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A Message from Our Team

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, these unprecedented times have called for unprecedented measures. Amidst the many uncertainties that accompany us moving into the new school year, you can rest assured that your HOSA Area 2 officer team is doing their part to ensure that this year will run as smoothly as any other. In addition to virtual conferences and

meetings, we plan to utilize this newsletter to safely communicate information to chapters across Area 2 in an efficient and timely manner. As future health care professionals, we must understand our responsibility to our communities and to ourselves by staying safe during this time. But regardless of whether we meet in person or virtually, we are Area 2, and we are here for you.



HOSA chapter members from Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions take a group photo outside Crosspoint Church before the SLC Opening Session.



Bridgeland High School's HOSA chapter wins the Area 2 SLC Spirit Award at the Spring Leadership Conference!

Before We Begin...

Everything You Need To Know Before This School Year Starts

When getting your chapter ready for this school year, here are some of our tips to ensure HOSA success.

- 1) Create a timeline for the year. Whether you are doing this as an officer for your entire chapter or a member doing this for yourself, listing out the dates of meetings, conferences, and deadlines can keep you on track during the year.
- 2) Use teachers to advertise for your chapter. No one has more reach to individual students than teachers. Create flyers for your chapter and ask teachers you know to send them out on Remind or post them on their websites to gain more traffic for your chapter.
- 3) Stay informed and push communication. The key to success within any organization is communication, and this is one of the things that makes HOSA so great! Updates are constantly being posted on the main HOSA website and on our Texas HOSA website. When you come across news, share it with as many people as you can. Just as James Humes says, "The art of communication is the language of leadership."

We hope you will utilize these tips to help make this year the best year HOSA has seen yet.

Be The Match

The 2020-2022 HOSA Service Project (selected by the 2020 Voting Delegates) is Be The Match, the largest and most diverse bone marrow registry in the world. Bone marrow donations can save the lives of people living with leukemia, lymphoma, and other life-threatening blood cancers.

Through HOSA's partnership with Be The Match, we can help raise awareness for the need for bone marrow, fundraise money to support patients in need of transplants, and if they are able, find marrow donors within our HOSA organization!

Some ideas for fundraising your chapter could partake in are attending walks and runs that donate proceeds to Be The Match, host school or district-wide events (i.e. car washes, carnivals, chocolate sales), or donate directly through individuals to the organization.

To learn more about Be The Match, visit their website at BeTheMatch.org.

Want to have your chapter featured in the next newsletter? Send us a group photo, your chapter name, and a fun catchphrase on Instagram for a chance to be in the spotlight! Happy snapping :)



A member of Clear Lake High School's HOSA chapter attends the Area 2 SLC Closing Session.

All That Is To Come

Your Area 2 Officer Team is working tirelessly to make this year an unforgettable one. This year, we really want to focus on the power of collaboration and inclusivity because in a time like this, what we all need is to know that we have each other's support. We hope that you are as excited for this year as we are, because we plan to make it a great one.

The Fall Leadership Conference for 2020 has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we are excited to announce that Texas HOSA will be producing a series of videos to provide information to chapters, which would have been presented at the FLC. See www.texashosa.org for updates in the fall.