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Perry High Wins 1st in Nation at FFA Competition



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Perry High School’s FFA Floriculture team won first in the nation in the 2010 National FFA Floriculture Career Development Event (CDE). Perry High was one of 45 teams that competed. Perry High’s team members are: Nick Wood, Weslie Williford, Thomas Burnham, Morgan Watt and Jonathan Hatcher, pictured (from left) with their FFA adviser, Argene Claxton. The competition was held in Indianapolis, Ind. in October.

Perry High also had students place in the top 10. Congratulations to: Nick Wood, first place; Weslie Williford, second place; and Thomas Burnham, tenth place. Top-three individuals and national winning team members received scholarships to use at a post-secondary institution of their choice. Perry High also won one of 14 Gold Emblem Team awards.

In the National FFA Floriculture CDE, students test their knowledge and skills in the production and retailing of flowers, plants and foliage. For the competition, participants must complete a general knowledge exam on the floriculture industry, identify plant materials, and demonstrate problem solving and decision-making skills, employment and customer service skills, technical floral skills and the ability to work as a team. Teams competed at the local and state levels to earn the privilege of representing their home state at the national convention.

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The National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 523,309 student members as part of 7,487 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. For more information visit www.ffa.org,

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