Abracadabra..... it’s FLDA!

BY JACKSON BEECHER
State President

The weather is cooling off, pumpkin spice is back at Starbucks, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. This can only mean one thing... It’s time for FLDA! Your State Officers have been hard at work brewing something extraordinary. Magic is certainly in the air and about the grounds at Camp Kulaqua. Our registered members can expect phenomenal workshops from their State Officer team and Florida HOSA Alumni. FLDA is a time to learn and grow as a leader. It is my hope that you will find the workshops both engaging and informative. We as Team 22 want nothing more than the continued growth and success of you and your local chapters. Our magical members have so much to look forward to - like the beautiful environment, entertaining skits, good food, and some exciting fundraisers. Team 22 can’t wait to welcome you to the Wizarding World of Florida HOSA’s 2022 FLDA. Bring your wands, cauldrons, and excitement for what will be an unforgettable time!

“LET US STEP INTO THE NIGHT AND PURSUE THAT FLIGHTY TEMPTRESS, ADVENTURE.”
–THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE
Alchemy 101... Turning Pennies Into Life Savers!

BY ABIE OTOTE, State President-Elect

Florida HOSA, get excited for...you guessed it, Penny Wars! This annual competition is a great way to raise money for our Premiere Service Project, Be the Match. Now you may be wondering, how exactly does it all work? Well, I am so glad you asked. The State Leadership Conference will be when all the funds you have raised are collected, as there will be eleven water jugs labeled with the names of each region. One penny in a jar is worth one point, while depositing cash or any other coins results in negative points based on the cent amount (nickel is -5, dime is -10, a quarter is -25, and so on.) This means that if you want your region to win, you might be encouraged to deposit paper money into the jugs of other regions, because, ultimately, the region with the most pennies wins! Speaking of which, at our last SLC, the winner was the Treasure Coast Region, which had raised a whopping $1,320.77! It should also be known that the total amount fundraised was $3,176.07, and for that, Florida HOSA, we are extremely grateful. So, are you looking for ways to raise money before the big day at SLC? One option would be to hold a mini Penny Wars competition within your school's chapter of HOSA, or even amongst the chapters in your region. Remember, every contribution counts, so I would say it only makes "cents" to bring some pennies along with you to SLC as well. Until then, happy fundraising! I look forward to seeing you all at FLDA.

“WE ARE ONLY AS STRONG AS WE ARE UNITED, AS WEAK AS WE ARE DIVIDED.”
– THE GOBLET OF FIRE

WLA Cheers & State Officer Casting Call!

BY COURTNEY BAUER, Southern V.P., Secondary

I want to start off with a big THANK YOU to all our Florida HOSA members! We had the opportunity to attend the Washington Leadership Academy in DC this past month, and it wouldn't have been possible without the relentless and overwhelming support from all of you! Between spending time with State Officers from around the world, meeting the International Executive Committee, sightseeing, and attending several leadership-based workshops, our time at WLA was well spent, to say the least. Most notable at the conference was the opportunity to recognize and focus on our individual strengths that each act as a piece to the puzzle that is our officer team. It is our continued goal to grow and develop as leaders that humble ourselves for the greater good of Florida HOSA, ultimately acting as the pipeline for future health professionals!

Speaking of the State Officers, it's almost time to start applications to be a part of the team! Over winter break, Florida HOSA will release this year’s State Officer application, which should be completed and mailed to the Florida HOSA office after January 1st, 2023, but postmarked BEFORE Saturday, February 4th, 2023. If you have always dreamed (or haven't until now considered) of being part of the officer team and serving Florida HOSA in this way, this is your chance! Those who submit a completed application before the deadline should be prepared for a knowledge test at SLC (but don't stress – there will be important study hints sent to you). Candidates who pass the test will be slated after an interview and have the opportunity to network with voting delegates at a meet and greet. Finally, speeches will be presented at the Business Session and next year’s Florida HOSA State Officer team will be announced at the General Session! To anyone considering applying for a position as State Officer, I wish you the best of luck and can't wait to meet you at SLC in the spring!
STATE OFFICER ARTICLES

Catch the Spirit of Giving!

BY ELLIOT SANTAELLA AGUILAR, Northern V.P., Postsecondary

Happy Fall, Florida HOSA! As fall conferences come to an end, your State Officers cannot wait to see you all again at our annual Fall Leadership Development Academy! On top of everything Jackson mentioned, at FLDA you will have the opportunity to raise money that goes right back to you! We partner with the Florida HOSA Foundation to bring exclusive scholarships to our members. First off, Team 22 has designed this year’s FLDA long-sleeved tee. The t-shirts have a beautiful look that goes with the Wizarding World theme! Your advisor might have pre-ordered these when they registered for FLDA, but if not, you can bring cash to buy one for only $18 at Camp Kulaqua on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. Second, we are doing our annual Pie-your-State-Officers-in-the-face! Be sure to bring $2 cash if you would like to pie 1 State Officer, $5 for 3 State Officers and only $10 for the whole team! We are also bringing back our lollipop tree, which, if you’re lucky enough to draw the right lollipop, you’ll win a cool prize! And for the FIRST time... you will be able to make your own pet rock pumpkin with the State Officer team for only $4 for a small pumpkin or $6 for large pumpkin! Tickets will be sold at the beginning of FLDA so be sure to get yours. And remember, all these proceeds go straight to the Florida HOSA Foundation for scholarships for Florida HOSA members who apply this year. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to do so! Team 22 can’t wait to see you soon.

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Summoning Competition Success!

BY CHETANA MOVVA, Northern V.P., Secondary

Hello Florida HOSA! I’m so excited to see you go Beyond All Limits as you compete this year in your competitive events! With that being said, let’s make sure you are competition ready and know all the steps to competing from preparation to placing!

When you’ve decided which competitive event you want to do, the next step is to find the guidelines for your event on the Global HOSA website. Simply visit www.hosa.org and scroll over “Competition” on the ribbon. As the options appear, click on “Guidelines” then scroll down to your selected event and click on it (a pdf file should open that you can download or print). Categories are also linked at the top of the guidelines page for quick access. Please be sure to download the right competitive event guideline according to your grade level: middle school vs secondary/postsecondary.

Also under the “Competition” ribbon are a plethora of great resources for you to reference when preparing: the General Rules and Regulations (make sure to read through this!), Competitive Event Useful Tools (need help choosing an event or submitting? Go here!), Appendices (make sure to reference these general policies), and a very helpful FAQ page, among other resources!

Now that you have prepared for your event, it’s time to put your knowledge and skills to the test by competing at your regional conference! Be sure to follow the appropriate dress code and bring any materials needed for your event to your competition; it might be easy to miss the small details but they make all the difference!

Finally, you’ve finished competing and are waiting to be placed during the awards session at your regional conference. For every event at the regional level, the top three competitors/teams become eligible to compete at the state level. Team 22 can’t wait to see you at SLC in Orlando!!
Hello Florida HOSA members and advisors! As we approach an exciting year of events and conferences ahead of us, we want to make sure your experiences are not held back by unfortunate college debt. As such, I am thrilled to remind you all of the incredible scholarship opportunities this organization has to offer. Founded by Dr. Etta McCulloch, the Florida HOSA Foundation will be awarding scholarship(s) to senior secondary/postsecondary students planning to or currently attending a Florida postsecondary school and enrolled in a health science program. The proceeds from all fundraisers (especially FLDA!) go towards this scholarship. Further information and access to the scholarship application link can be found by hovering over the “Resources/Publication” tab at the top of the Florida HOSA website, and sliding down to the “Scholarships” tab. Here, you will be able to find the necessary requirements to apply, as well as the corresponding items that need to be turned in alongside the application. The submission will be open on October 1st, and the deadline for applying for the Florida HOSA Foundation Scholarship is February 28th, 2023.

In the “Scholarships” tab, you will also be able to access the Global HOSA scholarship, in which HOSA and its partners offer scholarships to HOSA members pursuing numerous different career paths. It is important to note that all HOSA members must have a Tallo account and apply through this platform to be considered for the scholarship. Applying is easy, so please ensure you complete all the necessary requirements prior to submitting your application. For more information, visit the Florida HOSA website!

“HAPPINESS CAN BE FOUND, EVEN IN THE DARKEST OF TIMES, IF ONLY ONE REMEMBERS TO TURN ON THE LIGHT.”
– THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN

HOSA eMagazine FALL 2022

The HOSA eMagazine shares news and updates from HOSA-Future Health Professionals, HOSA Chartered Associations, Local Chapters, HOSA members and alumni, as well as health industry and career and technical education news. We encourage all HOSA chapters and members to share their stories with us. Check out the latest FALL 2022 edition at https://hosa.org/hosa-emagazine/.
The Big Hit Brownies

The First Member Meeting

What makes a meeting purposeful? Well, there are a plethora of aspects that need to be considered before answering a question of such magnitude. Perhaps it’s the information that’s being shared. It could also possibly be the amount of people that even bothered to attend said meeting. While both of these aspects seem to build the foundation of a meeting, nothing is more important than the unity that a meeting can beautifully create. Unity is what makes a purposeful meeting.

The first HOSA member meeting was scheduled for September 6, 2022, at around 2:10 pm. Chandler Aniel is the current president of the club at Mandarin High School and all he and the officers wanted to do was make sure that everything went well and the goal of unifying the people attending was accomplished. After all, this would be the first impression for a lot of the students interested in joining HOSA. Thus, he sought after a way to unify the students and encourage them to join the club. That’s when he turned to the help of his family and came up with an idea. He decided to make brownies.

The Brownies

Four batches of brownies were to be baked. Nearly sixty people had signed up on club day, showing their interest in attending the first meeting. Therefore, many brownies had to be made. Funny enough, the brownies were created from a mix, packaged in a box. But that wasn’t all too important. What really mattered was whether or not the people eating the brownies would enjoy them.

What The People Thought

“They were immaculate.” – Jasmine Sank

“The brownies were a way to bring everyone together and send warm welcomes to HOSA members. Everyone loved it, including myself.” – Evana Dedi

“The brownies were delicious. It brought unification within the members at the meeting and was a great welcome for everyone.” – Francesca Dedi

Aftermath

The meeting was a success with a great turn out. An overwhelming number of students participated in the meeting and enjoyed the brownies. Unity was achieved.
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IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that Florida HOSA pays tribute to the passing of two Honorary Lifetime Members:

Patricia Hird: As a Health Science teacher in high school, Pat ran an award-winning HOSA program for over 20 years! Pat was instrumental in helping at both regionals and states in multiple facets. After Pat retired from teaching, she continued her service to HOSA by volunteering as the Treasurer for the Florida HOSA Foundation, demonstrating her continued love and passion for HOSA!

Angela Mates: Angela was a Regional Advisor and member of the Florida HOSA Board of Directors since 2013. She started as an Event Manager at SLC 2014; and subsequently served each year thereafter as the Courtesy Corps Coordinator during the SLC. Angela was always willing to help HOSA in any capacity.

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