Texas HOSA Area 4
Welcome Back to HOSA Edition

Welcome back, Area 4! A new HOSA year means new opportunities to lead, compete, serve, and grow. We're excited for everything this year has in store and can't wait to see what each chapter accomplishes!

Meet Your Area 4 Officer Team

Robert Lopez IV — Area 4 President
My name is Robert Lopez IV, and I am a senior at Bel Air High School. I serve as the Texas HOSA Area 4 President. After high school, I hope to pursue a career as an Army infantryman and eventually become a commissioned officer.

Syrai Smith — Area 4 Vice President
Hi! My name is Syrai Smith, and I am a senior at Bel Air High School. I am excited to serve as your Area 4 Vice President! I hope to become a veterinary ophthalmologist one day and open my own practice.

Brianna Torres — Area 4 Secretary
Hi! My name is Brianna Torres, and I am a senior at Socorro High School. I serve as the Texas HOSA Area 4 Secretary. I plan to pursue a career in nursing, with the goal of becoming a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) in the future.

Naliea Gutierrez — Area 4 Historian
Hi everyone! My name is Naliea Gutierrez, and I am a junior at Bel Air High School. I serve as the Texas HOSA Area 4 Historian. I am interested in one day pursuing a career as a neurodevelopmental disabilities specialist.

Vivian Orozco — Area 4 Reporter
Hi everyone! My name is Vivian Orozco, and I am a junior at Eastwood High School. I serve as the Texas HOSA Area 4 Reporter. I am interested in pursuing a career in healthcare, with the goal of becoming a neonatologist.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to represent HOSA beyond your chapter?

Becoming an Area 4 Officer gives you the opportunity to lead, inspire, connect with members from across the area, and help shape the HOSA experience for others. You'll build confidence, create lasting memories, and grow alongside a team of passionate student leaders. If you're ready to step outside your comfort zone, make an impact, and become a voice for Area 4, this could be your opportunity to step up and lead on!

Why Join HOSA?

HOSA membership gives students the opportunity to explore healthcare careers, develop leadership skills, build friendships, serve their communities, and compete in events that connect to healthcare and medical knowledge. Members can gain valuable experiences that help prepare them for their future while being part of a community of students who share an interest in healthcare.

Membership Deadline: **November 15, 2026**

Don't miss your chance to be part of HOSA this year! Make sure your membership is completed before the November 15 deadline.

Mark Your Calendars 🗓️

Want to see your chapter featured in the Fall Leadership Conference Opening Slideshow? Submit your favorite HOSA photos and show off your chapter, members, and memories! Submit your photos by October 19, 2026. Scan the QR code to upload your photos!

#Area4Shoots4More

Online Testing will take place **December 8–10, 2026**. This is an important opportunity for members participating in online competitive events to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Make sure you mark these dates on your calendar and give yourself plenty of time to prepare. SLC digital uploads are due **January 27, 2027**, so be sure to plan ahead and submit all required materials by the deadline. Start preparing early so you can feel confident and ready for both testing and digital submissions.

Get ready to Empower the Leader Within at the 2026 Fall Leadership Conference!

Area 4's FLC will take place on October 24, 2026, at Franklin High School from 8:00 AM–3:00 PM. The conference will feature leadership development, healthcare career opportunities, competitive event coaching, community service, and sessions designed to help students build confidence and discover their leadership potential. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear from an inspiring healthcare professional and participate in interactive Area Officer-led sessions. Registration is $20 per attendee, with registration due by October 14 2026 and fees due by October 23 2026.

Advisor Spotlight

This year, Ms. Kerry Murray is serving as the Area 4 Officer Coordinator! With 15 years as a HOSA advisor, Ms. Murray has seen firsthand the incredible opportunities, friendships, and memories HOSA creates for students. She originally became interested in advising after other advisors encouraged her to take on the role. The more she learned about HOSA, the more she realized what an amazing organization it was and how much it could offer students. This year is especially exciting, with 3 out of 5 Area 4 officers coming from Bel Air High School, Ms. Murray's home chapter! Her favorite HOSA memory is attending ILC for the first time, especially experiencing the "craziness" of pin trading. Her advice to HOSA members is simple: "Join HOSA and fully immerse yourself in it. The opportunities, friends, and memories you make are priceless." And her personal reminder to live life to the fullest? "You only have so many heartbeats. You just don't know how many!" 💙