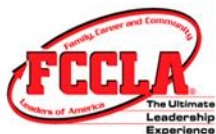


CTE NEWS AND EVENTS

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MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL HOSA NEWS

On June 18, 2008, Zach Smart and Tiffany Harris, Middleton High School HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) students traveled to Dallas, Texas to compete in the HOSA National CPR & First Aid Competition. These students had been preparing for months for this event. They won third place in the state competition during the spring in Chattanooga, TN.



There are many benefits of competing in these competitions. The competitions help students develop leadership qualities and also research various jobs and areas of interest which help better prepare students for the future. This helps students set realistic goals and gives them a direction for the future.

During this experience, students were able to participate in various educational, social learning, and leadership activities. They met HOSA students from all over the United States. Students were also able to visit many exhibits provided by professional healthcare associations and spend a day at Six Flags.

Zach and Tiffany stated that this was a great learning experience and they had a great time. Both think that these competitions will greatly benefit them and help prepare them for futures in healthcare. They also said that they can't wait until next year. Nationals for 2009 will be held in Nashville, TN and they are being very optimistic about their upcoming competitions. Tiffany and Zach are the President and Vice-President of MHS HOSA for the 2008-2009 year. They are very excited and looking forward to MHS HOSA having a wonderful year. They have stated that they will work hard again this year and hope to represent MHS, along with other HOSA members, at the National HOSA Conference for 2009.

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Middleton High School had winners at this year's FFA Leadership Camp this summer.



Central High School FFA Summer Camp

Bolivar Central High Attends FFA Leadership Camp

The Bolivar Central FFA Officer team participated in leadership activities at Camp Clements FFA Leadership Camp July 7-11 2008. The six officers were President Bradley Miller, Vice President Jacob Dyer, Secretary Benton Powell, Reporter Will Garrett, Treasurer J.D. Bass and former Vice President Kevin Mynatt and Mr. Mark Avent, Advisor

Each student attending camp is required to attend leadership classes at camp during the morning. These classes were officer training, speciality and the LPS or local program support. Students also had the opportunity to volunteer for opening and closing ceremony, Flag raising or lowering, kitchen assistance, and other leadership building activities. Outstanding leader certificates were awarded at the end of the week. Kevin Mynatt and Benton Powell received the gold award, J.D. Bass— silver and Jacob Dyer, Will Garrett, and Bradley Miller— bronze. These students are commended for giving up a week of their summer to develop themselves into the leaders of tomorrow!!



Middleton High School was well represented at the 44th annual National SkillsUSA Championships for 2008.

Middleton Students Compete in SKILLSUSA National Championships

Two students from Middleton High School competed at the 44th annual National SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, MO June 22 - 27. The students won this honor by placing first in their contests at state championships in April. It was the first time students from Hardeman County had won the honor of competing at the national level. Tabias Murden competed in the Criminal Justice contest and Zach Smart competed in the First Aid / CPR contest. These students competed against other state winners from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and Canada.

The contests are very complicated and designed to test the student's competence in different areas. Students competing in the criminal justice contest were tested on Constitutional, procedural, and substantive laws. They were also required to conduct a felony traffic stop, lift latent fingerprints, write an offense report, and interview victims and witnesses among other skills. Students who competed in the First Aid / CPR contest were tested according to American Red Cross and American Heart Association standards. They also had to demonstrate first aid skills and perform infant, child, and adult CPR with an AED.

Tabias and Zach participated in other activities during the week long event. They attended leadership classes offered through the SkillsUSA University. They attended the opening ceremony on Monday night. On Wednesday night the students watched the Kansas City Royals defeat the Colorado Rockies. It was the first professional baseball game either student had attended. On Friday morning the students and their advisor, Lain Teague, participated in the Timberland Community Service Project that benefited Habitat for Humanity. Later that evening the group attended the awards ceremony where Zach placed 11th and Tabias placed 21st in the Nation. Zach is a senior and hopes to attend the championships again this year. Tabias graduated in May and is currently pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice at MTSU.

CTE Supervisor's Corner

WELCOME BACK and Happy Birthday to Ms. Janie Ross. Her birthday was August 23rd. The following teachers have September birthdays:

Judy Smith - September 11th

Catherine Carmichael and Mark Fulghum - September 15th

Julia Bobbitt - September 22nd.

I hope the new school year has started off on a positive note for everyone. We have a new keyboarding teacher at Middleton High School, Amanda Russell. Please make note of the following items:

- After Labor Day, I will start reviewing your notebooks and meeting with you in regards to the monitoring instrument
- We will meet on the afternoon of October 10th to go over the instrument and make final preparations for the monitoring visit.
- There are new requirements for evaluating tenured teachers. Your principal should let you know who will have formal and informal evaluations this year.
- If you have technology needs that the IT department needs to address, let me know and also be sure to turn in the request through your school's liaison.
- Let me know what needs you have and thank you for making this a great year for our students.