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Horance Walker, CTAE Assistant Principal

Mr. Horace Walker is a native of Turner County and moved to Valdosta in 1987 to attend Valdosta State University. In 1991, he received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management and completed his certification in Business Education in 1993. He later obtained an Educational Specialist in Business Education and Educational Leadership. In 1994, he began teaching in Brooks County Schools as a high school Business Education Teacher. During his time in the Brooks County School System, he was named Brooks County High School's Teacher of the Year twice and was named STAR Teacher in 2004. After teaching Business for 12 years, he moved to the position of Graduation Coach for 7 years (5 of which he also served as 9th and 10th grade Counselor). He has served as Assistant Principal at Brooks County Middle School and Brooks County High School.

Master Sergeant (Retired) Grayling Hunter served 26 years in the USAF. In 2003 he retired from the Air Force at Moody AFB, GA and soon thereafter began teaching AFJROTC. Mr. Hunter taught at Eustis High School, Eustis, FL and Sandalwood High School in Jacksonville, FL before settling at Lowndes and he has 7 years experience as a JROTC instructor. MSgt Hunter is married to Lora Hunter and they have 5 children.



MSgt. Grayling Hunter, Air Force ROTC



TSA 39th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Recently, the Lowndes High and Hahira Middle School Technology Student Association (TSA) chapters traveled to Orlando, Florida to compete in the 39th Annual TSA National Conference. National TSA President and Lowndes High Senior Jack Crawford was presented the Dr. Bob Hanson Distinguished Student Award and proudly represented Lowndes County Schools as he presided over 8,000 members, parents and alumni from all over the nation and 3 countries during the conference. Lowndes High School will once again be home to a National TSA Officer this school year. Preston Crawford ran a successful campaign during the conference and secured his spot as National TSA Sergeant at Arms. TSA State Treasurer, and Lowndes High sophomore, Tate Green lead ceremonies at the Georgia delegation meetings and kicked off his term as the 2017-2018 Georgia TSA State Treasurer. Showcasing our legacy of leadership, Lowndes High School TSA placed first in LEAP Legacy. This award recognizes the chapter that best demonstrates Leadership, Education, Achievement and Personal Growth through documentation, presentation and interviews. Bringing home two top ten finishes were Trevor Terry and Ethan Wetherington. Trevor and Ethan placed 6th in Animatronics and 8th in Digital Video Production. Lowndes High took twelve students and competed in seven team and individual events. The Lowndes High team included Trevor Terry, Ethan Wetherington, Jack Crawford, Tate Green, Preston Crawford, Liam Wetherington, Kathryn Crawford, Wesley Smith, Reilly Lennon, Jeremy Craven, Aaron Cowger, Courtney Raymond, advisors Matt North and Cammie Lund and supportive parents and siblings.

The Hahira Middle School team was led by Mr. Greg Terry and included Isabel Autrey, Molly Davis, Jon Liu, Alana Lund, Hank Peagler, Lyla Ruff, Ruby Ruff, and Cameron White. This group of talented young men and women entered a total of eleven events and made the semifinals in seven of those entered. During the awards ceremony, Hahira Middle would capture five top ten finalist awards that included 9th place in Video Game Design (Jon Liu), 9th place in Mass Production (Lyla and Ruby Ruff), 4th place System Control (Jon Liu, Hank Peagler, Cameron White), 4th place in Community Service Video (Hank Peagler) and 1st place Children's Story (Isabel Autrey and Ruby Ruff). Performances like this one and many others over the years earned Hahira Middle TSA distinct honor of being recognized with the Chapter Excellence Award at this years conference. Mr. Terry also recognized as the Advisor the Year for the state of Georgia. This national conference wraps one of the best years in HMS TSA history, but the students already making plans to improve next year.



Lowndes High and Hahira Middle TSA chapters on stage celebrating their success



Preston Crawford campaigning for National Sergeant at Arms



Trevor Terry and Ethan Wetherington at the Lowndes LEAP booth



National Sergeant at Arms Preston Crawford and State Treasurer Tate Green

FCCLA 73rd NATIONAL CONFERENCE & STAR EVENT



Early on the morning of July 2nd seven FCCLA members loaded a bus for Nashville, Tennessee for the 73rd national conference and STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Events competition. Participants were Unique Davis, Chloe Everson, Karena Green, Hannah Lambert, Miriam Neill, Meredith Proctor, and Emma Somers and chapter adviser, Margie Chatelain. All participants were carefully chosen based on involvement in FCCLA activities.

Miriam Neill competed in the Fashion Construction STAR event at nationals after earning the gold medal at the state competition held in March. Miriam designed and constructed the gown for 'Nelly', the lead role in the school production of South Pacific played by Lawson Cribb. The halter style gown consisted of 3 layers of fabric; chiffon, lame, and satin. Miriam earned a silver medal at the national STAR event competition.

Emma Somers competed in the Interior Design STAR event at nationals after earning a silver medal at the state competition held in March. Emma's

design challenge involved updating a small, older home to include a more functional kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom, and adding a laundry room, dining room, and outdoor patio area. Part of the challenge included making the design green and energy efficient. Emma earned a gold medal at the national STAR event competition.

Unique Davis was selected to serve as a room consultant for the Chapter Showcase STAR event competition because of her previous success in local chapter leadership.

Chloe Everson was selected to serve as a judge for the Fashion Design STAR event competition because of her previous success in STAR event competitions.

Hannah Lambert was selected to serve as a judge for the Parliamentary Procedure STAR event because of her experience with parliamentary procedure.

Meredith Proctor presented at a workshop to over 2000 people speaking on the topic of developing a healthy body image through self-confidence and fashion.

Chapter president Karena Green contributed countless

hours to the year-long Lowndes High fundraiser by baking thousands of brownies throughout the year. This effort helped reduce expenses for all national participants.

Chapter adviser Margie Chatelain served as a judge and consultant for the Fashion Design STAR Event.

All Lowndes FCCLA participants also enjoyed motivational speakers, leadership training, and connecting with over 10,000 members from across the nation. In addition to touring Nashville, attending the Grand Ole Opry, and enjoying 4th of July fireworks!



MIDDLE SCHOOLS ENGINEERING AND



This past summer all three E...
at the middle schools were renova...
be taught. Seventh grade students...
and Modeling course where studen...
and develop an understanding of t...
and innovation in their lives. They...
empowered to use and apply what...
unit to design a therapeutic toy fo...
In the eighth grade, student will b...
and Robotics course where studen...
impact of automation and robotic...
systems, energy transfer, machine...
control systems. Using the VEX R...
apply what they know to design a...
robotic arms, and more.



AND TECHNOLOGY LAB RENOVATIONS



Engineering and Technology Labs
designed to allow new curriculum to
be implemented. Students will be completing a Design
Challenge where they discover the design process
and the influence of creativity.
Students are then challenged and
encouraged to apply what they've learned throughout the
year to a real-world problem, such as
designing a device for a child who has cerebral palsy.
After completing an Automation
Challenge, students learn about the history and
impact of automation as they explore mechanical
systems, automation, and computer
programming. Using a Robotics platform, students
can design and program traffic lights,





PRESIDENT ATTENDS GOVERNOR'S HONORS

President, Joyce Liu, qualified for the FBLA National Conference which was held in Anaheim, California. She also qualified for the Governor's Honors Program held in north Georgia this summer. Due to the scheduling of both events, she had to choose one. She chose to attend the Governor's Honors Program. Congratulations, Joyce, on your accomplishments!



FBLA OFFICERS ATTEND SLOTS



On July 18th, FBLA officers Joyce Liu (President) and Michele Dowdy (Vice President), attended the Georgia Future Business Leaders of America Summer Leadership Officer Training Summit (SLOTS) in Cordele, Georgia. Officers participated in team building activities, planned chapter activities for the year, and developed leadership skills.

LHS AFJROTC DONATE TO M MIRACLE LEAGUE OF VALDOSTA



On 19th September, 2017, Cadets Gabriel Ellwood and Gavin Marston from the Lowndes High School AFJROTC, Georgia 81st, presented the Miracle League of Valdosta with a \$1,000 donation to assist them in their mission to remove the barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America's favorite pastime. The Miracle League of Valdosta is a non-profit organization that provides everyone with mental or physical disabilities an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league.

The cadets of the Lowndes High School AFJROTC unit conducted two fund raising campaigns during the 2016-2017 school year to provide the \$1,000 donation to the Miracle League. Cadets Ellwood, Deputy Commander, and Cadet Marston, Operations Squadron Commander, represented the entire corps of cadets at the Miracle League's season opener and presented the check to representatives of the Miracle League.

Left to right: Mr. Andy Gibbs from the Miracle League of Valdosta, Cadet Gabriel Ellwood and Cadet Gavin Marston.

AFJROTC GUARDS TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



Cadet Major Gavin Marston, Georgia 81st AFJROTC Operations Squadron Commander, guarding the traveling exhibit of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on September 21st, 2017. Cadet Marston was one of twelve volunteer cadets that stood guard over the tomb during its time at Lowndes High School. The exhibit was provided by the Rome Chapter of the Exchange Club and it is the only authorized replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Cadets stood guard much like members from the US Army stand guard over it 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, and in any weather.



Cadet Colonel Sierra Dickinson, Georgia 81st AFJROTC Group Commander, guarding the traveling exhibit of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on September 21st, 2017. Cadet Dickinson was one of twelve volunteer cadets that stood guard over the tomb during its time at Lowndes High School.

PINE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL



“Safe” Solar Viewer at the Grove

As part of the PGM school-wide STEM PBL on the 2017 Solar Eclipse, Mr. Johnson’s Engineering Technology classes designed, built and testing “safe” solar viewer prototypes. Although the prototypes were originally built to be used at PGM during the solar eclipse on 8/21, Mr. Johnson held drawings on Friday 8/18 and 30 lucky students were able to take a solar viewer home!



Design and Modeling

Mr. Johnson’s 7th grade Design and Modeling classes have been receiving feedback on their Foot Orthosis Design Challenges from certified Occupational Therapy Assistant Tyler Johnson. Tyler’s knowledge and experience in clinical OT has been extremely helpful in the student’s redesign efforts.



Taking home a check for \$100, PGM TSA member Da’Jean Watkins is the winner of the PGM TSA Krispy Kreme fundraiser incentive drawing.

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