

The Chart

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Hello Advisors!

As you know, we recently completed our first-ever HOSA-FBLA Officer Training and Leadership Camp in Prescott, AZ. If you and your chapter officers attended the camp, please provide us with feedback from your experience. We hope that your feedback will help us build a stronger experience for the many camps we will surely have in the future. If your officers were not able to attend this year, we hope to see you next year at our first-ever HOSA Leadership Camp!

Prior to attending leadership camp with your officers, the entire Arizona State Officer Team was fortunate enough to attend the Washington Leadership Academy (WLA) in Washington, D.C. While in D.C., our team spent a week tirelessly working, developing, and implementing plans for our future leadership of the state. We also were lucky enough to visit Capitol Hill to meet with the offices of several Arizona representatives in the House of Representatives and advocate for the continued support of CTE. On behalf of the State Officer Team, it was an honor to be able to advocate for all of your local programs! Under the guidance of National HOSA, the state officers came up with several ways to improve the membership experience amongst your chapters. Pictures of the experience are on the Arizona HOSA Flickr page now—feel free to share with your chapters and especially your potential future state officers!

Many of you may also know that the month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Although HOSA's National Service Project is The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and we encourage yearlong fundraising and support of this organization, the state officer team also encourages your chapter to "branch out" and support as many worthy causes as possible! Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an excellent opportunity for your students to work toward supporting a charitable cause while also networking in your local community. Because Breast Cancer Awareness is such a widespread cause, your chapter can take advantage of events, programs, and fundraising opportunities already existing in your community in order to contribute. Contact your local Susan G. Komen coordinator, your local hospital, or other medical outreach programs. With their help, your students can raise money or volunteer hours to the cause, while getting the opportunity to meet local health professionals at the same time—a mutually beneficial situation! If your chapter has any unique or successful ideas on how to raise awareness of Breast Cancer, please let us know by posting your ideas or events to our "AzHOSA" Facebook page—that way other chapters can learn from your great ideas!

Happy October!

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