



SHS FBLA VISITS GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY

The Swainsboro High School Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America visited the Georgia Ports Authority in Savannah, GA on March 27, 2017. Nineteen members and three advisers were taken on a tour of the Garden City Terminal which is the largest single-terminal container facility of its kind in North America. They were able to learn about the process of how containers are transported by ship, rail, and truck. They were also able to learn about the impact this major industry has on our economy and the career opportunities it provides for the south Georgia area. Edward Fulford, Manager of Communications for the Georgia Ports Authority led the tour and discussed the significant impact that the ports had on the economy of our region.

SHS FBLA was able to visit the port because of a grant they received through the Go Build Georgia program that encourages tours of industry that requires a skilled trades workforce. Nix Hooks, FBLA member, says he “was amazed to learn that the large crane operators that load and unload cargo containers can make \$100,000 per year!”

Future Business Leaders of America is the premiere student organization for high school students that are interested in careers in business. SHS FBLA has 171 local members that participate in a variety of leadership, community service, career development and competitive events activities. Kelli Torpy, Cherie Hooks and Mary Mason are advisers for the local chapter.