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Bonaire Middle National Top 5 Finalist for FFA Middle School Model of Excellence Award



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Bonaire Middle School’s FFA chapter has been named a top five finalist for the 2018 National FFA Middle School Model of Excellence award. This is the highest honor that the National FFA Organization bestows upon a middle school chapter.

The Bonaire Middle School FFA will be represented by (pictured front to back): Robin Hargett, Bonaire Middle; and Mary Maloy and Laney Delorme, freshmen at Veterans High. Their Bonaire Middle FFA advisor is Cheralyn Keily.

Only five FFA chapters will compete in a presentation and interview process for the top honor at the 2018 National FFA Convention & Expo, held Oct. 24-27 in

Indianapolis. The FFA chapter selected to receive the Middle School Model of Excellence award will be announced on stage during the convention. Middle school chapters had to earn a high three-star rating in July 22-27 during judging to be eligible to compete.

This award recognizes outstanding chapters that actively implement the FFA mission and strategies. School improve their chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

John Deere is the corporate sponsor. “Feeding some 9 billion people by mid-century brings with it unprecedented challenges for today’s farmers,” said Amy Allen, manager, national corporate

contributions for John Deere. "The skills and experiences learned though the National Chapter Award Program will help meet the critical needs."

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 653,359 student members who belong to one of 8,568 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The organization is also supported by 344,239 alumni members in 2,051 alumni chapters throughout the U.S.

Bonaire Middle School is located at 125 Highway 96 East in Bonaire. Cynthia Randall serves as principal. For more information, contact Keily at 478-929-6235 or Cheralyn.Keily@hcbe.net.

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