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Houston FFA Today

HOUSTON UVCC FFA NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- **Career Development Events**
 - District Public Speaking
 - District Ag Power Diagnostics
 - District Ag Sales
 - Greenhand Quiz
- **National FFA Week**
- **Janitor Clean-Up**



Houston UVCC Reporter
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Gross is State Bound

Malaiya Gross participated in the District Extemporaneous Speaking contest held at Eaton High School. In this contest, participants draw a speech topic and have thirty minutes to research and prepare a four to six minute speech over their drawn topic. After their preparations, participants present their speech to a panel of judges, then asked questions about the speech.

Miss Malaiya found out that she placed 2nd in the contest and this placing allows her to compete in the state contest on March 1st at Marysville High School! Congrats Malaiya!



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District Agricultural Power Diagnostics

A new contest that the chapter participated in this year is the Agricultural Power Diagnostics contest. This contest is geared towards those students who are mechanical in nature. For this particular contest, students work in teams of two and rotate around to five different stations. While at these stations, teams are presented with a piece of agricultural equipment ranging from a compact tractor, zero turn mower and larger size tractors; sometimes there might even be a skid loader or small excavator. Students are presented with a customer complaint about the equipment so students have to work together to verify the problems and fix the problems within a set amount of time. There are only two problems that students have to find while also looking out for any safety issues like a loose or missing lug nut or missing SMV sign.

Students from Houston who participated this year included freshman Corbin Dulin and sophomore Konner Pleiman. These two gentlemen did a great job and placed 7th out of 23 teams at the district level!



District Agricultural Sales

Four students competed in the District Ag Sales contest hosted by Covington FFA on February 20th. In this contest students work as a team to answer a set of questions from judges about potential issues with sales and ways to build rapport. After the team portion of the event, students move into individual rooms with a judge. During this time, students are acting as a salesman to first build rapport with the customer and potentially make a sale on the product they are selling. This year students were a salesperson for John Deere mowers and various attachments.

Students who competed included Mason McDermit, Malaiya Gross, Konner Pleiman and Dylan Shaffer. The team placed 6th out of 17 teams!



State Greenhand Quiz

During the month of February, all freshman students completed the Greenhand Quiz. This is an online test that tests a students' knowledge on FFA and is only available for first year members to compete. The top 4 scorers on the team were Trenton Hartings, Emma Koenig, Laney White and Maison Epley. As a team, Houston placed 109 out of 159 teams.



National FFA Week

Thank you to everyone who participated in the dress up days and lunchtime minute-to-win-it games. This is a week set aside in February to celebrate FFA and those involved with the program. National FFA Week is always celebrated during the week in February that includes George Washington's birthday.

Even though this year's week was a little crazy with weather, it was still a successful one and the chapter officers are grateful to all those that participated.



Mr. Hausfeld and Malichai Sano
after the completion of a minute-
to-win-it game

Janitor Clean-Up

Several members showed up during WildCat Time for the bi-weekly Janitor clean-up where students go around and help to clean windows and sweep floors to assist our janitorial staff. Not only are they helping, but also seeing all of the important things our janitorial staff do to help keep our building looking nice.

