

# Will Your Chapter be a Florida HOSA Guardian Chapter?



During the COVID-19 pandemic, the world has looked to our front-line health care professionals for hope. In our world, Florida HOSA is calling upon our members for hope. HOSA - Future Health Professionals is dedicated to creating opportunities that inspire the next generation of healthcare workers. We're calling upon you, our members, to maintain your determination and continue to “*Unlock Your Potential*” by affiliating this year and becoming our champions so that Florida HOSA endures.

To encourage and support you, we have devised a unique distinction for chapters that “guard” Florida HOSA’s commitment to our core values of Learning, Leadership, Service, and Innovation. The “**Guardian Chapter**” title will be granted to local chapters who meet or exceed their

membership numbers from the 2019 - 2020 academic year. We will recognize these very special chapters in our Instagram/Facebook feed, as well as post them to a special page on the Florida HOSA website. Our Guardian Chapters will also be listed in Florida HOSA newsletters, on the large screens during the General Sessions at SLC or as part of a virtual SLC, and also be distinguished in the SLC Program (hard copy or digital).

Additionally, members of a designated Guardian Chapter can purchase a striking, high polished copper plated lapel pin for \$1.50 each (plus postage) through their advisor to commemorate their championing for Florida HOSA during these unprecedented times. Together, we have made memories that we will cherish, but now more than ever, we need you to show leadership in your communities and school to keep Florida HOSA shining brighter than ever before!







**Live-Stream**



**Rally**

**Sept. 12th**  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Kick off the HOSA Year right  
and tune into the

**Official** Florida HOSA YouTube Channel

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmmAj1Njhs8gBjVE7JRyH7w>)

for a Live-Stream with your Florida HOSA State Officers!

HOSA information, guidance, and opportunities  
will be presented, along with a  
Special Program and Seminar Series from  
College Action Planning Solutions (please see flyer - next page).

We hope to “see” you there!



**2020-2021**

# **WELCOME BACK RALLY**



**Florida HOSA ~ Future Health Professionals is Inviting  
College Action Planning Solutions  
to discuss a *Special Program and Seminar Series*  
for All Florida Middle School & High School HOSA Chapters**

## **Does Your Chapter Want to:**

- ✓ Find Additional Ways to Help Fund Your HOSA Dues for the 2020-2021 School Year?
- ✓ Learn how to Schedule your Own Fundraiser Right Away & to Help Raise Funds for your Chapter All Year Long?
- ✓ Help Your Students Strategize How to Financially Access the College Education of Their Dreams?
- ✓ Show Their Families Strategies for Funding that Education While Still Being Able to Retire One Day?

**Help Us Rally All Florida HOSA Members for this Special Opportunity!**

**Please Reach Out to Jeff Schechtman, President and Co-Founder of C.A.P.S. College Action Planning Solutions for Details: [jschechtman@mycoastalwealth.com](mailto:jschechtman@mycoastalwealth.com)**

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# Welcome Back!

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**Varsha Katoju**  
State President

Welcome back, Florida HOSA members! It is crazy to think that summer is over! Last year was an unprecedented time, but I know that our Florida HOSA members will emerge from these difficult times stronger and braver than ever.

As your State President this year, I want to make sure that Florida HOSA can still extend the same opportunities that we provided members in the past, even if we are currently amidst a global pandemic. I promise we will find the safest ways possible for members to get involved in the organization they love so much!

This fall I will be attending the University of Florida majoring in Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience with a minor in English. I know that I share my passion and determination to become a future health professional with the 16,000 Florida HOSA members that I humbly serve. Therefore, we need to work hard and push ourselves this year to be one step closer to making those dreams a reality. It will be hard at times, you may feel that you have burned out, and you may even question your goals, but you must remember that you have Florida HOSA believing in you each step along the way.

The State Officer team and I are always here to help you. Do not limit yourselves, it is okay to be ambitious! Let's stay strong, unified, and hopeful for the 2020 - 2021 Florida HOSA year!

*"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."*

- Roy T. Bennett

Welcome back, Florida HOSA! After the hardships of these past few months, I hope you had the time and space to set new goals and hold yourself to higher standards. I definitely have as your newly elected State Officer! Although this past election for state office was unusual, I am overwhelmingly grateful for the opportunity to serve Florida HOSA!

I am a freshman at the University of Florida, majoring in Neurobiological Sciences. I embark on the Pre-med track with the intention of becoming a physician. I aspire to serve my community through medicine, recognition of healthcare disparities, and possibly healthcare administration.

Gainesville is far from home, but I will strive to bring our HOSA

family closer during this school year. I am excited to increase regional communication with State Officers and with each other. Communication is more important now than ever!

Each Florida HOSA member's integrity and drive to make a difference is inspirational. Throughout this school year, I implore you to keep an open mind, listen and learn from others, continue educating yourself, and to never doubt your potential. Continue to live and dream unapologetically. The impact you can have on yourself and those around you is boundless. This year will definitely be one for the books!



**Rhea Pitale**  
State President-Elect



From global pandemic to hurricane season and now the upcoming school year, time has flown extremely quickly! Welcome back to the 2020 - 2021 academic year. I'm sure that all of us can agree that we have been through a lot this past year. Yet no matter the circumstances of the past, I am beyond excited to see what the future has in store for this organization.

I am insanely thankful and honored to be re-elected as a State Officer! Serving you all has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. Currently, I am a freshman at the University of South Florida double majoring in Business and Biomedical Sciences on the Pre-med track. Although the year has just begun, I am hopeful of the future we have ahead of us. Together, we have accomplished so much more than ever before. This next year, I strive to continue pushing Florida HOSA towards an even better tomorrow. Simply put, I am forever indebted to the opportunities, experiences, and memories that we have shared this past year. Florida HOSA, I truly believe in the greatness we entail. Let's make this next year the best yet!



**Neha Dantuluri**  
State Northern VP - Sec.

*"Don't limit your challenges.  
Challenge your limits."*

- Unknown



**Joshua Hanlon**  
State Northern VP - PS/C

collegiate level. Please cherish your HOSA experiences as they will truly fly by.

Buried in the Heart of Florida, I study Biomedical Sciences at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Florida HOSA, it is sooo great to be back! I hope you all are hungry for another year of excitement and your brains are ready to be packed with more knowledge. Sorry - how could I forget to properly introduce myself! My name is Joshua Hanlon and this will be my sixth year as a HOSA member. And wow, it has truly been a blessing as these years have flashed before my eyes. Some of my best friends have come from HOSA whether it be at the high school level or the

At UCF, we take pride in being Knights whether it be in our community by being a leader, or in the classroom by striving for excellence scholastically. Upon graduation, I hope to become an EMT with the long term goal of eventually attending a medical school so I may continue my passion within the medical field.

Enough about me though! This year is about you, the members. Our team is already working on things to make this year one for the books. Although nothing may be guaranteed this year, nothing is guaranteed in life. I will close by saying reach for the stars this year and you will be surprised at just where you may land; we will be here to help you along the way!



**China Simpo**  
State Southern VP - Sec.

Hi there, Florida HOSA, and welcome back! It's that time of year that we all look forward to! I am so genuinely pleased to welcome all new and returning members to the 2020 - 2021 school year. Are you ready for it? This year will be filled with nothing less than excitement for our journey ahead!

Allow me to introduce myself to you wonderful HOSA lovers. Born and raised in South Florida, my love for HOSA grew as a former member of the Broward Region. I've been a part of HOSA since my sophomore year at Charles W. Flanagan High School in Pembroke Pines. I am currently a freshman at Nova Southeastern University majoring in Biology, hopeful to attend Dental School some day. It is my utmost honor to serve as your Southern Vice-President, Secondary for this year.

One of my personal goals for the upcoming term is to continue the great HOSA legacy by positively impacting each and every one of you future health professionals to achieve nothing less than excellence. Collectively, we all are the reason HOSA is such a strong family and will someday make up the country's finest group of future doctors, nurses, scientists and more. It is with my best hopes and wishes that even through these unprecedented times, we will continue to expand and increase the active membership of Florida HOSA! I look forward to a memorable year and meeting all of you at this year's events. Until then... stay safe, have a fantastic year, and see you soon!!

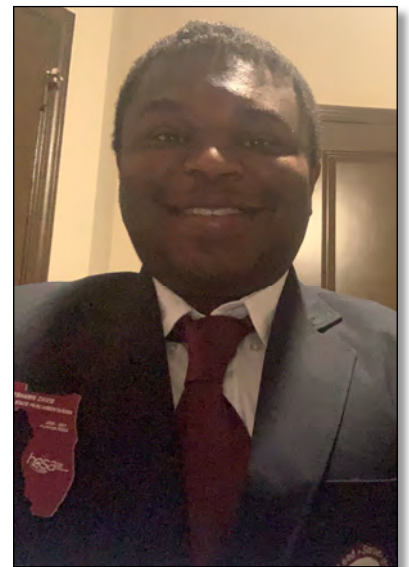
*"Today is your opportunity to build  
the tomorrow you want ."*

- Ken Poirot

I think it can be agreed by all that 2020 has been nothing short of unprecedented. What promised to be an extraordinary year for HOSA in January has turned into a time period no one could have foreseen. Through the many difficulties faced in this period, I have had the opportunity to experience Florida HOSA maintaining the level of optimism that serves as a constant reminder as to why I love this organization. It is also the responsibility of myself and my team to ensure that the spirit of HOSA is restored and unending.

I am currently a junior at the University of South Florida studying Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Psychology and the goal of obtaining my Medical Doctorate's degree. From my humble beginning in Florida

HOSA six years ago until now, I have had the immense pleasure to watch HOSA grow, not only in membership, but its reach to prospective health professionals. As we enter a new year for Florida HOSA, it is my personal commitment that members experience a year unlike any other. As your Parliamentarian, I pledge to establish surprises so that the spirit of HOSA continues well past the academic school year. Moreover, I intend to make certain the many facets of HOSA are kept in order. With the new HOSA year on the horizon, a plethora of opportunities is coming to connect with each and every one of you. Let's make Florida HOSA unforgettable this year!



**Keyshawn Davis**  
State Parliamentarian



## VILC 2020 Barbara James Service Award

### Gold

Abramson, Alejandra  
Alshorman, Mohammad  
Averill, Nathalie  
Barshak, Isabelle  
Bhaya, Anay  
Cheeki Reddy, SriHasini  
Cherukuru, Rishika  
Collado, Ricardo  
Dantuluri, Satya  
Dee, Lauren  
Fermin, Natalia  
Galban, Erika  
Gavini, Siri  
Ghantous, Zaina  
Graham, Kaliyah  
Haffizula, Anisa  
Hallett, Jessica  
Helmes, Ryan  
Herbert, Sage  
Hernandez, Aldair  
Hossain, Labiba  
Hossain, Rafa  
Hossain, Raisa  
Jurado, Maria  
Kolenda, Meghan  
Kyaw, Jewel  
Lawrence, Zachary  
Lazara, Katelyn

Leon, Austin  
Long, Madison  
Maharaj, Sapna  
Manko, Lucas  
Mansaram, Teshri  
Mathew, Ebin  
Mattison-Santos, Beatrice  
Million, Matilyn  
Moolchand, Arianna  
Moon, Ashley  
Moura, Julianna  
Nepal, Smarika  
Pattoor, Vasanthkumar  
Pizza, Christina  
Prabu, Shivani  
Sama, Tarun  
Sanchez, Yashira  
Santiago, Demaree  
Seixas, Carolina  
Simard, Mya  
Stump, Jade  
Thompson, Ariyonna  
Velasco, Valentina  
Vidal, Maria  
Wilson, Ashley  
Xiao Barbero, Miguel  
Younus, Shamsia  
Zaverchand, Ashni

### Silver

Aji, Aleena  
Charles, Anne  
Crumpton, Morgan  
Daly, Emma  
Dang, Alex  
Felix, Jade  
Goncalves, Kate  
Hack-Juman, Riley  
Inampudi, Rohit  
Kinney, Angelina  
Lares, Savanah  
Marcelin, Leica  
Miller, Reagan  
Moldthan, Dustin  
Morris, Kristen  
Nguyen, Jason  
Oppenheiser, Sophia  
Patel, Nandini  
Peters, Jessica  
Rivera, Joel  
Subramaniam, Nithin  
Taylor, Dylan  
Thirupathi, Harshitha  
Velez, Yarielis  
Viradiya, Ashley  
Webb, Mariam  
Yu, Colton

### Bronze

Alfieri, Anna  
Bangash, Alizain  
Bartlett, Abigail  
Bautista, Vanessa  
Bell, Brittany  
Beqaj, Emma  
Bodet, Imani  
Bondu, Muni  
Brown, Hannah  
Das, Alisha  
Davis, Jimmy  
Deleon, Briana  
Deras, Karla  
Engleman, Joseph  
Fernandez, Katherine  
Ford, Kerrington  
Gonzalez, Keyla  
Hall, Brooke  
Hap, Chase  
Hossain, Noreen  
Hunt, Jonah  
Karnam, Medha  
Krompass, Jessica  
Lau, Erika  
Liu, Amy  
Macias, Alex  
Mackey, Eric  
Madaram, Sanjana  
Mathew, Ivanna  
Mcemore, Brianna  
Mishra, Roshni  
Morris, Emily  
Nugent, Ashley  
Patel, Briya  
Polanco, Anna-Karina  
Poppo, Brandon  
Randazzo, Nicholas  
Rocha, Scarlett  
Serrato, Evelyn  
Siu, Jaclyn  
Solache-Resendiz, Abigail  
Speed, Offeyeona  
Srybnykh, Kathryn  
Suarez, Khloe  
Thaler, Rachael  
Verma, Manasi  
Walford, Jordyn  
Wen, Aida  
Wooldridge, Jiselle  
Young, Rachel  
Zhou, Erin

## VILC 2020 HOSA Service Project

Deltona High School - Certificate of Merit  
Falcon Cove Middle School - Certificate of Merit  
Flanagan High School - Certificate of Merit  
Palm Beach Gardens H.S. - Certificate of Merit

Celebration High School - Certificate of Recognition  
Coral Glades High School - Certificate of Recognition  
Cypress Bay High School - Certificate of Recognition  
Middleburg High School - Certificate of Recognition  
Nova Southeastern University - Certificate of Recognition  
Palm Harbor Univ. High School - Certificate of Recognition

**VILC 2020**  
**National Geographic Learning**  
**Academic Testing Center for Future**  
**Health Professionals**

Allied Health Statistics 1<sup>st</sup> - Michael Wei  
Allied Health Statistics 9<sup>th</sup> - Victor Wang  
Bioengineering 5<sup>th</sup> - Eric Mackey  
Bioengineering 6<sup>th</sup> - Roshni Mishra  
Human Heredity 6<sup>th</sup> - Aishwarya Ayyanathan  
Medical Math Advanced 4<sup>th</sup> - Jacob Givoni  
Occupational Health & Safety 7<sup>th</sup> - Audrey Anderson  
Occupational Health & Safety 8<sup>th</sup> - Alecia Lennox





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2020 - 2022 HOSA Service Project:

### Be the Match

<https://bethematch.org/>

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

## HOSA Week

November 1 - 7, 2020

(or whenever your chapter designates!)

HOSA Week 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>.

### 2020 Virtual Fall Leadership Development Academy (VFLDA)

One day meeting of your choice  
(until filled - limited to 100 each day)  
November 14, 15, 21 or 22

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

Cost: \$20 per person

**Registration Deadline: October 13, 2020**

- ➡ Get to know your State Officer Team in **exciting, fun, and engaging** workshops and activities!
- ➡ Meet members from all across Florida and make lasting friendships!
- ➡ Polish your social networking talents and master other skills to implement in your local chapters and regions!
- ➡ Help raise funds for the Florida HOSA Foundation Scholarship by purchasing a long-sleeve t-shirt (pre-order only).

Information will be posted on our website and mailed in September!

On-line registrations must be completed by October 13<sup>th</sup> and payment must be postmarked by October 16<sup>th</sup>.





## 2020 – 2021 Calendar of Events

(times and dates are subject to change, Rev. 8/10/20)

July 20 - 22, 2020	Annual Florida Association for Career and Technical Education (FACTE)/HOEAF Conference Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld
August 3, 2020	Florida HOSA Newsletter Articles due by 12 noon
August 14 - 16, 2020	State Officer Virtual FLDA Planning Meeting
August 2020	Florida HOSA Newsletter Publication
September 12, 2020	<b>Welcome Back Virtual Rally</b> - Live-Stream on <u>Official</u> Florida HOSA YouTube page Link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmmAj1Njhs8gBjVE7JRyH7w">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmmAj1Njhs8gBjVE7JRyH7w</a>
September/October 2020	Fall Regional Conferences - Please see <b>Regional Conferences Table</b> under the “Conferences” tab on the Florida HOSA website ( <a href="http://www.flhosa.org">www.flhosa.org</a> ) Fall Conferences should be scheduled so the Regional Officers may participate in the Virtual Fall Leadership Development Academy (VFLDA).
October 3, 2020	SLC 2021 Planning Committee Meeting
October 5, 2020	Florida HOSA Newsletter Articles due by 12 noon Sunset Region (6), Central Region (10), and Space Coast Region (12)
<b>October 13, 2020</b>	<b>On-line Registration Deadline for the Virtual Fall Leadership Development Academy (VFLDA)</b> On-line Registration must be completed by this date.
<b>October 16, 2020</b>	<b>Postmark Deadline for VFLDA payment and Registration Summary (or received by if hand-delivering)</b>
October 15, 2020	<b>Affiliation Deadline for HOSA 100 Club Recognition</b> (Also deadline for 1 <sup>st</sup> wave of FL HOSA Membership Pins to be mailed the week of Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> )
October 16 - 18, 2020	State Officer FLDA Planning Meeting
October 2020	Florida HOSA Newsletter Publication
November 1 - 7, 2020	<b>HOSA Week</b>
November 13, 2020	Florida HOSA, Inc. Virtual Board Meeting at 4:15 p.m.
November 14, 15, 21, or 22, 2020	<b>Virtual Fall Leadership Development Academy (FLDA)</b> Please see <b>FLDA Page</b> under the “Conferences” tab on the Florida HOSA website ( <a href="http://www.flhosa.org">www.flhosa.org</a> ) for more information)
<b>January 1, 2021</b>	<b>Deadline to affiliate with State and Global/National HOSA, if <u>not</u> competing (By On-line Registration Deadline for Regional Conference, if competing)</b>

January/February 2021	<p>Winter/Spring Regional Competitive Events Conferences should be scheduled to allow registration for the State Leadership Conference (SLC) by deadline (Feb. 16, 2021).</p> <p>Please see <b><i>Regional Conferences Table</i></b> under the “Conferences” tab on the Florida HOSA website (<a href="http://www.flhosa.org">www.flhosa.org</a>)</p>
January 9, 2021	SLC 2021 Competitive Events Committee Meeting
January 9 & 10, 2021	<p>SLC 2021 State Officer Planning Meeting</p> <p><i>(2<sup>nd</sup> wave of FL HOSA Membership Pins mailed for Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> affiliations)</i></p>
January 15, 2021	<p>Florida HOSA Newsletter Articles due by 12 noon</p> <p>Springs Region (2/3), Suncoast Region (4), Gold Coast Region (7), and Treasure Coast Region (9)</p>
<b>January 30, 2021</b>	<p><b>Postmark Deadline to submit State Officer Candidate Application</b></p> <p>All applications must be <b><i>postmarked by this date</i></b></p>
February 2021	Florida HOSA Newsletter Publication
<b>February 16, 2021</b>	<p><b>On-line Registration Deadline for the State Leadership Conference (SLC 2021)</b></p> <p>On-line Registration must be completed by this date.</p>
<b>February 19, 2021</b>	<p><b>Postmark Deadline for SLC payment and forms (Or, if sending forms by e-mail or hand-delivering – received by date. E-mail forms to <a href="mailto:MMemolo@flhosa.org">MMemolo@flhosa.org</a>)</b></p>
February 19 & 20, 2021	SLC 2021 State Officer Planning Meeting
March 25 - 28, 2021	<p><b>State Leadership Conference (SLC 2021)</b></p> <p>Marriott Orlando World Center - Orlando, Florida</p>
April 5, 2021	<p>Florida HOSA Newsletter Articles due by 12 noon</p> <p>Emerald Coast (1), Gulf Coast Region (5), Broward Region (8), and First Coast Region (11)</p>
April 2021	Florida HOSA Newsletter Publication
April 30 - May 2, 2021	<p>New State Officers’ Conference (NOC)</p> <p>Florida HOSA State Office - Alachua, Florida</p> <p><i>(3<sup>rd</sup> wave of FL HOSA Membership Pins mailed)</i></p>
<b>May 10, 2021</b>	<p><b>Registration Deadline for the International Leadership Conference (ILC)</b></p> <p>The school’s Registration Report, as well as all fees and forms, <b>must be received in the Florida HOSA State Office on or before this date (not postmarked)</b> in order to reconcile information and mail to Global/National HOSA Office.</p>
June 23 - 27, 2021	<p><b>International Leadership Conference (ILC 2021)</b></p> <p>Disney's Coronado Springs Resort - Orlando, Florida</p>