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HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NAMED BIBB FLEX COMPETITION WINNER

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(MACON, GA) – Bibb County School District held its 2025 Bibb County FLEX Competition finals. Congratulations to Jayla Evans, Howard High School, for being named the winner. Her business is called ACOS and stands for “A Couple of Stiches.” Her company makes sustainable crochet hats and bags for young adults.

This is the third year the Bibb County School District and the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce were selected to participate in the Georgia FLEX competition. The goal of the Georgia Foundational Leadership and Entrepreneurship Experience (FLEX) is to create prosperity and revitalize rural entrepreneurial ecosystems by educating students on the rewards, sacrifices, and processes incurred in establishing small businesses. Throughout the yearlong competition process, a combination of educational guidance, incentives, and mentor opportunities inspires students to launch their successful small businesses, eventually leading to a more vibrant, robust local economy.

The Bibb County FLEX program is supported by the Griffith Foundation and the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority. Students advanced through each round of the District FLEX Competition after submitting written business proposals, working side-by-side with community mentors, participating in a pop-up shop experience in downtown Macon, and another round of presentations.

Jayla received a \$5000 startup fund from the Griffith Family Foundation and advances to the Georgia FLEX Competition in April 2025 for the opportunity to win up to \$10,000.