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Houston County Students Win Georgia Special Olympics Awards

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County students participated in the Special Olympics Georgia State Summer Games held May 17-19, 2019, at Emory University in Atlanta. Local schools sent athletes to compete based on their performance in the Houston County School System Special Olympics. More than 2,900 Special Olympics athletes, coaches and partners participated at state. Another 3,300 volunteers and family members were also present.

Houston County's students competed in Track and Field, Rhythmic Gymnastics and Flag Football. The track and field competitors won awards ranging from gold to honorable mention as follows.

- Gold, Running Long Jump, Boys: Deshawn Bass
- Gold, Running Long Jump, Boys: Camron Ervin
- Gold, 4x100: Team A, Camron Ervin, Terrance Richard, Khabrion Puchoon and Deshawn Bass.
- Gold, 100 Walk: Samara Daniel
- Gold, 100 Dash: Deshawn Bass
- Gold, Shot Put: Jadon Towns
- Gold, 400 Race Walk: Jonathan Hicks

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- Silver, Running Long Jump, Girls: Samara Daniel
- Silver, 4x100: Team B, Sean Rourke, Kynnadi Howard, Jadon Towns and Jhaidyn Porter
- Silver, 100 Walk: Stephanie McDaniel
- Silver, 100 Dash: Cameron Ervin
- Silver, Shot Put: Sean Rourke
- Bronze, 400 Run: Sean Rourke
- Bronze, Running Long Jump, Girls: Stephanie McDaniel
- Honorable Mention, 100 Dash: Jadon Towns

Four students won medals for Rhythmic Gymnastics.

- Gold, Ball: Leah Shelton
- Silver, Ribbon: Leah Shelton
- Silver, Ball: Ashley Underhill
- Bronze, Ribbon: Ashley Underhill

In addition, seven students from Houston County High and Warner Robins High won a Silver medal in Flag Football:

- Valik'e Jordan
- Marquez Samuel
- Marcos Castro
- Josiah Grimes
- Joseph Reyes
- Luke Tarvin
- Gavin Maxwell.

Pictured on the winner's podium with their medals are (from left): Jhaidyn Porter, Jadon Towns, Kynnadi Howard and Sean Rourke.

Special Olympics is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with developmental disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics Georgia currently has more than 26,702 registered athletes with close to 600 participants in Houston County. Special Olympics Georgia serves athletes with intellectual disabilities in more than 180 programs in 120 counties.

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