

## State Officer Candidate Summary

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Name: Medha Kollepara

Year: *HOSA Offices Held:*  
 2024-25 Suncoast HOSA Regional Treasurer  
 2024-25 Strawberry Crest HOSA Chapter Secretary

Year: *Honors/Awards Received:  
 (Health Science/HOSA and Others)*  
 2026 2nd Place at WLC - MRC Partnership  
 2025 1st Place at SLC - Health Education  
 2023 3rd Place at ILC (MS Division) - Public Health  
 2025 1st Place at FGCCFL 5 - Duo Interpretation  
 2023 1st Place at USF's Balsa Bridge Engineering

Year: *Participation in Other Activities:  
 (in School and/or the Community)*  
 2025 - current Co-Founder of Project Prevent UV - Aimed at addressing skin safety concerns in the Sunshine State  
 2023 - 2025 SCHS Girls Basketball Player - 1 Year JV, 1 Year Varsity  
 2025 - current Speech and Debate Competitor in Duo Interpretation  
 2026 Volunteering at Advent Health (providing compassionate care to patients in the post-ICU unit)  
 2024 Medical Shadowing (under Family Medicine Physician Dr. Narasimman)

Year: *Offices Held in Other Organizations:*  
 2025 - current Co-founder of Project Prevent UV Nonprofit  
 2025 - current Secretary of IMPACT Club at Strawberry Crest High School  
 2024 Freshman Class Council President

**Why I Would Like to be a Florida HOSA State Officer:**

Over the last 5 years, classes changed, friends changed, and responsibilities changed; but the one thing that stuck was HOSA. When I met the organization in 7th grade, it was love at first sight; not just because it empowered lost students like me, but because it fostered such a supportive community. Stepping outside my comfort zone to join HOSA was the best decision I made, and I want to encourage others to take that same step, because what HOSA has to offer is absolutely worth it. I would like to be a State Officer to spread HOSA's opportunities across Florida and help students experience the same sense of purpose, belonging and inspiration that HOSA gave me! HOSA has instilled in me the values of wholeheartedness and intention when approaching tasks. I hope to apply this commitment on the State Team, standing as a reliable figure for students, advisors, and regions.

Medha Kollepara Jan 29, 2026  
 Candidate's Signature Date

Christina Rutledge Jan 30, 2026  
 Chapter Advisor's Signature Date