

# CTAE Connections

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## Georgia Association Career Technical Education Conference

Career, Technical and Agricultural (CTAE) teachers attended the annual summer leadership conference July 18-21, 2010. The conference was held in Atlanta and was designed to provide professional development for CTAE teachers in the areas of instructional strategies, new technologies and post secondary education opportunities.



In addition to attending the conference, multiple Newton County teachers presented the following breakout sessions:

Putting Middle School Students to Work – Beth Moore, Indian Creek Middle and Mary Brown, Clements Middle School

For Virtually Everyone: A Career Center and Program for all Students – James Woodard, Newton CTAE Director and Tina Daniel, Eastside High School Counselor

AYP – Aspiring Young Professionals – Cynthia Marvel- Newton County Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Allison Jordan - Alcovy High School Work Based Learning Coordinator, Nikyta Belser - Eastside School Work Based Learning Coordinator, Julie Brand –Newton School Work Based Learning Coordinator

Small Business Development Articulation – Kenneth Ondracek – Newton High School, Rachel Patton – Eastside High School

National Policy Seminar – An Investment in the Future of CTE – Debra Lary – Newton High School

Career Technical Instruction(CTI) at your Fingertips – Chris Newsham – Alcovy High School, Alisa Echols – Eastside High School, Gloria Fallings – Newton High School

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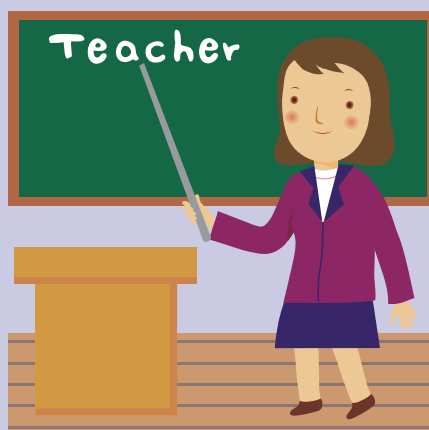
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# Newton High School DECA

## Rams Win Career Academy Logo Contest

A logo contest was sponsored for students to create a logo for the new Career Academy. Logos were submitted from each of the three high schools and Newton High School's marketing students won hands down. Students worked in teams to create the winning entry and were recognized at the Newton County Board of Education meeting August 10<sup>th</sup>. The students pictured from left to right are Viviana Vega (Class of 2010), Brandi Clark (Class of 2011) and Angelica Ervin (Class of 2010). Congratulations to these current and former students. *Go Rams!*



*Viviana Vega (Class of 2010), Brandi Clark (Class of 2011) and Angelica Ervin (Class of 2010)*

# Alcovy High School HOSA

## "HOSA: The Hearts that Believe and the Hands that Achieve!"

**HOSA and all Healthcare Science students at Alcovy High School are teaming up to provide health-related information for our school and our community. August is "National Immunization Awareness Month." Immunization** is the process by which an individual's [immune system](#) becomes fortified against harmful agents. Immunization can be done through various techniques, most commonly vaccination. Vaccines help fight microorganisms that cause diseases, prevent illnesses, and prepare the body's immune system. Flyers are posted all around the school to make students and staff aware of the importance of immunity. Join HOSA and achieve what you believe.



## Eastside High School FBLA



Eastside and Alcovy High Schools participated in a Journey Through Justice on August 22, 2010. Students from both schools met in the auditorium at AHS and learned about business crimes. Some students were selected from each high school to participate in a mock trial. AHS held the role of the plaintiff, EHS, the defendant. This experience involved FBLA members from both high schools as well. It allowed students to use public speaking skills

and knowledge learned in their business classes to attempt to persuade the jury's verdict.



## Alcovy High School DECA

### The New Program in Tiger Town

It is hard to believe that summer has already passed and it is time for students to return to school. Alcovy High School has opened with some fabulous new additions to the school including the new 9th grade academy, and its first ever Marketing Program. With students packing the house in over nine different marketing classes, they are gaining real world experience in this special project based program. This program brings a new energy to AHS with its co-curricular club DECA. DECA, an association of marketing students, not only emphasizes classroom curriculum, but allows students to see their class work come to life. With over 70 paid DECA members and membership campaigns in full force, students are becoming academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, and overall experienced leaders. All marketing students and DECA members are excited about the busy and challenging year that awaits us! DECA advisors at Alcovy are Ashley Hopkins, Heather Pickard, and Jonathan Brown.



# Newton County CTI

The CTI Coordinators from all three High Schools had a busy and productive summer! The Coordinators presented a "Breakout Session" of information at the annual GACTE Conference in Atlanta in July. The Coordinators also networked with the High School High Tech Program and Karen Royston from the Department of Labor in order to offer CTI students more employment exploration and transition opportunities. CTI students participating in the High School High Tech program will benefit from extra job shadowing opportunities, technical school tours and business and industry tours, as well as mock interview sessions and resume writing workshops. GET READY Newton County CTI for a fun filled, rewarding school year!!!



# Eastside High School FFA

## 2010-2011 Leaders

This year we are going to have an amazing FFA Organization with the wide talent that exists in our 2010-2011 officer team! I would like to help and prove this by introducing these wonderful people that make FFA possible, starting with our

wonderful teacher/advisor Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Brown has a great interest in agriculture and still has a youthful enthusiasm which allows her to relate very well to her students and to have a good time! When she means business everyone will know it, but she does it in a manner that not only gets tasks accomplished but also makes the students feel like they belong. Next, I will mention Rebecca Johnston, our FFA President this year. She lives on a horse farm and has an extensive knowledge of working with them. She can answer almost any question on equine. Next I would like to introduce myself, Maryanne Fearnow, the FFA Vice President this year, though I have been VP for a couple years now. I have experience in this club, and I also live on a farm, which helps with my knowledge. I own a strange array of animals, but that has just helped to broaden my horizons. Lacy Powell would be the next lucky subject; she is this year's FFA Secretary. She has a lot of experience in this club and her sister and my sister both were in FFA before we came here. She has a family that supports her interests and she is a wonderful cow shower! Randy Oglesby is our FFA Treasurer this year! He was just appointed to this position and we know that he will do a wonderful job. He has a kind heart and an honest soul; this is the perfect job for him. Our FFA Sentinel is Colton Long, he is new in the FFA, but he will soon learn all of his job requirements. He will help this FFA chapter to understand the students more. We are currently in the process of electing our FFA Reporter. We have two candidates, but we are pretty set on electing both of them. They both have wonderful qualities to offer the FFA, which would make it extremely hard to choose! These two nominees are Zack Pirtle and Breanna Morrison. This is our new officer team and the students and teacher that serve the Eastside High School FFA student body. We are all here to make the chapter FFA run more smoothly and we have a common goal of helping those in need and inspiring others! This is what makes us overall great leaders. We may be a little different, but our common interests make us a big family which is beneficial to this club.

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In the Eastside Agriculture room, there are three full classes of students enrolled in an Ag class. This semester Mrs. Brown is teaching two classes of Basic Agriculture and a Horticulture class. In the basic Ag classes, students are learning the history of FFA and the reason why there is Agriculture in the classrooms. They have also learned Parliamentary procedure and can run a meeting correctly. The Horticulture class is learning safety in the greenhouse that is located right outside the Agriculture room, and how a greenhouse operates. This class will run the greenhouse and take care of all the plants during the semester. These students in the three classes offered this semester are already excited about being in FFA and being able to learn by doing hands-on activities. The basic Ag classes have also been learning the first three paragraphs of the FFA creed on creed Fridays. Unlike the normal learning by saying the creed over constantly until you remember it, our FFA members learn the creed by singing the words. Mrs. Brown came up with the idea of singing the creed by trying to find an easier way to remember. The students love it and end up singing the creed for the rest of the day.

# Newton High School DECA



The Newton High School DECA Chapter proved that they are off to a good start under the direction of Ms. Quinita Morrow. Beginning their first community service project, several DECA members of Newton High School went to Porterdale Elementary on Thursday, September 2, 2010, to assist in their afterschool program. Under the assistance of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Colbert (Porterdale Instructors), 38 DECA students participated in communicating skills, enrichment activities and finger painting with the students. Ms. Morrow was so pleased with the interaction of her DECA members with the students of Porterdale, that they have decided to return to Porterdale on a bi-weekly basis. DECA is an organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. It also helps prepare students to make wise

business decisions, be able to function in the business world, and it teaches overall good professional skills. DECA members are looking forward to participating in future community service projects.



# Newton High School FFA



From left to right: Back row: Blake McDonald, Sentinel; Kayla Eason, Reporter; Baltazar Alvarez, Treasurer; Ryan Talton, Advisor. Front Row: Robert Murphy, Vice President; Jenna Lawson, President; Bryan Vasquez, Student Representative.

Not Pictured: Kayla Sinnemon, Secretary; Justin Bennett, Advisor.

- While most high school students are not thinking about school during the summer, Newton County FFA members are utilizing this time to prepare for the upcoming year. Over the past two months nearly 20 students have had FFA on their mind.
- Students worked on preparing for upcoming Career Development Events (CDE) over the summer, creating projects for the Georgia National Fair exhibits, working with their livestock projects, and training to become an effective FFA Officer.
- This year our chapter will have exhibits in the following areas at the Georgia National Fair: Horticultural Research Mini-booths, Dendrology Collections, and Beef Livestock Projects.
- Our officer team attended Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) at the FFA Camp.
- The officers meet every two weeks in order to prepare for the upcoming school year. To kick off the year, they are throwing a water fiasco after the first meeting. They also plan on having plant sales and other fundraisers to raise money for the chapter. This year, six of the seven officers are seniors and they are hoping to go out with a bang.
- Our chapter was awarded with having the Most Balanced POA at the conclusion of the conference. The team celebrated the kick off to the school year at Six Flags.

Baltazar Alvarez (12<sup>th</sup> grade), Aleah Hill (12<sup>th</sup> grade), Jenna Lawson (12<sup>th</sup> grade), and Robert Murphy (12<sup>th</sup> grade) participated at the Georgia FFA Beef School held at the UGA Livestock Instructional Area in Athens on June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each participant took his or her own beef steer or heifer with them to Athens for this experience. The students were divided into groups according to showing experience. The clinic was taught by Agriculture Education teachers and UGA Extension Livestock Specialists.

All aspects of managing and exhibiting club calves were covered, including bed making; rinsing, hair care & washing; equipment care; what to take to a show; fitting and clipping; judging; showmanship; selection; and other team events.



Baltazar Alvarez taking care of his steer in the wash rack after the student fitting contest.

FFA Advisor, Mr. Ryan Talton, was an adult leader at this year's Beef School. His dedication and expertise to the FFA Livestock Program in Newton County has been widely recognized and was asked to serve in this

Jenna Lawson (12th grade) washing her steer during one of the sessions during Beef School.



This summer, a few members of our show team competed in the 2010 Georgia Junior Beef Futurity Cattle Show. The members that competed were Jenna Lawson (12th grade) with her heifer and steer, Josie Stamps (11th grade) with her steer, Robert Murphy (12th grade) with his steer, Ben Richardson (12th grade) with his steer, Aleah Hill (12th grade) with her heifer. The cattle show was held in Perry, Georgia. Jenna Lawson placed 5th with her steer and 8th with her heifer. Josie Stamps placed 7th with her steer. Robert Murphy placed 8th with his steer. Ben Richardson placed 7th with his steer. Aleah Hill placed 4th with her heifer.

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Our show team members have worked very hard this summer to prepare their cattle for the show season. The Beef Futurity is our first show of the season. The Team plans to exhibit their projects at eleven shows this year. The final show will be in February in Perry. "Our Show team is off to a good start. I expect great things out of all of them before the conclusion of this season," stated Ryan Talton. Jenna Lawson also participated in the Georgia Club Calf Producers Association (GCCPA) points program during last show season where she placed in 11th in the Commercial Heifer group and placed 29th with her steer. To qualify for these awards the exhibitors complete a point sheet at each show throughout the year. The points are determined based on show placings throughout the year. She received a vest and windbreaker from the GCCPA for her accomplishments.

Jenna Lawson sporting her new vest from the GCCPA. role for this state livestock event.

# Newton County News

## **Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Assistant Principals Complete Training**

Mr. Chris Haymore, CTAE Assistant Principal Alcovy High School, and Dr. Pam Carter, CTAE Assistant Principal Clements Middle School, recently completed the Career Technical and Agricultural Leadership Academy conducted by the Georgia Department of Education and the Career, Technical and Agricultural Resource Network (CTAERN). The CTAE Leadership Academy is designed to provide new CTAE leaders with knowledge relative to curriculum, funding, work force development and leadership.



## **Alcovy High School Awarded Georgia Work Ready Training Grant**

Alcovy High School has been awarded Georgia Work Ready training grants. They were one of many high schools in the state to receive the grant that will provide three-year access to skills-gap training software to help students improve their Work Ready Certificate levels. The funding was made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Work Ready Grants will enable our schools to provide training related to the Georgia Work Ready Assessment administered through the Governor's Office. In addition, it will assist students in preparing for academic assessments as well. This is a great honor for Alcovy High School. Both Eastside High School and Newton High School was awarded the grant last year.

Georgia's Work Ready program is based on a skills assessment and certification for job seekers and a job profiling system for businesses. By identifying both the needs of businesses and the available skills of Georgia's workforce, the state can more effectively ensure that it is providing the right talent for the right jobs. The software helps students improve their work readiness, provides students with a better understanding of the skills employers look for in a successful employee, and help high schools improve their graduation rates.

