

TEXAS HOSA AREA 4

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WHAT'S NEW

Meet your new officer team!

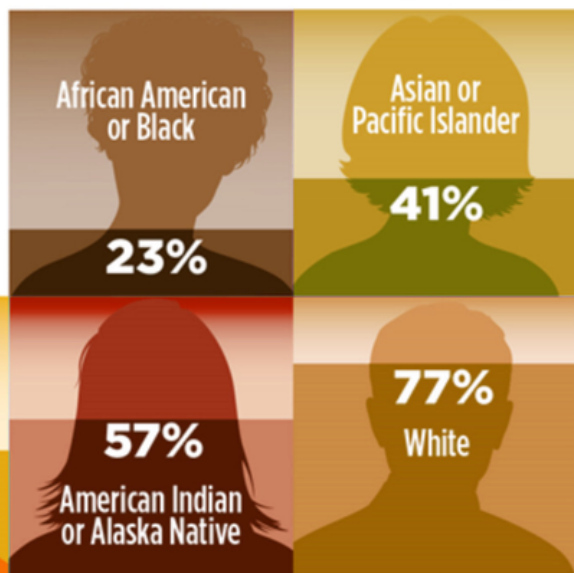
From left to right: Emilly Leon (Reporter), Rhea Ramani (Secretary), Christian Lozano (Historian), Anjolie Miranda (Vice President), Trinity Costa (President).

After much deliberation, your new HOSA color for the year of 2020/21 is orange!

To stay updated with the Area and its events, check out our official Instagram page, [@officialtxhosaarea4](https://www.instagram.com/officialtxhosaarea4)

Likelihood of finding a Matched Adult Donor on the Be The Match Registry®

by Patient Ethnicity*



HOSA Service Project

This year HOSA has partnered with Be the Match as our service project to raise awareness for the foundation! Be the Match helps thousands of people who are diagnosed with blood-related cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma. The foundation is operated by the World's largest bone marrow registry, the National Marrow Donor Program. Be the Match is dedicated to finding matching bone marrow donors to help save lives!

Their goal is to have more diverse ethnic groups donate their bone marrow for transplants. Ethnicity is a key part in finding a matching donor, as the human leukocyte antigen (HLA) types help to raise the chances of a patient finding a match. The patient's best chance of receiving a transplant will be from someone of the same ethnic background. Currently, this chance varies from 23% to 77% depending on the ethnic background. We hope that by spreading the word, we see more diverse donors and lives saved! Head over to bethematch.org for more information on how you can be the match!

Future Fundraisers

As for Area 4's fundraising we have come up with many and we mean, many ideas! We'd love to create area 4 HOSA merchandise for this year's FLC and SLC! This fundraising idea that is in the works is running a virtual blood drive! Your area 4 officers are working hard daily to come up with new ideas and plans to ensure everyone has an awesome year!





Getting Involved

Learn how to become an officer!

Are you thinking of becoming the next Area or State officer? We're here to guide you on how to become the leader you were born to be! It's always best to start off by telling your advisor. They'll aid in the process and be your unwavering support on your journey. From here, a test is usually taken in December and it includes material regarding the logistics of HOSA. Then, an application is filled out on "Tallo". This platform also gives you the opportunity to apply for HOSA related scholarships when the time comes. Once your application is submitted, your interview will be scheduled the morning of the Area Spring Leadership Conference. Interview questions will range from HOSA related questions to personal questions that allow the officers to get a better understanding of who the next area officers will be. Once all the interviews are done, you'll be slated into what position you'd fit best for. Shortly after, a speech is presented in front of voting delegates. Following the speech, fishbowl questions will be asked that'll allow personalities shine. Lastly, the voting delegates will vote for the new area officer team. It's such an amazing experience, and becoming an officer will allow you to bond and meet many people! If you have any question, feel free to reach out to us! We can help you reach new heights in becoming apart of the next officer team!



MOTIVATING MEMBERSHIP

Despite the circumstances given this year, we believe it's important Area 4 remains as united as ever. In order to strengthen our member participation in local chapters, we recommend hosting biweekly zoom meetings. This can be done using software like "Powerpoint" or "Google Slides". Discussing information such as such as HOSA's core values, how HOSA benefits students, and what the organization is all about are just some key point that can attract more members this upcoming year. Reaching out to local healthcare professionals is also a great way to expand knowledge within the medical field, while still getting opportunities to virtually network. During a meeting, it's always best to use an ice breaker to get everyone participating. Using an interactive website like "Kahoot" is a good way to get to know your members, and to start communicating together. Lastly, engaging your members through social media is essential! We encourage the use of social media platforms to inform, and educate your audience. Promote your meetings, boost your following, and most importantly build a community. "AdobeSpark" and "Canva" are good resources when it comes to creating social graphics. When uploading content on social media, don't forget to tag your area @officialtxhosaarea4 and use our hashtag #Area4TakeTheFloor. Overall, there's endless possibilities when motivating membership and we can't wait to see what you have in store for us this year!

#Area4TakeTheFloor

PREPARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

The summer of 2020, much like the rest of the year, has been one of uncertainty and angst. However, as area officers, we have done what we can to prepare for this upcoming school year and maintain the connection that is owed to our members. We have worked extensively on using our Instagram as a bind between HOSA and its area 4 members by developing inclusive and educational material. Our series "Two Minute Tuesday" has become a staple of our Instagram and has assumed that role of both engaging and educating HOSA members. Our wonderful advisor, Ms. Kelly Cowan, has also

ensured that we continued our development as leaders by providing programs such as HOLA (HOSA Online Leadership Academy) to offer insight and preparation for our role as leaders. We have also taken time to strengthen our bond with other areas of HOSA, such as Area 3, who we have been meeting with to exchange ideas and discuss the upcoming school year. As you can see, we will not let the current events hinder our ability to provide area 4 with the HOSA experience that is owed to them and will continue to work toward ensuring said experience is as informative and beneficial as possible for our future health care workers.



FUTURE PLANS

Under this peculiar situation going on right now with the pandemic of COVID-19, your officer team is working extremely hard by having regular meetings to make sure that the members of Area 4 have an enjoyable and exciting year. Although we might not have the same events as previous years don't forget to engage members of your chapter while abiding by all safety precautions. This includes having virtual meetings to encourage bonding and connecting between members or organizing community service projects with your chapter. Don't forget! We're always here to help. If needed, we can be reached by a direct message on our Instagram account @officialtxhosaarea4 or even send us an email at "texashosaarea4@gmail.com"