

# Welcome Back!

## Stephanie Guimaraes - State President

Welcome back, HOSA Members! Get ready to show off your sun kissed tans back on the first day of school! First, I would like to reintroduce myself to you. My name is Stephanie Guimaraes. I am currently a freshman at the University of Florida, but for most of my life I've lived in Weston, Florida.

I cannot wait to see where this year will take us. Your support and love for HOSA reassures me that this year will be especially memorable! As your State President, I look forward to working with the rest of the State Team in maintaining Florida HOSA's outstanding reputation as a leading organization. We must continue to promote HOSA to increase interest and membership! What's great about HOSA is that it gives our members the chance to explore health career paths, even if they're not sure what they want to pursue. Before HOSA, I had no clue what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. Now, after becoming involved, I have finally made the decision to pursue Biomedical Engineering! Spreading the word about HOSA's accomplishments and the difference it has made in our members' lives is important in increasing membership and providing the opportunity for growth of as many individuals as possible. The State Officer Team is already coming up with incredible plans for the upcoming year; this is definitely going to be one for the books! I look forward to meeting all of you at this year's regional and state events!



## August 2014

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## Jaylon Tellis - State President-Elect

My name is Jaylon Tellis, this year's Florida HOSA President-Elect. I attend Pensacola State College and am into dancing, graphic design, and multiple variations of music. I've been a part of HOSA since my freshman year at West Florida High School located in Pensacola. I am excited to welcome you all back for another great year filled with excitement and great memories. This year I am looking forward to getting to know more people who share the same interests I do. I feel that it is important to participate and use ideas that are exchanged throughout new encounters so I plan to create friendships with all the Florida HOSA members that I meet this year, including students, advisors, and staff. I want to encourage the members of HOSA to interact more with each other. I also hope to be a positive influence and become a role model for others who are pursuing their career in the health care profession. I plan to serve Florida HOSA to the best of my abilities and hope to contribute to the success of this great organization. I'm excited to see many new faces, as well

as reminisce great memories with returning members. Overall, I am ready for a great year! Let's go, Florida HOSA!

## Barbara Sanchez - Northern VP, Secondary

Welcome, Florida HOSA, to another exciting year - full of endless possibilities! I am looking forward to seeing your many accomplishments while serving as your Northern Vice-President, Secondary. I just graduated from Deltona High School this spring and am starting my first year of college at the University of South Florida heading towards a career in Athletic Training. I love playing soccer and nearly any other sport! Holding my Latina roots close, food, family, and fun are major components of my happiness.

I am looking forward to visiting the various schools that constitute the northern regions of the sunshine state and helping at the Regional Conferences to further develop leadership abilities. I can't wait to hear of all the events and activities that our members have planned for this year!

With each arising year come new personal and organizational goals. As a State Officer, one of my goals is to increase the levels of passionate involvement for HOSA-related service projects and programs in order to further the growth of the Florida HOSA legacy. Another of my goals is to inspire members to excel in achieving their health care related goals. I believe we can all find a way to make a difference this year - better not only ourselves, but also the world we live in. Let us start this year on the right foot - with dedication, perseverance, and an optimistic attitude! Let's learn from every lesson and cherish every moment of the year, Florida HOSA!



### Scholarships and Competitions

- ◆ [The Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology](#) is open for project registration. The deadline is **September 30!** Checkout the [full guidelines](#), listing the project topics in biochemistry, toxicology, genetics, among others!  
<http://www.conradchallenge.org/overview-of-program/>
  - ◆ The [Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge](#) is open for team registration until **October 16**. Secondary and postsecondary students can enter their projects in the Health & Nutrition category to win \$10,000 or more!
  - ◆ [The National Merit Scholarship Foundation](#) is available to high school students who take the PSAT/NMSQT®. Students must take the test in **October 2014** to qualify for the 2016 scholarships. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,500 and are sponsored by various corporations and colleges.



## Travis Markham - Northern VP, Postsecondary

Hello, Florida HOSA, and welcome back! I expect this to be the greatest year for our organization yet! Before we get into details though, allow me to reintroduce myself - I'm Travis and I'll be serving as your State Northern Vice-President, **POST**secondary this year! I'm honored to be coming back for another term as one of your State Officers, and I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming year. I'm a sophomore Nursing major at the University of Florida, and hope to one day work in the ER as a practitioner.

This year I hope to help increase our membership for the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row! I will especially be reaching out to more postsecondary institutions and middle schools. HOSA is ever growing and ever changing, but the one thing that remains the same is our passionate and dedicated members! For that reason, I would encourage all of you to help expand our reach as well!

So as summer comes to a close and school doors open once again, I would like to tell all of our members to make this year a great one! Study hard and get ready, because the new HOSA year has begun!

## Julius Wade - Southern VP, Secondary

Ah, the familiar clamor of the blaring school alarm, the honking school buses, and the rowdy school lunchroom; the time for this is upon us. The time for homework. The time for homeroom. The time for HOSA! Before I get too far ahead of myself, I'd like to introduce myself.

As someone who's been a member of HOSA for two years, I can attest to the quality of its mission, and the strength of its membership. I'm a junior at William H. Turner Technical Arts High School in Miami, which has one of the largest HOSA chapters in the state. It's an honor beyond measure to be able to represent my school and my state as its 2014-15 State Southern Vice-President, Secondary.

This year brings the prospect of very great things - very epic things. With a state association as electrifyingly awesome as Florida HOSA, everyone is in store for a year of growth and achievement. Along with the rest of the State Officer Team, I can't wait to get out and meet all of the wonderful members of this state at the Fall Leadership Development Academy, or FLDA for short (formerly known as LDC), Regional Fall and Spring/Winter Leadership Conferences, the State Leadership Conference, and more! You are what drives this state, and from the simple "#flhosa", to a National 1<sup>st</sup> Place in your Competitive Event, everything you do moves us forward inch by inch - member by member. I can't wait to see what this year has in store! And welcome to a new HOSA year! Be bold, be brave, be brilliant!



**"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."**

- Milton Berle



## Clayton Sims - Southern VP, Postsecondary

Hello, Florida HOSA! I hope each and every one of you had a tremendous time this summer. I know we're all sad that summer vacation has ended, but now we can get the ball rolling for the 2014-2015 HOSA year!

My name is Clayton Sims and at the 2014 State Leadership Conference I was given the honor of being elected as your 2014-2015 Southern Vice President, Postsecondary. I am a sophomore at the Florida Atlantic University Honors College in Jupiter, FL and I have been involved with HOSA since my sophomore year of high school. I competed in HOSA Bowl in my

junior and senior years and placed in first and second, respectively, at the state level. In my senior year I ran for State Office as was honored to be elected as your 2013-2014 State Parliamentarian to serve Florida HOSA.

As one of your State Officers, I plan to be available to the members and advisors of Florida HOSA and make local and regional chapter visits so that we can help increase Florida HOSA's membership.

I know that each and every one of you will make this school year a spectacular one! Thank you for electing me to represent our outstanding organization; I will do my best to make Florida HOSA proud!



## Michael Riley - State Parliamentarian

Helloooooo, Florida HOSA members! Let me start by welcoming you back to school. I know you probably already miss the sand, sun, and beach from summer, but look on the bright side, the start of the school year means the start of a new HOSA year!

Let me introduce myself - my name is Michael Riley and I am your Florida HOSA State Parliamentarian. I am from Port Saint Lucie and just graduated from Centennial High School - top of my class. I am currently finishing up my Associate of Arts degree at Indian River State College in Pre-dental and then plan on becoming a pedodontist once I obtain my Bachelor of Arts in health science.

This is my fifth year in HOSA and I am looking forward to serving you as one of your State Officers. My goal is to help make this HOSA year the best you've ever had. I am looking forward to meeting all of you at our conferences throughout the year. As a State Officer, I also hope to help increase our membership so that we can become the biggest state association in the U.S., instead of the second. I have some great ideas for all of you to have fun so be prepared to be amazed at FLDA, your Regional Leadership Conferences, and SLC. Let me end by saying *thank you* for electing me! Now, get ready for the BIGGEST year you've ever seen, Florida HOSA!!!



### Coming soon: Fall Leadership Development Academy (FLDA)

**Nov. 14-16, 2014**

**Location:** Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL; For more on the location visit: <http://www.campkulaqua.com/>

**Cost:** \$130 per person

**Deadline to Register:** October 17

- Polish your public speaking skills and master other skills and activities to implement in your local chapters and regions.
- Get to know your new State Officer Team
- Meet middle, high school, and postsecondary members from all across Florida and make lasting friendships
- Engaging advisor activities; workshops with potential to earn Continuing Education Credits (CEUs)
- Bring money for fun activities and to raise funds for the Florida HOSA Foundation Scholarship
- Enjoy the beautiful fall foliage and scenery of North Florida
- Take peaceful hikes or jog with friends along the shady trails

#### Facility Details

- Play volleyball, basketball, or putt-putt golf
- Catch up with friends on one of the swings
- Jump on the hayride and enjoy the camp fire



**Information will be posted to our website and mailed in September.**

**Register early - spots fill up quickly!**

<b>Secondary Winners</b>			
<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Competitor</b>
Biomedical Debate	2	Jupiter High School	Haber Brown, Sicard, Capparelli, Barrett
Biotechnology	6	Taylor County High School	Rohan Patel
CERT Skills	3	Coral Reef High School	Jean-Louis; Colon
CERT Skills	10	Jupiter High School	Ciolacu; Simonson
CPR/First Aid	7	Hialeah Gardens High School	Sanz; Victores
Clinical Nursing	7	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Nicole Hernandez
Clinical Specialty	1	Polk State College Chain of Lakes HS	Sarah Sherba
Community Awareness	4	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Pepin; Perez
Creative Problem Solving	4	West Florida High School	Adkerson; Anderson; Tomlinson; Tomlinson
Creative Problem Solving	9	Manatee High School	Fleck; Reiss; Sanchez
Dental Science	7	Atlantic Technical Center	Sydney Thomas
Emergency Medical Technician	4	Gainesville High School	Crosby; Jones
Epidemiology	7	Manatee High School	Mario Ramos
Extemporaneous Writing	4	Gainesville High School	Kaitlyn Smith
Forensic Medicine	5	Manatee High School	Jones; Ramirez
HOSA Bowl	3	Pensacola High School	Crowdis; Gupta; Gupta; Patel
Health Career Display	2	Pasco High School	Benitez; Herrera
Health Career Display	5	New Smyrna Beach High School	Bender; Over
Health Education	2	North Miami Senior High School	Collazo; Duvisien, Patterson; Rendel
Health Education	4	Flanagan High School	Amaris; Nazir
Interviewing Skills	3	Coral Reef High School	Rachel Jaramillo
Knowledge Test: Human Growth & Development	6	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Aakriti Prasai
Knowledge Test: Pathophysiology	4	Hillsborough High School	Enzo Cabrera
Knowledge Test: Pathophysiology	6	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Jose Perez
Knowledge Test: Pharmacology	3	New Smyrna Beach High School	Eric Templeman
Medical Assisting	2	Glades Central High School	Daron Ingram
Medical Assisting	3	Hialeah Gardens High School	Tatyana Kimbrough
Medical Math	2	J.P. Taravella High School	Daniela Bermudez
Medical Math	6	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Nayib Gloria
Medical Photography	4	Miramar High School	Benjamin Chilampath
Medical Reading	7	Polk State College Chain of Lakes HS	Sydney Weber
Medical Terminology	4	New Smyrna Beach High School	Devon Robinson

**OUTSTANDING!**

<b>Secondary Winners</b>			
<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Competitor</b>
Speaking Skills	6	Coral Reef High School	Shella Diaz
Speaking Skills	7	North Miami Senior High School	Lynn Mezdieu
Sports Medicine	6	Palm beach Gardens High School	Irfan khan
Veterinary Science	8	Auburndale High School	Lori Hyde
<b>Postsecondary Winners</b>			
Biotechnology	2	University of West Florida	Camille Wood
Creative Problem Solving	7	Florida State University	Lebron, Thaler; Souza; Teich
Dental Science	1	Manatee Technical Institute	Emily Weaver
Dental Science	2	Manatee Technical Institute	Veronica Garnil
Dental Terminology	3	Manatee Technical Institute	Brittany Erickson
Emergency Medical Technician	2	University of South Florida	Cooper; Chauhan
Extemporaneous Health Poster	4	Ridge Career Center	Lionel Hinson
Extemporaneous Writing	3	University of West Florida	Buu-Tran Duong
Extemporaneous Writing	5	University of West Florida	Hieu Chau
Forensic Medicine	4	University of South Florida	Tank; Gim
HOSA Bowl	8	Manatee Technical Institute	Fritze; Kruse; Osorio; Villaneuva
HOSA Bowl	9	University of Florida	Woody, Yousaf, Kanhai; Montero
HOSA Bowl	10	Ridge Career Center	Deal; Ingram; Reyes; Rodriguez
Health Career Display	4	Manatee Technical Institute	Campbell; Vargas
Health Education	5	Manatee Technical Institute	Davis; Woods; Ung
Healthy Lifestyle	2	University of West Florida	Stephanie Hayley
Home Health Aide	1	South Florida State College	Brianna Blosser
Job Seeking Skills	5	Manatee Technical Institute	Dianne Fick
Knowledge Test: Human Growth & Development	3	University of West Florida	Darcy Demarra
Knowledge Test: Human Growth & Development	6	University of West Florida	Keanna Nimpchaimanatham
Knowledge Test: Medical Law & Ethics	1	Pensacola State College	Laura Fletcher
Knowledge Test: Nutrition	1	Florida State University	Nicole Colletta
Knowledge Test: Pathophysiology	7	Florida State University	Shah Islam
Knowledge Test: Pharmacology	2	University of Florida	Hunter White
Knowledge Test: Pharmacology	9	University of South Florida	Kathryn Ospino

**FABULOUS!**

Postsecondary Winners			
Event	Place	School	Competitor
Knowledge Test: Transcultural Health Care	4	Florida State University	Kristin Hyde
Knowledge Test: Transcultural Health Care	5	University of Florida	Karen Steiner
Medical Assisting	2	Manatee Technical Institute	Lucilla Luna
Medical Assisting	5	Keiser University - Port St. Lucie	Christina Cherwa
Medical Math	2	University of Florida	Julia Collazo
Medical Math	3	University of Florida	Masha Venskauskaite
Medical Photography	7	Manatee Technical Institute	Maelese Brown
Medical Reading	3	University of South Florida	Paige Depagter
Medical Terminology	6	Manatee Technical Institute	Thea Longton
Physical Therapy	2	University of West Florida	Jaleese Cope
Public Service Announcement	6	University of Florida	Black; Falise; Garcia
Researched Persuasive Speaking	6	Keiser University - West Palm Beach	Nicole Klein
Sports Medicine	1	University of South Florida	Kathryn Raines

Recognition Event Winners
<i>National Service Project - Certificate of Recognition</i>
<b>School</b>
Cypress Bay High School
<i>National Service Project - Certificate of Merit</i>
Coral Glades High School
Flanagan High School
Ft. White High School
Western High School
<i>Outstanding HOSA Chapter</i>
University of West Florida - Postsecondary
Auburndale High School - Secondary
Cypress Bay High School
Deltona High School
Flanagan High School
New Smyrna Beach High School
Palm Beach Gardens High School
Park Vista Community High School
South Fort Myers High School
Tampa Bay Tech HOSA (Humankind)
Terra Environmental Research Institute

**Thank You**

**to our  
outstanding Advisors,**

who helped with the two  
competitive events that  
Florida HOSA managed during  
the National Leadership  
Conference at Disney:  
CPR/First Aid and Medical  
Photography.

**We couldn't have done it  
without you!**

**We appreciate all you do  
tirelessly throughout  
the year!**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Barbara James Service Award**

Gold	Abby Webber	Boone High School
Gold	Adismary Salinas Recio	Boone High School
Gold	Alexa Zeller	Crestview High School
Gold	Amani Davis	Coral Reef High School
Gold	Ancil Ganaishlal	Coral Glades High School
Gold	Ashma Ganaishlal	Coral Glades High School
Gold	Bailey Adams	Coral Reef High School
Gold	Brianna Harris	Boone High School
Gold	Brittney Jean-Baptiste	Coral Reef High School
Gold	Hali Giroux	Boone High School
Gold	Ives Morin	Deltona High School
Gold	Kristian Sivyver	Tampa Bay Tech
Gold	Maria Ramirez	Wiregrass Ranch High School
Gold	Marta Rivera	Boone High School
Gold	Megan Wydler	Coral Reef High School
Gold	Monica Pajuelo	Cypress Bay High School
Gold	Natali Tejada	Cypress Bay High School
Gold	Nathaly Perez	Coral Reef High School
Gold	Nicole Martinez	Coral Reef High School
Gold	Oldina Paul	Manatee High School
Gold	Yanet Marin	Plantation High School
Silver	Barbara Sanchez	Deltona High School
Silver	Cierra Walker	Boone High School
Silver	Griffin Daly	Deltona High School
Silver	Jaymie Rosenberg	Coral Glades High School
Silver	Jennifer Rodriguez	Coral Reef High School
Silver	Jordyn McCaskill	Deltona High School
Silver	Joshua Weber	Boone High School
Silver	Lauren Frados	Coral Glades High School
Silver	Stephanie Gannett	Manatee High School
Silver	Tatyana Bidopia	Terra Environmental Research Institute
Silver	Vanessa Louis	Plantation High School
Silver	Yamily Moreno	Coral Reef High School
Bronze	Brenna Calhoun	Deltona High School
Bronze	Bryan Rosenberg	Coral Glades High School
Bronze	Cheyenne Demers	Deltona High School
Bronze	Edda Perez	Wiregrass Ranch High School
Bronze	Hailea Jeffreys	Boone High School
Bronze	Haley Hovis	Deltona High School
Bronze	Jaime Torres	Deltona High School
Bronze	Jannie Segarra	Deltona High School
Bronze	Jessica Edwards	Boone High School
Bronze	Jessica Hampton	Middleburg High School
Bronze	Jonathan Eloriaga	Deltona High School

**Barbara James Service Award**

Bronze	Kelvin Rodriguez	Wiregrass Ranch High School
Bronze	Kristie Williams	Wiregrass Ranch High School
Bronze	Loujeanna Michel	Manatee High School
Bronze	Marissa Moyer	Wiregrass High School
Bronze	Michelle Sindoni	Flanagan High School
Bronze	Nicole Avila	Coral Reef High School
Bronze	Ousai Hussain	Coral Glades High School
Bronze	Rosanny Tejada	Boone High School
Bronze	Sahar Shafique	Coral Reef High School
Bronze	Saul Ardon	Tampa Bay Tech
Bronze	Selyne Singh	Wiregrass Ranch High School
Bronze	Shira Sanfeliz	Boone High School
Bronze	Soraya Montoban	Cypress Bay High School
Bronze	Spencer Monast	Boone High School
Bronze	Suzane Nazir	Flanagan High School
Bronze	Victoria Tang	Manatee High School
Recognition	Ali Payan	Deltona High School
Recognition	Amber Brune	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Anna De Castro	South Ft. Myers High School
Recognition	Andres Tribin	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Angelina Delgado	Deltona High School
Recognition	Ariba Iqbal	Tampa Bay Tech High School
Recognition	Athira Nair	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Beeann Davidson	West Florida High School
Recognition	Brenna Leibovitz	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Brittany Moncion	Wiregrass Ranch High School
Recognition	Brooke Miller	Cypress Bay High School
Recognition	Corrin Godlevske	Deltona High School
Recognition	Cridliz Garcia	Boone High School
Recognition	Cynthia Johnson	South Ft. Myers High School
Recognition	Damariz Castille	Boone High School
Recognition	Danyscia Jarvis	Tampa Bay Tech
Recognition	Darshan Patel	Tampa Bay Tech
Recognition	Derek Diel	Boone High School
Recognition	Desirae Crespo	Tampa Bay Tech
Recognition	Dylan Bitar	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Emily Perez	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Emma Fowler	Deltona High School
Recognition	Eyllen Miranda	South Ft. Myers High School
Recognition	Gabriel Ortiz	Cypress Bay High School
Recognition	Ignacio Barajas	West Florida High School
Recognition	Jared Olszewski	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Joli Birchfield	Chiefland High School
Recognition	Joshua Almodovar	Deltona High School



## Barbara James Service Award

Recognition	Kayla McCarthy	Middleburg High School
Recognition	Kelcey McLean	Columbia High School
Recognition	Kendra Miller	Boone High School
Recognition	Lester Denson	South Ft. Myers High School
Recognition	Lillian Nguyen	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Lindsay Kuchenbrod	Deltona High School
Recognition	Mariah Williams	South Ft. Myers High School
Recognition	Matt Santos Vidal	South Ft. Myers High School
Recognition	Meaghan Mullins	South Ft. Myers High School
Recognition	Michelle Palma	Wiregrass Ranch High School
Recognition	Morgan Hackett	Deltona High School
Recognition	Nicholas Yanez	Wiregrass Ranch High School
Recognition	Nichole Moroz	Deltona High School
Recognition	Nicole Halcomb	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Onyeka Ibe	Oakleaf High School
Recognition	Rashida Howard	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Reem Tayara	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Riley Salmon	South Ft. Myers High School
Recognition	Sarah Bura	South Ft. Myers High School
Recognition	Shania Walker	Deltona High School
Recognition	Shelbi Fennell	Columbia High School
Recognition	Shelsea Silien	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Steven Paul	Tampa Bay Tech
Recognition	Steven Rivera	Coral Glades High School
Recognition	Summer Anderson	Wiregrass Ranch High School
Recognition	Tariq Williams	Wiregrass Ranch High School
Recognition	Tinesha McCrae	Deltona High School
Recognition	Vonda McCoy	Tampa Bay Tech
Recognition	Yanishel Velez	Boone High School
Recognition	Zachary Gilbert	Coral Glades High School

## HOSA Happenings

Middleburg High School
Palm Beach Gardens High School
Deltona High School
West Florida High School
A. Philip Randolph Flanagan
St. Lucie West Centennial
Miami Springs Sr. High School
University of West Florida

## MRC Volunteer Recognition

Jessica MacFarlane	Deltona High School
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## Congratulations Scholarship Winners!

### National HOSA Scholarship Recipients - \$2,000

Barbara Sanchez, Deltona High School  
Career Goal: Athletic Trainer  
Advisor: Alisha Kellett

Diego Figueroa, Coral Reef High School  
Career Goal: Reconstructive Surgeon  
Advisor: Laura Fink

### National Children's Oral Health Foundation - \$1,000

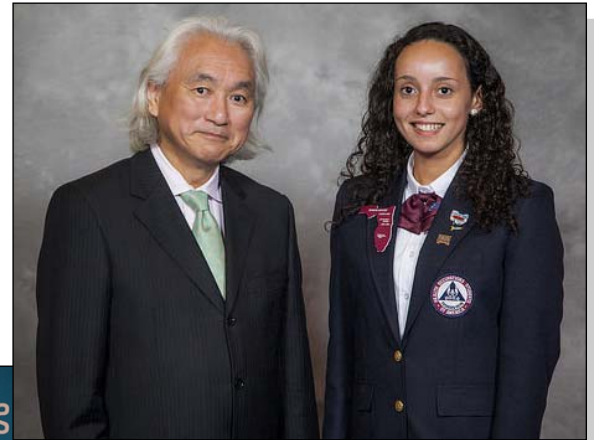
Sian Hctor, Jupiter High School  
Career Goal: Dentist  
Advisor: Sharleen Scarafia



Congratulations, Diego, for being elected to the National HOSA Executive Council as Region II Vice President!



Army booth at Expo



Our own Barbara Sanchez, a scholarship winner, meets Dr. Michio Kaku, our keynote speaker!

Sarah Sherba - 1<sup>st</sup> in Clinical Specialty

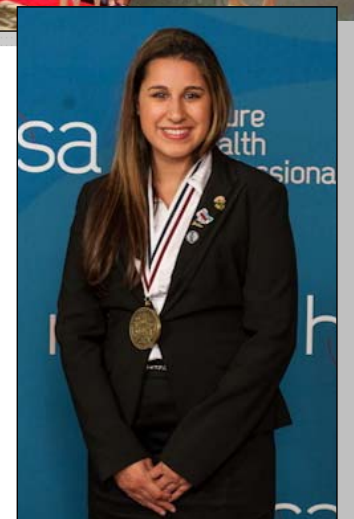


Laura Fletcher took the gold in KT: Medical Law & Ethics, Postsecondary

Anatomy in Clay Representative at the Expo



Julia Collazo and Masha Venskauskaitė receive 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Postsecondary Medical Math, respectively.



Nicole Colletta - 1<sup>st</sup> in KT: Nutrition, Postsecondary



## Focus On:

### HOSA's National Service Project Organization - The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

**Make More than a Donation, Make a Difference!**

More children than ever are surviving leukemia, but it is still the leading cause of cancer death among children and young adults. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) School & Youth<sup>SM</sup> Programs – Pennies for Patients<sup>®</sup> and Olive Garden's Pasta for Pennies - provide a meaningful way for kids to help their peers who are battling cancer. These campaigns consist of students collecting donations for a three to four week period during the school year. Funds are raised in honor of local student survivors and current patients. LLS provides all the materials your school needs, including: a coordinator guide with step-by-step instructions, collection boxes for classrooms, thermometer posters, educational videos, service learning lesson plans, and an online fundraising webpage.

By participating, students learn not only about the difference they can make in the life of a cancer patient, but also about leadership, teamwork, and the importance of philanthropy. Staff members from LLS will be there every step of the way and will truly take the time to meet with your HOSA chapter in person (when possible) and through web conferencing. These fundraising professionals will help you create new and exciting plans to raise funds for your campaign and assist you through its execution from start to finish.

"It's inspiring to see young people volunteer and really care about helping others," said Executive Director, Kelley Lesperance. "It's a program that is truly meaningful because kids learn that their efforts really make a difference." For the past 17 years kids have shown how much of an impact they can have by raising more than \$261 million to fund breakthrough therapies and patient services. During the 2013-14 school year, students raised an amazing \$28 million to support blood cancer research and patient services. LLS uses the money raised to fund scientific research for drugs that help some patients live a normal life. Drugs like Gleevec, a targeted therapy, zeroes in on cancer cells and kills them.

Through the efforts of your participation, HOSA will also be helping LLS research and develop immunotherapies - treatments that actually use a patient's own immune system to kill cancer cells. And that's just for starters. There are more drugs and treatments being developed every day and others just waiting to be discovered!

LLS exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients. Leading the way in blood cancer research, LLS has brought us to where we are today; saving thousands of patients lives every day. We are proud to partner with HOSA and Florida HOSA in the fight against blood cancers. For more information on the School & Youth Programs, or to learn how to register your school, visit <http://www.schoolandyouth.org/school/Controller>, or contact your local chapter - <http://www.lls.org/aboutlls/chapters/>.



Leesburg High School students stepped up to make a difference and raised over \$2,700 in just one month! Register your school today at [www.schoolandyouth.org/school/Controller](http://www.schoolandyouth.org/school/Controller) to make a difference in the fight against blood cancers.

