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Houston County High Wins State FCCLA Awards



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Houston County High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members attended the Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference in March at the Sheraton and AmericasMart in Atlanta. Houston County High's students brought home 22 gold medals and 5 silver medals in STAR Event Competitions. Ten of Houston's 11 competing teams won either first or second in the state and advanced to the National STAR Events competition. Their FCCLA advisers are Shonda McFadden and Brittany Tolleson.

Congratulations to the following competitors:

- Mary DeTota and Dalton Vasquez - 1st Place, Silver, Chapter Service Project Display, Senior
- Lawson Smith, Maryah Booker, and Mackenzie Pellegrino - 2nd Place, Gold, Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Occupational
- Illiana Esquivel and Marcus Milton - 2nd Place, Gold, Chapter in Review Display, Senior

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- Abigail McDowell, Shewta Patel, and Jaidan Beal – 1st Place, Silver, Chapter in Review Display, Occupational
- Bhumi Patel, Megha Patel, and Prital Patel – 1st Place, Gold, Chapter in Review Portfolio, Senior
- Karlyn Griggs, Sarah Mondock, and Katie Hampton – 3rd Place Gold, Chapter in Review Portfolio, Occupational
- Emma Owens and Madeline Hageman - 2nd Place, Gold, Focus on Children, Junior
- Alisha Patel and Virali Patel – 1st Place, Gold, Entrepreneurship, Senior
- Anjali Patel, Anchal Patel, and Krina Patel – 1st Place, Gold, Promote and Publicize FCCLA, Senior
- Elizabeth Deal and Nikita Shetty – 1st Place, Gold, Environmental Ambassador Senior
- Jonathan Pegues and Anmol Patel, 2nd Place, Illustrated Talk, Senior
- Laurel Gaskin – Statesman Winner

Houston County High's FCCLA was also honored as the 2017 – 2018 FCCLA High School Chapter of the Year and was recognized with Largest Chapter Membership in the State (pictured above).

In addition, Dedan McFadden, the Georgia FCCLA State President from Houston County High, was recognized and celebrated for his exemplary leadership, contributions and dedication to the organization throughout his term. His fellow student, Wahome Muriuki, was elected to serve Georgia FCCLA as the State Vice President of Membership for the 2018 – 2019 year. Pictured (from left) are: Adviser McFadden, Dedan McFadden, Wahome Muriuki and Adviser Tolleson.



Tolleson commented, “These students have amazed us with their leadership, dedication and involvement with FCCLA. They are wonderful representatives of our school and county; they are truly what we want to see as the face of the future. They have shown endless drive in service, engaging their skills and leadership in competitions, and a willingness to embrace whatever opportunities FCCLA can provide them. It is an honor to help keep their passion for FCCLA growing and watch their hard work pay off through competitions and overall chapter success.”

More than 1,800 middle and high school FCCLA students attended the conference and “Channeled Their Inner Leaders” by attending general sessions, leadership workshops and competing in events. FCCLA is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins. Dr. Douglas Rizer serves as principal. For more information on Georgia FCCLA, visit www.gafcccla.com.

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