

The HOSA Hustle

DECEMBER 2024

Upcoming Dates

- **January 6th** - SLC conference hotels and conference verification forms open
- **January 15th** - SC HOSA Executive Committee Meeting
- **January 22nd** - SC HOSA SLC reminders, updates, and questions
- **February 1st** - SC HOSA Scholarship applications and State Officer applications deadline



Welcome Back

Welcome back South Carolina HOSA! To start this newsletter off, we want to begin by saying thank you to everyone who helped make our Fall Leadership Conference a success! Remember to tag SC HOSA on social media so you can be recognized for your outstanding work! In this month's edition, we will be featuring FLC highlights, chapter visits, and tips and tricks on developing and improving your chapter. Feel free to request a state officer visit through the link on our website!

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FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

RECAP

We're thrilled that the 2024 Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) was a success! We'd like to personally thank our students, advisors, and sponsors for their unwavering support. Most notably, we'd like to thank Newberry College for allowing SC HOSA to use their campus to facilitate FLC for hundreds of HOSA members. Throughout the conference, students rotated throughout different workshops, participated in insightful healthcare-related activities and connected with other future healthcare professionals. In addition, FLC provided students with information about competitive events and updates on how to run for state office. We encourage anyone interested to apply for state office, as long as they satisfy the requirements! SC HOSA also thanks everyone for donating toys to the Shriners Children's Hospital. We have reached the benchmark for your Team 47 to get pied in the face at SLC. SC HOSA is grateful for these opportunities, and we can't wait to be #PowderedByPeople moving forward!



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Chapter Recognitions

WELCOME 2 NEW CHAPTERS

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADVANCED MEDICAL STUDIES

CHAPIN



ALSO CHAPTERS, REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES TO OUR INSTAGRAM (SC_HOSA) TO BE RECOGNIZED!

Chapter Visits

Lexington Technology Center



WANT TO REQUEST A STATE OFFICER TO COME VISIT IN-PERSON OR VIRTUALLY?

SCAN THIS QR CODE OR GO ON THE SC HOSA WEBSITE TO REQUEST STATE OFFICERS FROM TEAM 47 TO COME AND SPEAK WITH YOUR CHAPTER!



HOW TO ESTABLISH A HOSA CHAPTER

Chapter Development Tips



Meetings

Consistently hold meetings to inform your members of upcoming events with SC HOSA or within your chapter! Use meetings to build a community around members while also keeping it informational.



Service Events

Support your community by allowing for service opportunities. For example, create volunteer events, fundraisers, and community events to support organizations such as NMDP and Shriners.



Social Events

A great way to keep your members engaged is through social events. For example, having a small ice cream social or an interactive suture clinic are great ways to get members together and become more involved with HOSA.





Newberry College

Newberry College is a private liberal arts institution known for its strong health science programs and commitment to student leadership.

Newberry College has been an integral supporter of SC HOSA, continually hosting our Fall Leadership Conference since 2008 and furthering the mission of empowering future healthcare leaders through educational experiences, mentorship, and leadership experiences. Always known for its dedication and strong support of Health Science, Newberry College has fostered amazing and engaging opportunities for SC HOSA students.

[Newberry College](#)



SC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

A Better State of Health

SC Hospital Association Foundation

The SC Hospital Association Foundation is a nonprofit organization focused on advancing healthcare initiatives and supporting workforce development throughout the state. Through the Career Cluster Grant, SC Hospital Association Foundation has been a key partner in the success of our SC HOSA students.

They have provided the essential funding to support SC HOSA student activities and their kind commitment helps us advance healthcare education and career development across the state.

[SCHAF](#)

Click [here](#) for a full listing of our 2024 **partners!**

Check out our competitive event guidelines to learn which event is right for you!

Make sure to access the link below for our competitive event resources that include comprehensive tools which help you determine which event is right for you! Then, make sure to read over your event guidelines to better understand how to prepare for your event! Don't forget to refer to the SLC page on our website for more information and to see what events will not be offered this year. Good Luck and SC HOSA can't wait to see everyone at our upcoming State Leadership Conference!

[Competitive Events](#)





Interested in Applying for State Office? Hear from one of our officers about the experience!

“Running for state office has been one of the greatest experiences I’ve had in high school. This experience allowed me to connect with so many people and helped me grow as a leader. The community that SC HOSA and Team 47 has provided me has been tremendous. All the trips, moments, and experiences of being a state officer have made this journey truly unforgettable.”

Kaushik Nidigattu
SCHOSA Team 47 Reporter

Click here for instructions on how to apply!

If you’re a senior interested in a scholarship through SC HOSA, make sure to checkout the information to apply [here!](#)



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SOUTH CAROLINA
Scholarship Program



Brandon

My name is Brandon. I am 13, and I have been blessed to experience the care of Shriners Children's Greenville on a variety of levels for many years now. When I was 4, my parents brought me in when I had fractured my foot. The staff was kind and patient, and I was back to playing with my brothers in no time.

When I was 6, a major medical crisis once again had me back at Shriners. In August 2016, I was paralyzed on my right side when a cold virus attacked my spinal cord. It's called acute flaccid myelitis.

I had played my last baseball game one Saturday, and by the next, I was unable to walk or move my arm. Even sitting up on the side of the hospital bed or other previously simple tasks were now grueling and painful.

I had spent a month in the children's hospital in Greenville, South Carolina, and then several months in Atlanta for intense rehab. When it was time to come home, we once again turned to Shriners Children's. It was a massive blessing to my parents that the hospital was less than 30 minutes from our house.

The physical therapists and occupational therapists worked with me almost daily in those early days. They were great about thinking outside the box to make therapy as fun as possible for me by creatively incorporating sports activities or anything else they thought a little boy would find amusing. They had a sense of humor and would often joke with me.

Therapy wasn't always easy, but they always made it as fun as possible. The therapy team also was a huge help in advocating for equipment or making sure I got the help I needed with surgery.

In 2007, I had an experimental upper extremity nerve transfer surgery in Philadelphia. That surgery helped me to regain function in my right arm that I otherwise would not have gotten back. We were also back up in Philly on a snowy December day in 2020 for another surgery where Dan Zlotolow, M.D., was able to stabilize my shoulder socket.

Bracing has been another huge component of my care at Shriners. The Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services keeps me moving, literally. Doctors and other families we meet at other places are always asking about my leg brace. It truly is the best. Nate has worked hard to make sure it's durable (I'm kind of hard on my braces because I stay pretty active, thanks to the brace), and has the latest technology available with the joints and other components. I can't walk without my brace, so this has given me independence and a "normal" that I wouldn't have had otherwise. It's a game-changer. It's not all work, though. I've been able to enjoy the fun parts, too – from Halloween parties and anniversary celebrations to speaking events on behalf of Shriners Children's.

It's humbling to see the many different people it takes to make this organization possible. The donations matter. The medical care I get here has made things easier not only for me, but for my parents as well.

Shriners Children's is doing important work with an incredible team of people. Because of Shriners Children's, I am able to enjoy my life to the fullest. I will forever be grateful for their care.

**Your gifts help kids like Brandon
live their best possible lives.**



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