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HCCA Hosts Manufacturing Pathway National Signing Day May 8



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) will have a Signing Day ceremony for students in manufacturing pathways on May 8. Three ceremonies will be held at 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Hibbits Hall to recognize 25 high school seniors who will enter the skilled trades. The pathways include: automotive, welding, fine furniture/cabinetmaking, industrial systems, aircraft structural and heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

Similar to National Signing Day events for student athletes, the seniors will be recognized as they sign their “letters of intent” for a job offer, apprenticeship or advanced technical training. Students will be celebrated as they take the next step in their education in aircraft mechanics, residential wiring, building trades and renovations, HVAC, welding or industrial systems. College representatives include Central Georgia Technical College and Lincoln Technology; business partners include Frito-Lay and Keadle Heating and Air Conditioning, among others.

The HCCA is participating in this SkillsUSA National Signing Day to help close the skills gap and raise awareness of career options in the skilled trades. HCCA is one of approximately 300 schools participating in National Signing Day, which will recognize over 2,500 students nationwide. Sponsored by Klein Tools, the seniors will receive a Klein Tools Signing Kit, which includes a hat, t-shirt and Klein Tools pliers to begin their lifelong careers.

“We are thrilled to partner with SkillsUSA and Klein Tools for the first-ever National Signing Day,” said Sabrina Phelps, HCCA principal. “As the shortage of skilled workers increases, we encourage our students to enter this rewarding industry upon graduation. Our seniors should be proud of everything they have accomplished as they continue to further their education and training post-graduation. We wish them all the best as they prepare for their lifelong careers.”

SkillsUSA is a solution to the growing U.S. skills gap. Its members are empowered to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. The nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry ensures the U.S. has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps every student excel through the development of personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics.

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The association serves more than 360,000-member students and instructors in middle schools, high schools and colleges. This diverse talent pipeline covers 130 trade, technical and skilled service occupations, the majority STEM-related. For more information: www.skillsusa.org.

The Houston County Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins. Contact Principal Phelps for more information at 478-322-3280 as principal.

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