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PHS FFA Wins 1st at State



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Perry High School FFA members have won another first-place award at State! On March 19, Perry High’s students won the senior division of the Georgia Nursery Landscape competition held at the FFA Center in Covington, Ga. Coached by Agriculture Education Teacher Dr. Argene Claxton, Perry’s team members are: Tyler Claxton, Chance Benefield, Mitchell Freeman and Jake Parker. They earned both the state championship title and the right to compete at the national career development event.

Dr. Teri Hamlin, Georgia Department of Education North Region Agriculture Education, commented, “Success in Career Development Events is a direct reflection of excellence in the classroom. Congratulations to Dr. Argene Claxton and his FFA students for their hours of preparation and victory in the state senior nursery landscape competition!”

The FFA Nursery Landscape competition consists of a written exam, identification of plants, disorders and equipment and hands-on problem solving and landscape design. The competition is based on Georgia’s Agriculture Education horticulture curriculum and standard practices in the horticulture industry.

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Georgia Green Industry Association (GGIA) sponsored the competition. Perry's students are pictured (in no particular order) with GGIA representatives and contest officials, Will Ross and Andrew Holloway.

The purpose of the event is to connect classroom knowledge with practices utilized in the nursery and landscape industry. Moreover, the competition promotes academic achievement and skill competence for students who seek a future horticulture program of study and career.

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