Hello to all,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving as the Winter break is upon us. The State Leadership Conference is just around the corner so be sure you have all the materials you need for competitions and begin preparing for your event. In the meantime keep being you and enjoy your holidays with your friends and family. Remember there is always something to be thankful for, so enjoy all you have. Happy Holidays everyone!

Katelyn Broussard, State President

LA HOSA-Anatomage Anatomy & Physiology tournament:

Held on December 7th & 8th, there were 31 teams from 11 different schools throughout the state!

The Winners are:
1st Place: Baton Rouge Magnet High School - Dr. Li and the ICU Bandits
2nd Place: Buckeye High School - Thoracic Park
3rd Place: Baton Rouge Magnet High School - Recruits of the OR
Traditional vaccines normally train the body immune system to fight off infections. Now there is an idea that a vaccine can possibly help ward off Alzheimer's. There has been some research exploring active immunization, such as vaccines, to 'protect' people from Alzheimer's. These are vaccines that are being developed to target the biology related to Alzheimer's. With the recent evidence of the flu or phenomena vaccine decreasing one's risk of developing Alzheimer's, it leads Dr. David Merrill to wonder if immune system activation or support can help prevent the dementing process or nerve degenerative disease process (Merrill). Dr. Agadjanyan explained, "[Beta-amyloid] plaques are formed from beta-amyloid protein. Inside the neurons of the brain, neurofibrillary tangles are formed from hyperphosphorylated tau protein. These accumulations of beta-amyloid and tau protein lead to the destruction of neurons and the development of inflammatory processes." In summary, neurons and the connections between them disappear; such as remembering memories, the ability to create them, and other human cognitive functions, and the ability to concentrate on tasks. The vaccines differ in their strategies, and are all based on using antibodies to the deposits to remove them. Dr. Herrup says that the theories are on shaky grounds but there is hope for the vaccine working.
A huge shoutout to Slidell High HOSA! Compared to last year’s member count of 10, they have grown to 26 members! These Slidell High HOSA members hosted a blood drive November 16. They will also be setting up a booth with activities for children at their school event promoting Toys for Tots! Keep up the good work Slidell High!

In late October, Slidell High HOSA members decorated their cars and handed out candy to local children. Additionally, one of their members volunteered to do face painting for those who wanted it.

This past Friday, Slidell High ran a fundraiser where they watched children in their community so that their parents could go Black Friday shopping without extra stress, and they hope to make it an annual event. They set up stations for painting, wheelchair racing, and to make ornaments and slime.

We would also like to give a huge thank you to Slidell High HOSA for being such a big help in our Region 3 Fall Forum!
Dance: PajamaJam!

BRING YOUR BEST PAJAMAS
March 20, 2023

*Make sure to read all the rules to attend...it will be a blast!

State Leadership Conference:
March 20 - 21, 2023
Held at: Crowne Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA

*All the information will be posted soon on our website*

Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year

Louisiana Hosa Team 15!