

## **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL, HOSA!**

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Hello Nevada HOSA! Our state made quite a splash at ILC!

- Clark High School became a finalist in Medical Innovation- Existing and in Biomedical Debate.
- Clark High School's Vincent Pan became a finalist in Medical Math.
- Northwest Career and Technical Academy's Kerilyn Matson is now a finalist in Sports Medicine.
- The Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology's Samuelle Beltejar became a finalist in Dental Science.
- Carson High School, Southwest Career and Technical Academy, and Yerington High School also became this year's Outstanding HOSA Chapters.
- Emily Carter was recognized as our Outstanding State Leader.
- Michelle Urrutia from AACT was awarded as our outstanding State Advisor.
- SWCTA's was awarded the Certificate of Merit.
- Elko and Yerrington were awarded the Certificate of Recognition, as well.

Congratulations to everyone and every chapter commemorated at ILC!

After the exhilarating events of the summer, comes the start of the school year. This also means our chapters are back in full-swing! A special congratulations to all Chapter Officers beginning their terms. We would like to inform you about the HOSA-tastic year ahead of us as we support the National Service Project for the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation and Define Our Purposes, to commemorate this year's theme.



Let's talk about an upcoming event. Our most recent events that are fast approaching are the Leadership Conferences during December third through fourth. Shealyn, Simran, Victoria, Samuelle, and Brittny cannot wait to see the members from each chapter and what leadership tools and HOSA knowledge they can bring back to, not only their chapters, but their community.

The State Officer team has also been working hard on their Program of Work. The Team wanted to increase overall membership. One main task they want to accomplish is increasing middle school chapters. They are excited to report that many local chapters also share this goal and have begun reaching out to potential middle schools and State Officers. They also wish to increase alumnship. It is simple to become an alumnus, as well

as free! Clicking the following link will register anyone for alumni membership.

<https://apps.hosa.org/hosaconf/alumni/register.jsp>.

The State Officers are putting a greater emphasis on connectivity, too. Another item on their Program of Work is conducting Chapter Visits again, with the hopes of making it a personalized experience, tailored for every chapter. They will also be having more calls throughout the year. Finally, Sister Chapters will also be implemented this year to increase communication between the Northern, Southern, and Western chapters! The State Officers are thrilled to execute their Program of Work and see how Nevada HOSA will flourish because of it!

Overall, the State Officer Team is ecstatic for this upcoming year. Victoria is glad to be back in school because that means it's HOSA time and hopes members have a HOSA-tastic filled school year. Simran is really excited



for the upcoming year and the opportunity to work with all members and believes that it is never too late to begin preparing for SLC! Brittney is also very excited for this school year

and for all of the progress we'll be making in Nevada HOSA and says, "to use as many resources as possible to accomplish your goals, one of the most important things is making as many solid connections as you can!" Samuelle cannot wait to see the amazing impacts our members will make in their community by staying true to the fantastic leaders they are and that she is honored to see each and every one of the members grow. Finally, Shealyn is elated to be serving the members this year and wants all members to stay updated through Nevada HOSA's social media and the Nevada HOSA website on all of the exciting projects that the State Officer Team will be revealing this year! They are certain that this is a year to look forward to!

