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HCCA Culinary Students Win State and Bound for Nationals



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Houston County Career Academy's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) culinary arts students won two gold medals at the 2019 Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference. One team also qualified for the national competition this summer. Their instructor is Chef Suni Wilson.

Winning first place and a gold medal in the Culinary Arts Three Man Team Division are:

- Jaiah Spight, Warner Robins High;
- Alexis Rodriguez, Warner Robins High; and
- Gavin Kiser, Veterans High.

(Pictured from left to right.)

This team next competes at the 2019 FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Cal., June 30-July 4, 2019. To

prepare for the upcoming competition, they will spend much of June at the Academy with Chef Wilson.

A second team also won first place and gold for "Digital Delish," a video based on a food science mystery using real examples of food science in action. Congratulations to (pictured from left):

- Nichelle McKinnies, Northside High; and
- Kei'Ayrrien Johnson, Warner Robins High.

The state competition was held March 15-17 in Atlanta. More than 1,700 secondary FCCLA students attended general sessions and workshops and competed in events. Students were challenged to "spy" their inner leader by engaging in leadership sessions, educational workshops, networking opportunities and competitive events.



For more information about the HCCA Culinary Arts program, please view the video at <https://www.facebook.com/HCCareerAcademy/videos/365182954335638/>. The Houston County Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins. Sabrina Phelps serves as principal.

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