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**Perry Middle FCCLA Wins State Awards**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Perry Middle School Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members attended the Star Event Competition in Athens, Ga. Three students won top awards and qualified to compete at the national level.

Cassy Chaney won a gold medal for her project titled “Beyond the Bottle” in the Recycle and Redesign event. This event encourages students to repurpose an item and go green with their invention.

Rebekah Gamundi and Ashley Long earned gold medals in the Chapter Showcase Manual event, which is a scrapbook of events the chapter participated in throughout the 2010-2011 school year. Cassy, Rebekah and Ashley will next compete at the National FCCLA STAR events in Anaheim, Cal. in July.

Andy Emmons and TJ Gamundi were awarded bronze medals for their Chapter Service Project presentation. In addition, adviser Alisha Hall received national recognition. Hall has been chosen as a 2011 Adviser Mentor for achieving the level of Master Adviser and for her work assisting other middle school FCCLA chapters. She has devoted at least two years to new adviser assistance; held FCCLA leadership positions; conducted adviser workshops; and attended training sessions. She is one of approximately 113 advisers chosen nationwide from more than 6,500 advisers. She will be honored during the National Leadership Conference on July 13.

Perry Middle School is located at 495 Perry Parkway in Perry. Thomas Moore serves as principal. Hall may be contacted at 478-988-6285, ext. 22027, or [Alisha.Hall@hcbe.net](mailto:Alisha.Hall@hcbe.net).

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