



Former HOSA Member

Now HOSA Advisor

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Hancock County Health Sciences Instructor Bridget Shartzter and Robyn Marvel (bus driver and chaperone) work on their centerpiece for the banquet.



“This is the first year we have brought students under the Hancock Co. High School Chapter to the State Leadership Conference. We have a membership of 61 and brought 22 participants. We are proud of how much we have increased the number of students who have joined HOSA,” says Shartzter. “I’m a former HOSA member under Mrs. Debbie Gray (Breckinridge Co. ATC). I’ve always wanted to be the kind of teacher and adviser that she is. If I make a difference in one person’s life, then I have accomplished what Mrs. Gray has done since the first time I stepped foot in her classroom.

I used to be a student walking in the classroom, but now, I’m watching my students walk into the classroom!



Shartzter and Breckinridge County ATC Health Sciences Instructor Debbie Gray.

Florida HOSA NEWS

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At this time, the Florida HOSA state team is preparing for the State Leadership Conference set for the middle of April. All regional conferences have been held and the winners chosen. The Florida HOSA state team is hard at work planning for a remarkable conference.

Prior to being elected as a Florida State officer, my mission was to try to bring HOSA to the forefront to health professionals and more postsecondary prospects. Currently that goal is being accomplished through promotional efforts of HOSA to established health organizations and community colleges.

The first of February, the Florida Physical Therapy Association (FPTA), a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), Student Conclave was held at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where

student physical therapists and student physical therapist assistants had the opportunity to network with each other. In conversation with attendees, it is evident that we have more work to education health care student on HOSA at the postsecondary level.

We are currently working on a HOSA campaign to communicate the benefits on belonging with the students at the University of Florida. The students at the University of Florida are very open-minded and look forward to knowing more about this great organization.

There is a great amount of excitement hosting the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida and the State Officers look forward to a great experience.

National HOSA members - see you soon in Orlando!