

October Newsletter



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President's Pen



Hi, Everyone!

I hope you are all doing well. The season of Fall is finally here which makes me very happy because we have a lot of great things coming up for Louisiana HOSA. This month's newsletter will contain information about upcoming events. You should all sign up for Fall Forum as well as our Anatomage Tournament. Both events are going to be so much fun!

-Catherine Blondiau,
State President

2021 Fall Forum

The time is almost here for our Fall Forum Leadership Conference! We are so excited for all that we have to offer to our members this year.

It will be held on October 27th and 28th from 6:00-8:00 in the evening. We will hold it virtually through Zoom.

We will have workshops, games, prizes, awards, SLC information, and so much more! Get your chapters registered; all information can be found on our website under the Events tab!

Career Central: Phlebotomy

Phlebotomy is the process of making a puncture in a vein, usually in the arm, with a cannula for the purpose of drawing blood. The procedure itself is known as a venipuncture, which is also used for intravenous therapy.

Phlebotomists are trained in the area of drawing blood. Whether it is for testing or donating, they do it all.

Education requirements: Training certification or diploma program

Salary: \$25,000-\$43,000

New & Returning Chapters

Welcome back returning chapters:

Carroll HS, St. Scholastica Academy, LA HOSA, Belle Chasse HS, David Thibodaux Stem Magnet Academy, Lafayette High School.

Welcome new chapters:

University of Louisiana at Monroe, Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Watch for more new and returning chapters next month!

Anatomage Tournament

Our 2nd annual Anatomage Anatomy and Physiology Tournament will be held on November 9-10 for the high school division and November 11-12 for the post-secondary/collegiate division! We encourage all of our members to participate in this competition. There will be great prizes for the winners! Click on your division to access the flyer:

Secondary: November 9-10

Post-Secondary: November 11-12

Washington Leadership Academy

What an exciting five days two of our state officers and a leadership member had in Washington D.C. at the Washington Leadership Academy (WLA)! The Louisiana representatives at WLA were Katelyn Broussard, Region 2 Vice-President from David Thibodaux Stem Magnet Academy; Naiya Fort, Region 1 Vice-President from Carroll High School; Isabella Richoux from Belle Chasse High School; Jeanne Solis, Chaperone and LA HOSA Board Member; and Robin Richoux, parent participant.

The WLA participants were able to take a twilight tour of the monuments, attend a wreath-laying in Arlington Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, hear panelists speak, have leadership activities, meet student leaders from other states, and much more.

This was truly an inspiring and educational trip for these young leaders who are our future health professionals. Join us next year in Washington!



Upcoming Events

Fall Forum:
October 27-28 via Zoom

HOSA Week:
November 1-5

Anatomage Tournament
November 9-10, 11-12

Health Professions Week:
November 14-19

The Humerus

Why did the Skeleton not go to the dance?

He had no BODY to go with!



Student Spotlight

What is your favorite thing you have ever done in HOSA or that you are most excited about for this year?

Our chapter was founded just this school year so I am most excited about State Convention in the spring. Our school has always had a thing for competitive events so we would love to compete and try our bests. -Jason

How do you think HOSA will help you achieve your goals in the future?

HOSA is a wonderful platform to build leadership opportunities. Leadership is so important because it builds progression; the stronger the leadership, the more motivated and active your chapter will be. Running and organizing the school chapter with Farzeen has already helped establish the foundation to my goal: motivating more people to become active in the medical field. -Jason

Why did you join HOSA?

We decided to start up a HOSA chapter at our school simply because HOSA is one step above any student medical organizations out there. HOSA has a legacy of bringing people together and paving the building blocks for their members. Anyone interested in the healthcare field would become inspired by HOSA's activism and contributions! -Jason

What is your favorite thing about Fall?

What I love about fall is the comfort it brings. Fall is the perfect season to wear a warm fuzzy sweater, bring warmth to our hearts. And during balance and comfort, you often find yourself building new relationships and love: let us all celebrate Halloween and Thanksgiving together with the warmth buried in our hearts! -Jason

This month we are spotlighting two of our wonderful students, Jason Lin and Farzeen Wahid. They are both the co-presidents of the Baton Rouge Magnet High School chapter. We are so excited to have a chapter at their school this year, and we cannot wait to see all of the amazing things these two students will do for their chapter!



Jason Lim

What is your favorite thing you have ever done in HOSA or that you are most excited about for this year?

I am super excited for Fall Forum and the State Leadership Conference. I would love to meet new people from all over Louisiana and make new friends at these events. Since our Chapter was established only a few months ago, I am eager to learn more about HOSA at these events and becoming a better leader for our club members. I have seen tons of pictures and videos of both events, and I can't wait to see what it's like myself! -Farzeen

How do you think HOSA will help you achieve your goals in the future?

I believe that HOSA will help me in numerous ways. First, it has helped me grow as a leader because Jason and I have started a chapter at our school by ourselves. I've gained many leadership and cooperative skills that help me serve our club members the best I can. Second, I will be able to introduce myself to the medical field and partake in different healthcare-related opportunities, which will definitely help me in the future since my lifelong dream has been to become a cardiovascular surgeon. -Farzeen

Why did you join HOSA?

I remember seeing HOSA all over my social media pages. I saw people from all over the country having fun at their State Leadership Conferences while still competing in healthcare events and learning about leadership. I was intrigued, so I decided to look up what HOSA was. I immediately thought it was the coolest thing ever, and I really wanted to be a part of it. I told Jason about HOSA, and we began forming a Chapter at our school. -Farzeen

What is your favorite thing about Fall?

Fall is my favorite season! There are always so many events that take place during the fall, like haunted houses and the state fair. I always look forward to these two events every single year. -Farzeen



Farzeen Wahid