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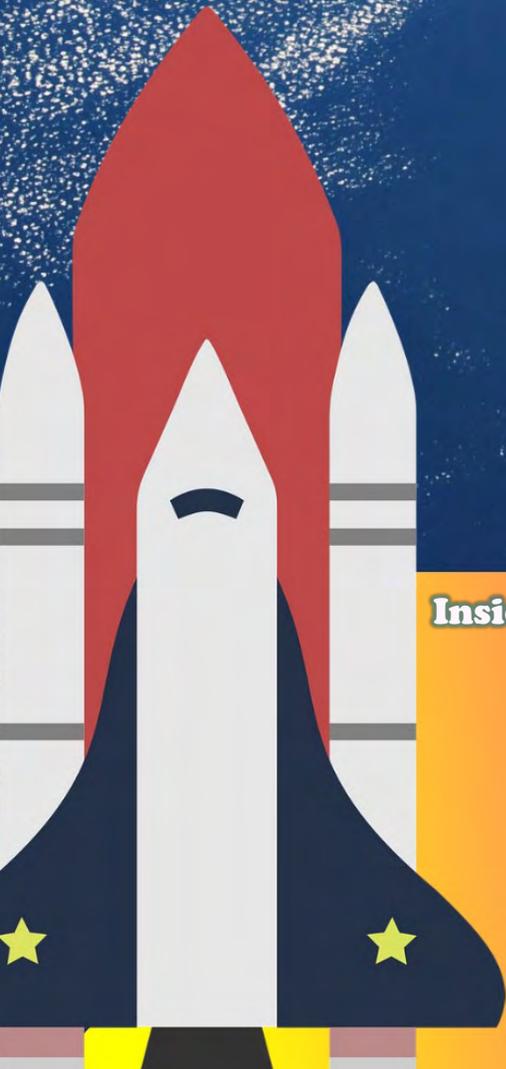


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# State Officer Articles

## SLC, Is That You Again?



**Sricharan Pusala**  
State President

Hey, Florida HOSA! One of the most exciting weeks of the year is just around the corner! The moment we've all been waiting for - SLC 2020! I am excited to announce that this year's State Leadership Conference will be held at the Marriot Orlando World Center from April 2 - 5. The start of a new decade has energized your State Officers to put forth our best efforts in preparing to make this conference one to be always remembered. From the variety of competitors and friends you will meet throughout the conference, to the election of your next State Officer Team, and of course, to the Grand Awards Sessions - it is going to be thrilling! This entire conference is an opportunity for growth and development in your path to becoming the healthcare leaders of the next generation. Seize this opportunity to learn from each other and continue to pursue your dreams with a flame of passion that's never been brighter. With the newly renovated Marriot Orlando World Center, exciting local destinations, and the beautiful city of Orlando, you are sure to enjoy every moment of your trip.

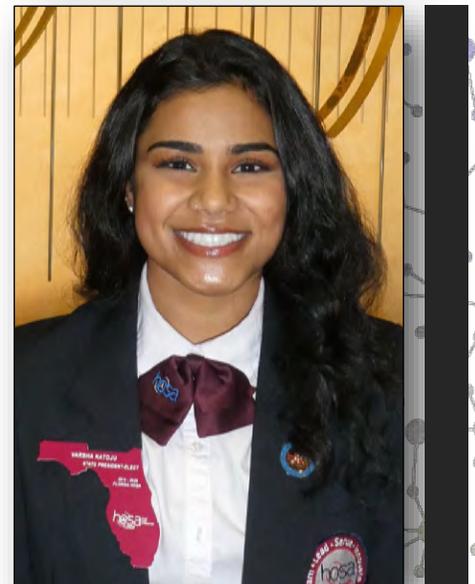
This entire conference has been planned and designed just for YOU! The State Team is extremely proud of all your accomplishments thus far - your commitment to grow as leaders and your pursuit of knowledge. As you prepare to compete at the State Conference, I implore you to pursue this same goal with the same ambition. Ladies and gentlemen, the moment you have prepared for is now! I hope you are all ready to take the first steps towards tomorrow, as we all learn, laugh, and grow at the SLC! Best of luck to everyone - I hope to see you all soon!

## FLDA Recap

Greetings from your officers beyond the void! The 2019 Fall Leadership Development Academy was an out of this world success! This year's theme was *Spreading Leadership Throughout the Galaxy*, and our almost 400 members and advisors in attendance learned about leadership through various workshops. Let's not forget about the skits, minute-to-win-it challenges, Intergalactic Cup, and bonfire. Congrats to Agent S's team for winning the Intergalactic Cup! I thoroughly enjoyed the FLDA; it was truly a humbling experience. The other State Officers and I were able to connect with the members on a personal level. I cannot wait to see what the 2020 Fall Leadership Development Academy will bring!

A special thanks to our honorable guests - our past State and Global/National HOSA President, Sarah Fleischman and our past State President and current Executive Council Postsecondary/ Collegiate Board Representative, Kasey Canteli. Sarah - thank you so much for continuing to give to HOSA and inspiring us with your workshop. Kasey - thank you for bringing greetings from Global/National HOSA and helping us throughout the conference. We also want to thank several other past State Officers and current FHAPA members - Clayton Sims for enlightening us all with his workshop, as well as Michael Riley and Charles Benitez for all they did to assist us! We appreciate you all to the moon and back!

Next up - the 2020 State Leadership Conference! Get ready for another amazing SLC at the Marriot World Center in Orlando. I wish you all the best of luck in your competitions. May the force be with you!



**Varsha Katoju**  
State President - Elect

# State Officer Articles

## Who's Competition Ready!?

WHO IS READY FOR SLC!? Competition is a little more than one month away. Many of the regional conferences have concluded and the top winners have advanced to the State Conference. Congratulations on making it this far! This year's State Leadership Conference will be at the Marriott Orlando World Center. There is no time better than now to take a breather, study and bring your confidence. April is right around the corner and it is now time to come out and show us what you have been preparing for! The SLC is going to be an amazing opportunity to meet healthcare professionals, learn more about related fields, and most importantly, meet new people who share the same interests and passions as you! This is not only going to be a time filled with excitement, but also a time to build new connections and see what members from the other regions have to show. You all have been preparing for a long time, and it is finally time to see all your hard work pay off! All those long nights studying for tests and practicing skills are going to be worth it. Your State Officer team is wishing you an amazing conference and we cannot wait to see you all!



**Brandon Shadeed**  
Northern VP, PS/C

## Scholarships & Fundraisers

Hello again, Florida HOSA, and welcome to 2020! As we enter the new year, let's remember to take the opportunities that are given to us once again. Over the year, your State team has worked to fundraise money for the Florida HOSA Foundation Scholarship! This scholarship is available to all members, so this is your chance! But wait! There's more! Did you know that Global/National HOSA offers scholarships as well? Yes - they do! By completing your Tallo® profile and fulfilling all necessary parts of the application, you can apply for a HOSA Scholarship. Check it out at <http://www.hosa.org/node/150>. The deadline for the Florida HOSA Foundation Scholarship is February 15th and for the HOSA Scholarship, March 15th.

Now, although we as State Officers organize the fundraisers for the Foundation Scholarship, we need YOUR help to raise the money! Do you want to challenge an officer to a friendly competition at SLC? This is your chance! For those who attended our 'out of this world' experience at FLDA, you may remember the Minute-to-Win-It games that we did! Even for those who did not attend, you may know how Minute-to-Win-It works! Join us that Saturday afternoon at SLC for the State Officer Challenge! We have 5 different opportunities for you to show us what you've got! The challenges available are called Separation Anxiety (Sort the Colors), Moving on Up (Cup Stacking), Cornhole, Junk in the Trunk, and our newest challenge of Jumbo Jenga! To test your wits, it will be \$2 for 1 challenge, \$5 for 3 challenges, and \$8 for 6 challenges.

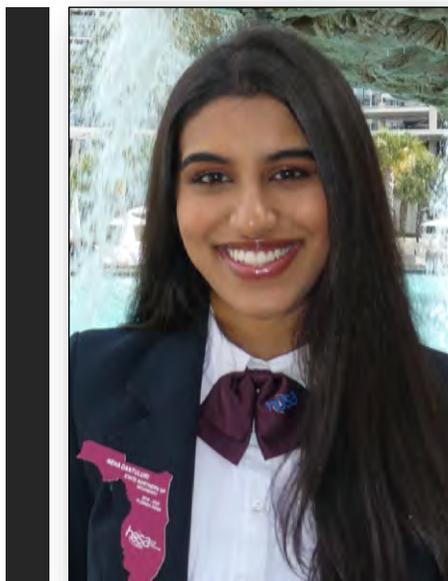
You may also support the Foundation Scholarship by visiting the Lollipop Tree that will be in Conference HQ for a sweet treat and, if you're lucky, an even sweeter prize if you select the right one! We thank you for supporting the Foundation Scholarship. We hope to see you soon at SLC!



**Noel Michel**  
Southern VP, Sec.

# State Officer Articles

## Penny Wars



**Neha Dantuluri**  
Northern VP, Sec.

What did one penny say to another? Let's get together and make some cents! Hello again, Florida HOSA members. While you all are diligently preparing for the State Leadership Conference, I hope you are looking forward to another great competition at SLC - Penny Wars!

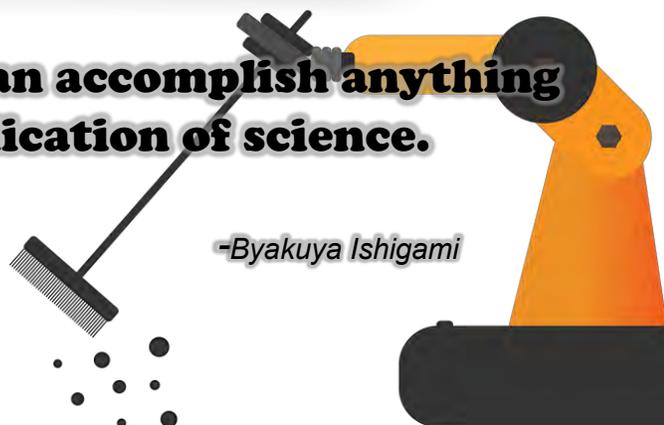
For those of you that are unsure, here's how the competition works:

1. Each region is to collect as many pennies as they can before SLC.
2. Prior to the State Leadership Conference, take the pennies to a bank and cash them in. Have a check made out to "Florida HOSA" and turn it into Conference Headquarters by noon on **Friday, April 3rd**.
3. At SLC, there will be a jar with your region's name on it which people can add pennies to increase your total. Remember to place bills, nickels, dimes, and quarters into other region's bins to lower their totals.
4. The region with the highest total wins the Penny Wars Competition and will receive a plaque during the Awards Session at SLC 2020.

All the money collected from Penny Wars will be given directly to the HOSA Service Project - the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation. Last year, we raised over \$11,000 for the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation! But at SLC 2020, I am more than certain that you all will surpass this number. So, here's to making a difference one penny at a time! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the State Leadership Conference; let's make this conference the best yet!

**If you're serious, you can accomplish anything through a diligent application of science.**

*-Byakuya Ishigami*



# State Officer Articles

## Wait, There's a Dress Code?



**Joshua Hanlon**  
Parliamentarian

What is one of the things that sets HOSA apart from other organizations? Yep, you guessed it, it's how awesome we dress! And at this year's SLC, it will be nothing different from amazing!

When you are packing, be sure not to forget your navy blue or black blazer, navy blue or black slacks, navy blue or black closed-toe shoes, navy blue or black belt, and a white closed-neck, tailored dress shirt suitable for a maroon or navy long tie, or white blouse. Ladies, feel free to wear a navy blue or black skirt instead of slacks if you wish as long as they are knee-length and fit appropriately. You may also choose to wear the maroon HOSA scarf accent. Please make sure your colors coordinate as well! For example, if you choose to wear a navy blue blazer, then wear the navy blue bottoms to match it. Trust me, you will thank me later!

For your competitions, you will want to make sure you check your event guidelines regarding the proper attire (<http://www.hosa.org/guidelines>). In some events, competitors may wear scrubs, business attire, or a polo with khakis.

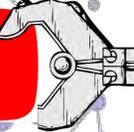
Look good, play well! Congratulations on making it this far, I am excited to get the chance to meet you all and reconnect with some old friends at this year's SLC. Lastly, make sure you pack a camera as well so that you can capture just how good that medal compliments the HOSA attire!

**Knowledge is power. Information is liberating.  
Education is the premise of progress, in every  
society, in every family.**

*- Kofi Annan*

# Updates

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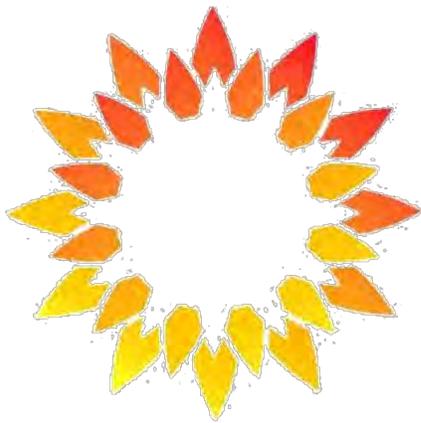


**The SLC 2020 Pin & T-shirt Design Winner is.....**

***Gabriela Rodriguez!!!***  
**from Flanagan High School**

This winning artist will be presented with two t-shirts and ten HOSA pins during the Recognition Session at the State Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL. Thank you for your outstanding work!

A huge thank you to all the artists that submitted designs; everyone did a fantastic job!



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**Start collecting your pennies and other coins for Penny Wars at the SLC!**



## SLC 2020

**Where?**

**Marriot Orlando World Center**

**When?**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration Deadline?**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>**

# FLPA 2019

