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BREAKING NEWS!

Florida HOSA, put down your laptops and tablets! We are planning an IN PERSON State Leadership Conference at the Marriot Orlando World Center from April 9th to 12th! After a cancelled SLC in 2020 and a virtual conference in 2021, your State Officer team could not be more excited to see our HOSA friends and family again. We are energized by your enthusiasm and dedication to healthcare, and promise to make this an SLC you will never forget.

At Winter/Spring Leadership Conferences thus far, the State Officers have witnessed members competing with their hearts on their sleeves. Your passion for healthcare during this time is a force to be reckoned with. We hope you channel this energy into preparing for your competitions in April. We can't wait to see your hard work pay off on the Grand Awards Session stage when you receive a ticket to the International Leadership Conference!

However, the State Leadership Conference is more than a competition. This conference is an opportunity for growth in the progression of your health career. This is a perfect time to exemplify your service capabilities, by fundraising for Be the Match. You also have the unique freedom to network with HOSA members from across our incredible state. Take advantage of this time to learn from each other and encourage one another in your shared goals. I hope you are ready to embark on your healthcare journey and **Shatter Your Expectations** along the way! Good luck and I hope to see you in Orlando!



Rhea Pitale
State President

FALL REFLECTIONS

FLDA 2021 was unlike any FLDA before it. We are so thankful to have enjoyed 3 days of learning, fun, and friendship with all members in attendance. Getting back to in person conferences was a huge milestone and I am so appreciative to all of the members and advisors that made it possible. While this year's FLDA was on the smaller side, I see that as a plus. The State Officer team really enjoyed connecting with each and every one of you. Personally, nothing makes me more excited about HOSA than meeting you, hearing your stories, your dreams, and your goals. I know all of you will do amazing things and FL HOSA will always be in your corner cheering you on.

Looking back at FLDA calls to mind so many fond memories like competing at field day, playing icebreakers, enjoying the scenery, and of course, singing along at the campfire. Shoutout to our wonderful Parliamentarian Avery for bringing the fire and knowing every word to every song Dan "The Man" played. I look forward to jamming out again with you next year. Until then, stay safe, take care of yourselves, and I'll see you at SLC!



Jackson Beecher
State President-Elect

SCHOLARSHIPS

Hi Florida HOSA! With the New Year comes new opportunities, some of which could give you free money! That's right – by applying for HOSA scholarships, you can earn money to further your education. (These are available for secondary seniors and postsecondary members.)

Your State Officer team has been working hard to raise money for the Florida HOSA Foundation to provide scholarships to you – the FL HOSA members! For those of you that attended FLDA, you might have “pied” the state officers in the face to raise money. That money went directly to this scholarship and wouldn't be possible without your help.

At the State Leadership Conference, you will be able to participate in the annual State Officer Challenges. This year, you can challenge us to a game of Cornhole, Football Throw, Junk in the Trunk, and Finish the Lyric! The cost of playing one of your State Officers is \$2 per challenge, \$5 for 3 challenges, or \$8 for 6 challenges (the whole team).

At SLC, for the first time, we will be selling exclusive FL HOSA rubber duckies! You can also stop by Conference Headquarters for our traditional lollipop tree fundraiser. Each lollipop comes with a chance to win a prize, so make sure to bring your cash money!

The application deadline for the FL HOSA Foundation scholarship is February 15th. The application can be found on our website. Please note that transcripts must be mailed to Judy Conlin and the application mailed to Kimberly Bland. The winners of the scholarship will be announced at SLC!

Last but not least: HOSA International has partnered with Tallo to provide members with more scholarships! You can apply by creating a profile on www.tallo.com/hosa and searching for the 2022 HOSA- Future Health Professionals Scholarship. The deadline is April 22, 2022 and recipients of this scholarship will be announced at the International Leadership Conference in Nashville this June. With Tallo, you can also find many other partner scholarships throughout the year. I wish you all the best of luck and look forward to seeing you at SLC!



Elliot Santaella
Southern Vice-President,
Secondary

**"Small opportunities
are often the
beginning of great
achievements."**

**~ Demosthenes,
Athenian Statesman**

LET THE PENNY WARS COMMENCE!

It's time to bring out the big guns, Florida HOSA Members. It's time to bring out the... pennies. Our annual Penny Wars have arrived! This activity is a Florida HOSA staple, and one whose proceeds are wholly donated to HOSA's service project: Be The Match, a nonprofit organization dedicated to diversifying the bone marrow registry and providing life-saving transplants to those diagnosed with blood cancers.

The rules for this showdown are simple. Gather up your spare pennies and loose change for donations to your region and strategic maneuvers to undermine another region. Every penny donated to your region will award one point. But watch out! Other forms of change and cash can reduce the number of points you have collected. For example, a one dollar bill deliberately placed in another region's collection will lose that region 100 points. But, 100 pennies placed in your own region's collection is valued at 100 points. The winner is the region that has collected the most money after considering any possible point deductions, and will be declared during the Secondary and Postsecondary Awards Sessions at the State Leadership Conference. Advisors—be sure to convert the total donation amount into a check and bring it to SLC.

Even though this is a competition, every donation goes to a good cause. No matter the size of the contribution, the payoff is boundless! Good luck, and I will see you all soon!



Anya Patidar
Northern Vice-President,
Secondary

DON'T STAY CALM, LET'S GET PUMPED FOR SLC!!

Florida HOSA, can you guess what time it is?! That's right, the BEST time of the year! Your 2021-2022 State Leadership Conference is just around the corner. All of your time studying, practicing, and perfecting your skills for competitive events will now be showcased at the state level. SLC may seem far from now, but I can assure you—it will be here very soon. For competitors who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at their regional conferences it is very important that you continue to prepare and review your guidelines before heading to SLC.

No matter the placement that you receive, whether it's bronze, silver, or gold—know that the hard work and dedication you put into the competition experience will allow you to grow as a future healthcare professional. The most important takeaway from this State Leadership Conference experience is to have fun! From the Team 21 State Officer Team we wish you the best of luck and look forward to seeing you at the Marriott Orlando World Center!



China Simpo
Northern Vice-President,
Postsecondary

DRESSING FOR SUCCESS!

SLC is just around the corner, but before you can start packing for this event, you must be aware of the SLC Dress Policy. Failure to adhere to the Dress Policy may result in restriction from competition, from entering General Sessions, or walking on stage during awards. The Dress Policy can be broken down into general session dress code, competitive events dress code, and official function dress code. General session dress code includes the official HOSA uniform or a black or navy suit and a white dress shirt/blouse with black or navy slacks/knee length skirt. In both options, the dress code includes closed toe blue or black shoes and a navy or black belt. In the case of competitive events, competitors must adhere to the policy as specified in their individual competitive event's guidelines. If those guidelines list clinical uniform as appropriate attire, the competitor may wear scrubs, clinical shoes/tennis shoes, or khaki pants with a polo shirt. If the guidelines list business attire as appropriate, competitors may wear the official HOSA uniform, blue or black suits, tailored dresses, sports coats, vests, or other general session dress (without the specific color restrictions). Official function dress code is applicable during workshops, the HOSA Expo, and other social activities; appropriate business attire is required. Members may not wear shorts, flip-flops, athletic clothing, sheer clothing, tank tops, crop tops, sweatpants, or clothing with offensive printing. If you are unsure whether or not something is appropriate to wear, review the Dress Policy closely, ask your local HOSA advisor or do not wear that clothing. Reference images and more details are available on the Florida HOSA website under the "Conferences" page in the "State Leadership Conference (SLC)" tab, under "Official HOSA Dress Policy". Your State Officer team cannot wait to see you at SLC looking sharp!

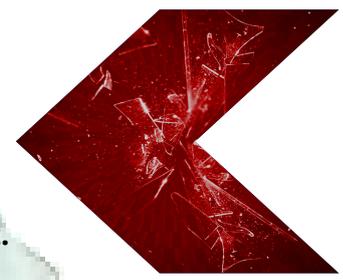


Avery Redlich
State Parliamentarian

"You win a few, you lose a few. Some get rained out. But you got to dress for all of them."

~ Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige, National Baseball Hall of Fame

The Gulf Coast region started off the new HOSA year with the election of the 2021 - 2022 officers: Lola Duytschaver (President), Amy Lu (Vice President), Isabella Garcia and Ailani Maximo-Beltran (Middle School Representatives). Our small, but mighty team has tackled challenges and obstacles while facing another Covid-19 year. The leaders for our region have done a remarkable job continuing the traditional practices of the HOSA year, despite being a few officers short. On November 19-21, the Gulf Coast Region returned to the annual FLDA leadership conference. With the new Florida State Officer team, Gulf Coast Region was able to address any new challenges they had with the wonderful workshop each officer created. Every presentation was carefully crafted to engage peers and reflect on their actions. The weekend ended with the traditional bonfire, new friendships, and comfort despite the uncertainty of the pandemic. HOSA's Service Project for 2020 - 2022 is the "Be the Match" organization. Be the Match is a nonprofit that helps cancer patients all across the globe. This organization has the largest and most diverse registry in the world. Not only that, Be the Match raises money for patients suffering from many blood diseases. Our region has done a fantastic job getting the word out and has held fundraisers to add plenty of new people to the registry. Despite the limitations and challenges of today, the members in our region have remained dedicated to HOSA. They continue to be involved in activities and projects that promote HOSA throughout their school and community. As regionals are approaching, continue to wear your masks and socially distance during our in-person conference. Best of luck to everyone competing!



ENDING BLOOD CANCER STARTS WITH US



2020 ~ 2022 HOSA SERVICE PROJECT

SINCE 2020: HOSA has recruited 167 new members to the registry, added more than 30 to the Under-18 Pre-Registry and raised more than \$120,000!



Start collecting your pennies and loose change for Penny Wars at the SLC!

UNLOCK YOUR LIFE-SAVING POTENTIAL

PATIENTS ARE COUNTING ON US
 You can help more patients find their life-saving donor. Scan with your phone or visit BeTheMatchHOSA.org to learn how to get involved.





SLC 2022

WHERE?

MARRIOTT ORLANDO
WORLD CENTER

WHEN?

APRIL 9TH -12TH

REGISTRATION

DEADLINE?

MARCH 1ST

Congratulations!

TO THE SLC 2022 PIN &
T-SHIRT DESIGN
WINNER

**LAYLA
MORALES**

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 their fantastic designs and our members for voting!!



In Case You Missed It (ICYMI)

Emily Hathcock, former HOSA Executive Council Member and Alumni, will donate as a result of joining the Be The Match registry.

HOSA Receives the Grow Award from Be The Match!

HOSA-Future Health Professionals Attends the 2021 ACTE CareerTech VISION Conference.

Read more about these exciting accomplishments on the national HOSA website at www.hosa.org.

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