



# Thanks to FLORIDA HOSA

This past November, Jude Alcide, National HOSA Postsecondary/Collegiate Board Representative, Raelise Emard, National HOSA Secondary Board Representative, and Jennifer Roesch, Postsecondary/Collegiate Vice President, had the pleasure of traveling to Alachua Florida to attend the 2007 Florida HOSA Leadership Development Conference (LDC)! Each year the Florida HOSA state team spends several planning sessions choosing a theme and creating several workshops, skits and events in order to plan the conference for the Florida HOSA members. Each item highlighted on their agenda is geared towards developing the member's leadership skills while also making new friends and learning about our great organization! This year the State Team got members motivated with a HOSA High School theme. Each state officer dressed as a different high school stereotype and the members broke into groups where they entered competitive events and fun filled workshops! One of the workshops was taught by Jude and Raelise and

they gave valuable information on teamwork. There was also time to answer any questions members had about National HOSA and running for different officer positions. Other workshops led by the Florida State Officers included public speaking, communication, breaking stereotypes and leadership.

President Jan Rodriguez was very pleased with the turnout this year and he certainly wasn't the only one. Each HOSA member and advisor in attendance found themselves participating and learning with such enthusiasm. Despite their lack of sleep, members were roaring with excitement until the very end. At the conclusion of the three-day conference, members were teary eyed as they prepared to say goodbye to their new friends, but were excited to go back to their chapters with their new ideas. Thanks, Florida HOSA, for allowing the HOSA's National Officers from Florida to enjoy in your wonderful conference. We certainly took a lot of valuable information away with us!



**Florida HOSA State Leadership Team, under the direction of President Jan Rodriguez, and three national officers from Florida, work together to ensure a great conference for all members.**



**National Officers worked with two of Florida HOSA State Officers at the Region 12 Fall Conference. Pictured with the National Officers are: Sadie Abboud, State Northern Vice President-Secondary, and Jan Rodriguez, Florida State President.**



**Jennifer Roesch, Postsecondary/Collegiate Vice President; Raelise Emard, Secondary Board Representative; and Jude Alcide, Postsecondary/Collegiate Board Representative, participate in one of the leadership activities at the Florida HOSA Region 12 Fall Conference.**