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MEMORANDUM

TO: Randolph County Board of Education  
Dr. Stephen Gainey, Superintendent

FROM: Amber Ward, Public Information Officer

DATE: December 9, 2024

RE: Career and Technical Student Organizations – National Competition

Career and Technical Student Organization students from the Randolph County School System recently competed in events at the national level. Congratulations to the teams and students listed below for earning national recognition.

**Providence Grove High School**

Providence Grove High School FFA Patriot Hunter Safety Team members competed at the Central Regional Youth Hunter Education Challenge on July 24-July 27 in Bentonville, Arkansas. This challenging competition is one of the two national hunter-safety competitions in the United States.

Advisor: Amy Kidd

Senior team members are Christian Swaim, Austin Williams, Jacob Bowman, Troy Blakley, Cooper Wright, Will Coble, and Amelia Lackey.

The competition included: Safety Trail, Muzzleloader, Rifle, Orienteering, Shotgun, Test, Wildlife ID, and Archery. Their hard work and dedication afforded them third place on the test, second in rifle, and second in shotgun. Individually, Austin Williams placed first in rifle and second in pistol. Jacob Bowman placed first in senior pistol.

Rifle

Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Austin Williams – 1<sup>st</sup> place

Pistol

Jacob Bowman – 1<sup>st</sup> place

Austin Williams – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Shotgun

Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Hunter Safety Test

Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Individual Contestants**

Tyler Williams, an eighth grader at Northeastern Randolph Middle School, competed individually at the Central Regional Youth Hunter Education Challenge on July 24-July 27 in Bentonville, Arkansas. This challenging competition is one of the two national hunter-safety competitions in the United States.

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**Junior Pistol**

Tyler Williams – 1<sup>st</sup> place