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**Northside High Students Earn Microsoft Certifications**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Twenty-four Northside High School students successfully completed Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certifications in Word, Excel or PowerPoint during April and May. Ten of these students passed the End of Pathway exam in PowerPoint 2016. Their business and information technology teacher is Johnna Spires.

Congratulations to Northside’s students who passed the MOS PowerPoint 2016 End of Pathway exam: (seated) Aaliyah Bolden; (standing, from left) Timothy Phan, Thomas Eskew, Swam Zeyar, Hayden Probst, Jomariss Marin, Nakya Harris, Jada Brooks and Abia Kamal. Not pictured is Arohi Patel.

Congratulations, also, to the students who earned MOS certification in Word (pictured from left): Afton

Ruffin, Kelly Garcia-deleon, Jacob Moore and Jaqueline Pitre. Not pictured are: Anaya Brown-McFarlin, Norma Jones, Amro Abuazizah, Tyberias Brown, Ishaan Vyas, Madison McWilliams, Dalton Guy and Miranda Arnold. Also not pictured are MOS Excel certificate holders, Jamari Baker and Quintin Byrd.

Northside High partners with Microsoft as part of the Microsoft IT Academy Program. This program enables high school students to become MOS certified at no cost to the student.



MOS certification is internationally recognized. The certifications help improve academic performance, prepare students for the demands of college and make them more marketable in

today's technology-based workforce. Microsoft Office is the third most requested job skill, after oral and written communications skills and project management skills. According to [www.certipoint.com/mos](http://www.certipoint.com/mos), 91 percent of hiring managers consider certification as part of their hiring criteria.

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins. Dr. Jody Dean serves as principal.

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