HMS FFA Grows Again for the Houston County School District Retirement Dinner

Huntington Middle School's FFA chapter was pleased to announce their continued privilege of overseeing the cultivation, management, and preparation of the coleus plants for the Houston County School District Retirement Dinner.

HMS Ag Teacher and Adviser, Christina Ford states, "We were entrusted with the responsibility in November and were diligently dedicated throughout the entire process. The Houston County School District Retirement Dinner holds a special place in our hearts as it honors the remarkable retirees of the Houston County School District, individuals whose unwavering dedication has significantly contributed to the advancement of education. We are deeply honored to play a part in demonstrating our heartfelt appreciation and support for their tireless efforts."



FFA Officer, Makaylin Barr, who shared the responsibility of inspecting, labeling and organizing the plants, is pictured at left.



FFA Officer, Jazmyn Snowden, who took on the responsibility of labeling and adding plant covers onto the plants, is pictured at right.



HMS Agriculture teacher and Adviser, Christina Ford, is pictured at left assisting with the final pick up and loading of all the plants.



Pictured at right are FFA members, Mikayla Pierre and Britten Roller, labeling and completing the final inspection of the plants.



# Mossy Creek Middle School

## MCMS FFA and FCCLA Share the Joy of Reading with DPPS

Mossy Creek Middle School's FFA and FCCLA members embarked on a year long activity with David Perdue Primary School. Members shared the joy of reading with kindergarteners with an exciting, fun book once a month. Armed with books, smiles, and enthusiasm, these young leaders ventured into the world of storytelling to foster connections and inspire a love for literature while learning great leadership skills. Books like *"There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly"* and *"This Tank Is Mine"* served as catalysts for imagination and laughter. As the FFA and FCCLA members arrived, anticipation filled the air. Students were greeted with hugs and eager faces. The primary school students took their places, ready to embark on a fun reading adventure. Seated in circles on the floor, the kindergarteners listened intently as the FFA and FCCLA members brought the stories to life. With expressive voices and animated gestures, they transported their audience into the whimsical worlds within the pages. Laughter and excitement echoed through the room as the stories unfolded, captivating young minds and sparking imaginations. As the final pages were turned and hugs exchanged again, it was clear that this simple act of storytelling had left a lasting impact. The smiles on the faces of the FFA and FCCLA members along with the kindergarteners spoke volumes. This reminded us of the magic that happens when different grades of students come together to share stories and create memories. It was new activity that MCMS FFA Adviser, Justin Bennett, conceived. It was a great success for all those involved.

MCMS is located at 200 Danny Carpenter Drive in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Jody Dean serves as Principal.



FCCLA members Drisana Biswas and Cam Curry greeting students.



FCCLA members Ayla Wood and Chandlar Curry with students.



FFA members Chole Cross and Nishi Prajapati reading to students.



Kelly Bennett reading the book while incorporating the Sonicboard.



FFA member Lauren Pritchett greeted by a student in her group.



FFA and FCCLA received treats and sweet poster notes from students, teachers and administrators on the last day of reading.



Family Coordinator, Ashley Watkins and DPPS API, Ketura Williams with treat bags.

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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.**

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