It’s a bird…. It’s a plane… Wait no! It’s Superman! There he is flying into the heart of Florida HOSA’s most dedicated and engaging members. Those members who are willing to go the extra mile to create a future that is brighter than kryptonite itself. Here in Metropolis, the Daily Planet is proud to announce that the FLDA 2017 theme is ‘Justice Revealed - Uniting Our Leaders’. Now we ask you to join us, the Justice Leaders, from November 17 - 19 at the Fall Leadership Development Academy (FLDA) as we protect Camp Kulaqua from the evil grasp of the Joker and Harley Quinn. No member, advisor, or guest will be caught being serious as we practice the art of communication, teamwork, and confidence during our wilderness stay. So everyone go grab your masks and capes as we journey through enriching workshops, fundraising activities, powerful skits, and campground celebrations! Whether you are team Wonder Woman, Batwoman, or Catwoman, you will make the purrrfect contribution to our League of Leaders! The 2017-2018 Florida HOSA State Officer Team is looking forward to your power poses as we welcome you to this year’s FLDA and help you turn to a new comic book page of dreams and aspirations. Whether you are team Wonder Woman, Batwoman, or Catwoman, you will make the purrrfect contribution to our League of Leaders! The 2017-2018 Florida HOSA State Officer Team is looking forward to your power poses as we welcome you to this year’s FLDA and help you turn to a new comic book page of dreams and aspirations. We ask you to be the heroes of HOSA beyond the mask, because like Batman once said, “It’s not who I am underneath, but what I DO that defines me.” So, until the infamous Bat Signal on November 17th calls; go and represent Florida HOSA with your most powerful servant leadership skills. Until next time - up, up, and away!

Find a penny and pick it up, you'll bring your region some good luck! As we look forward to this school year's State Leadership Conference (SLC) we must not forget about Penny Wars, as the games have officially begun. What is this war of pennies you may ask… well, this is one of the many ways in which we raise money for our National Service Project - this year the National Alliance on Mental Illness! The rules are as follows:
- Throughout the school year, collect pennies for your region as each penny is worth one point and will be placed in a jar at the SLC accordingly.
- All other coins that you collect (dimes, quarters, nickels) will be worth their actual face value, but will not add points, but rather take away points from another region if it is placed in their jar.
- Paper money is also acceptable and will also work towards removing points from other regions.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) works on educating, advocating, listening, and leading people in a fight to stop the stigma surrounding mental illnesses. To find out more about NAMI visit https://www.nami.org/About-NAMI. Can't wait for your region to be crowned winner of Penny Wars at this year’s SLC? Can't wait to raise money for NAMI and fight the stigma? We can't either! We'll see you and your pennies at the State Leadership Conference!
Hello, Florida HOSA! I hope the school year has been good so far and that you are all safe after Hurricane Irma. While the communities in and outside of the United States rebuild due to hurricane disasters, let us continue to prepare ourselves to be future health professionals so we too can do our best to help those around us in times of need.

At this time of year, each region and chapter is beginning to go into full swing for preparation to compete in regional competitions. It is important that you each focus on doing what is best to prepare yourself mentally, physically, and emotionally for competition. Do not forget to check the guidelines for your competitive event as that will ensure you are on the path to preparing well. Whether you form a schedule of studying with your other members, quiz each other on knowledge for your competitive events, practice the skills needed for your competition, or read textbooks at home, remember that the ultimate goal is to train yourself to be diligent, patient, and dedicated. Encourage each other as you pursue proficiency to compete and get excited for the opportunity to show your knowledge and skills at regionals. I hope your efforts are rewarding and you place in the top three and move on to states where we will see you!

Although competition is approaching, do not forget to take care of yourself first. Remember to care for your personal health and do not overstress, as it is a busy time of year. Spend time with your family and friends, and relax when you feel overburdened. We are excited about all your successes and wish you the best of luck as you prepare for competition!

“**A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.”**

- Charles Darwin

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Happy Autumn, Florida HOSA! I hope everyone’s school year has gotten off to a phenomenal start and all is well. We are approaching our Fall Leadership Development Academy (FLDA)! Your State Officer Team and staff have been hard at work preparing for this conference to ensure a great experience for you all! A vital aspect of FLDA is fundraising for our Florida HOSA Foundation Scholarship. This year your State Officer Team have made it our goal to raise at least two thousand dollars! In order to fulfill our goal of giving back to all of you, we need your help! This FLDA (back by popular demand), we will be selling our long-sleeved t-shirts! Each year, your State Officer Team collaborates to create a personal design for the t-shirts based on the FLDA Theme. These t-shirts were made available for pre-order during on-line registration; there will also be a few extra available at the FLDA while supplies last. We will also continue to host our annual “Dancing with the State Officers” where you have the opportunity to break a sweat, get your groove on, and dance on stage with your State Team for only $3 per song! What better way to contribute to funding a scholarship while also enjoying your time! And last, but certainly not least, you will have the opportunity to toss a pie in the face of the members of your State Officer team for only $2 per pie, or $10.00 for the whole team!

That’s all for now, Florida HOSA! We’re looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Leadership Development Academy in November.
Hello, Florida HOSA members! This September your State Officer Team had the opportunity to attend the 11th Annual Washington Leadership Academy (WLA). At WLA we got to attend training workshops, see some of the monuments, and hear some exquisite guest speakers. One of our guest speakers was the former Surgeon General, Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams. She gave an amazing speech which inspired the audience to always follow their dreams.

As Florida HOSA members, you are eligible to apply to be a State Officer. In December, application instructions will be posted to our Florida HOSA website and you have until February 3rd to submit it. Once your application is approved, you will need to study for the State Officer Exam that is given at SLC. After the exam, scores will be calculated and if you have reached the standard, then you will qualify for the interview. But wait - there’s more! The next morning during the Business Session, slated candidates are required to give a speech. This is the candidates time to shine so they should make it memorable, and hopefully, they will be elected as a Florida HOSA State Officer by the voting delegates.

On behalf of the State Officer Team, thank you to everyone for the incredible opportunity to attend WLA and best of luck to our future State Officer candidates!

“"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants."" - Isaac Newton

Florida HOSA, it is that time of the year! With November just around the corner, HOSA Week is quickly approaching. What is HOSA Week? Usually, throughout the first week of November, HOSA members get out into their community and spread information about the healthcare field, show love to healthcare professionals, and promote HOSA. If for some reason your HOSA team is not able to participate in HOSA Week during the first week of November, do not panic! Look at your schedules, see which week your HOSA team is not busy, and BAM! There’s your new HOSA Week! Any week can be HOSA Week, therefore, choose what is best for you and your community.

So what can you do for HOSA Week? In my chapter, the HOSA members would make poster boards about different professions in the healthcare field and hold a Health Fair during lunch. We also invited a speaker from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to present to us and spread awareness of mental illness. HOSA Week is where you get a chance to use your creativity to endorse HOSA and get the public involved. If you need help thinking of ideas for your HOSA week, you can visit http://www.hosa.org/node/122. I can’t wait to hear what all of you did for your HOSA Week!
Do you think you have one of the best Career and Technical Education programs in the nation? Apply for the 2018 Excellence in Action award to showcase the amazing work of your students, instructors, faculty and partners at the national level. In its 5th year, this award honors innovative and high-impact programs across the 16 Career Clusters that prepare students for the real world.

Not only will your program be featured in the media and an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in the spring, you’ll also be contributing to a positive image of CTE programs, and letting policymakers, employers and education leaders know that CTE really is for all students, and prepares them for a lifetime of college and career success. Applications are open to secondary and postsecondary schools/institutions. Apply today!

Learn more about American Education Week Here!

HOSA Week!

HOSA Week is Right around the corner, it is a time for HOSA members to get out into the community and provide services, inform about opportunities in health care, show appreciation to health professionals and promote HOSA! While the first full week in November is usually designated as HOSA Week, chapters can select any week to be HOSA Week for their school. For activity ideas, follow this link to the National HOSA webpage: http://www.hosa.org/node/122.
Introducing New Florida HOSA State Office Staff!

Please join us in welcoming Zach Love, our Information & Data Support Technician/Program Assistant, and Mandy Memolo, our Administrative Assistant/Office Manager! Zach has previous experience working as a Technology Coordinator at a school in South Dakota which has prepared him for many of his new duties at the Florida HOSA State Office, while Mandy hails from North Carolina and has an extensive background in management and finances. They are both excited to be working for Florida HOSA and are anxious to meet our members and advisors! Be sure you introduce yourself when calling or visiting our State Office!