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### **Northside High Wins State FCCLA Awards, Advances to Nationals**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Northside High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students attended the Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference March 15 - 17 in Atlanta. Fourteen students won either gold or silver medals and eight advanced to the national competition.

Eight students received a Gold medal for winning second place in the state for their Students Taking Action for Recognition (STAR) event project. They now advance to the National Leadership Conference this summer in Anaheim, Cal. Congratulations to:

- Jared Meck, James Stephens, Riley Green - Promote and Publicize FCCLA;
- Dekiya Gibson and Aniyah Plummer - Chapter Service Display Occupational Division;
- Emma Lewis - Chapter Service Display, Senior Division;
- Abia Kamal - Say Yes to FCS; and
- Jayla Smith - Chapter in Review Display.

Students who earned a gold or silver medal for winning third place at state are:

- Heta Patel and Kristol Callender - Gold for Life Event Planning;
- Heavenly Simmons and LeXandria Richardson - Gold for Illustrated Talk; and
- Chassidy Perrimon - Silver for her Star Event project.

Jared Meck also placed first in Georgia for his online proficiency test in Consumer Economics. Pictured with their medals (from left, front to back) are: Abia Kamal and Heta Patel; Heavenly Simmons and Kristol Callender; Dekiya Gibson, Emma Lewis and LeXandria Richardson; Jayla Smith and Chassidy Perrimon; Nicholas Sapp, Aniyah Plummer, James Stephens; and Jared Meck and Riley Green.

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More than 1,700 middle and high school students attended general sessions, workshops and competed in events. During the meeting's opening session, LeXandria Richardson was selected to sing the National Anthem. Nicholas Sapp was selected to participate in the State Officer Selection committee where he interviewed candidates and was part of the selection process.

Jill Masee and Carla Jessup serve as Northside High's FCCLA advisors. Masee said, "These students are truly the face of the future. They competed in activities that showcased not only their knowledge, but their leadership skills. Congratulations to the students for their hard work and preparation!"

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street. Dr. Jody Dean serves as principal. For more information on Georgia FCCLA, visit <http://www.gafccla.com/>.

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