



# Florida HOSA

**S**alutations National HOSA. My name is Jude Alcide and I am currently the Southern Vice President, Postsecondary for Florida HOSA. I am in the last semester in the Physical Therapist Assistant program at Indian River Community College and ready to start at the University of Florida this May to major in Athletic Training.

At this time, the Florida HOSA state team is preparing for the State Leadership Conference set for April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. All regional conferences have been held and the winners chosen. The Florida HOSA state team is hard at work planning to pull off a remarkable conference.

Prior to being elected as a Florida State officer, my mission was to bring HOSA to the forefront to health professionals and more postsecondary programs.

The weekend of February 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 2007, I attended the Florida Physical Therapy Association-FPTA (Florida Association under the American Physical Therapy Association-APTA) Student Conclave at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where student physical therapists (SPT's)/ student physical therapist assistants (SPTA's) networked among each other. In conversation with the other SPT's/ SPTA's I found that there wasn't enough education on HOSA at the postsecondary level. Currently I am communicating with the students at the University of Florida to further inform them on HOSA issues. The students at the University of Florida are very open-minded and look forward to knowing more about HOSA.

*I can speak for Florida HOSA when I say that there is a great amount of excitement with the National Leadership Conference coming to Orlando, Florida. We anticipate participating at the conference and we're positive that it is going to be one of the greatest health care experiences ever. See you in June!*