This month Arizona HOSA would like to recognize a few of Arizona’s CTE teachers, our newest HOSA advisors, and Arizona HOSA scholarship recipients. Many of our outstanding teachers and advisors have attended the 41st annual ACTEAZ conference and have been working hard to ensure that they make this year great! Also, a select few of Arizona HOSA members were chosen for scholarships to aid them in fulfilling their aspirations to become a health professional.

Congratulations to the following HOSA members for receiving a scholarship from ACTEAZ/ACOVA:

- Brooklyn Adams from Youngker High School
- Maricruz Espinoza Ayan from Rio Rico High School
- Rebekah Larson from St. David High School
- Savannah Neu from Verrado High School

Congratulations to the following CTE teachers, administrators, advisors and staff for being recognized at the annual ACTEAZ conference:

- CTE teacher of the year: Sharon Metzger
- CTE Postsecondary Educator of the Year: Jennifer Kaufman-Fourness
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CTE Administrator of the Year: Jacqueline Clay
CTE Administrative Assistant of the Year: Layne Burkhardt
Career Guidance Award: Jan Fellow
Lifetime Achievement Award: Kathy Prather
Bernard Stewart Distinguished Service: Sean Frederick
Policy Maker of the Year: Don Shooter

Business Person of the Year: Dante Fierros
Carl Perkins Community Service Award: Christine Nelson

Ray Polesky CTE Visible Difference: Richard McPherson
ACTEAZ Executive Citation: Tina Norton

Introducing our new secondary advisors:

Katy Ballard  –  Sports Medicine  Coolidge
Lori Botello, Medical Assisting  West-MEC

Ashley Hayes  Bioscience  Flowing Wells HS
Holly Medina  Medical Assisting  West-MEC
Bree Michaels  Allied Health  West-MEC
Josh Popham  Bioscience  Queen Creek HS
Thomas Priutt  Sports Medicine  Florence – San Tan Foothills HS
Aline Parker  Allied Health  Kingman HS
Eutanya Yazzie  Nursing Services  Valley HS
Kim McCroy – Pima County JTED
Kim Canada  Medical Assisting  West-MEC

We would also like to say congratulations to Allison Latzo from Paradise Valley High School for getting Arizona HOSA Advisor of the Year award at the International Leadership Conference.
This month’s past state officer is Victoria Perez! She served as the Arizona HOSA 2015-2016 Historian/Reporter. We asked her a couple of questions so that we you can all get to know her better!

1. How did you first get involved in HOSA?

I first found out about HOSA at my high school’s ‘Future Freshmen Night’, my brother had taken me to the HOSA booth knowing that I would want to join because of my passion for the healthcare field but ultimately through fear I had prevented myself from joining that year. It wasn’t until the following year, my Sophomore year, that I had entered my Medical Science class where I actually met my HOSA Advisor, Mrs. Parrish who encouraged all of her students to join. She spoke about the different community service projects, conferences, and opportunities that HOSA had offered. After that I had decided to attend my first HOSA meeting and from that point on I was hooked. I attended every meeting, helped with the blood drives, the community service projects, and I had the opportunity to attend my first Spring Leadership Conference that year.

2. What sort of impact has HOSA had on your life?

HOSA has had an immense impact on my life. I can’t even begin to explain all of the different experiences, opportunities, and people that a CTSO, like HOSA, can bring into
a person's life. Before I had joined HOSA I was extremely shy. It was even to the point where it almost prevented me from becoming active in HOSA but one thing I have learned while in HOSA is that sometimes you have to overcome your fears in order to gain new experiences. I can truthfully say that throughout my three years in HOSA there is not one moment in my HOSA journey that I regret. It's because of HOSA that I have become the person that I am today. A person that has grown into a leader, grown into a better person, and grown as a future health professional.

3. What’s been your favorite experience in HOSA so far?

Meeting different people. Whether it's meeting members at conferences or bumping into a member at the grocery store it's always been my favorite thing. There's this one moment during my time as a State Officer where my fellow State Officers and I were walking down the street, and we had just successfully completed the Escape The Room challenge and we all were extremely proud so we began chanting "AzHOSA", and at that exact moment a HOSA member had been across the street. We had crossed the street and spoken with her and taken a picture with her. It was in that moment that I realized that HOSA isn't a small organization, it's a large and constantly growing one that gains new members and supporters each day.

4. What are your current career goals?

Currently I will be attending Arizona State University at the Polytechnic campus as a freshman majoring in Pre-Veterinary Medicine. I was recently certified as a Veterinary Assistant through my West-MEC program so it's a huge step for me in the healthcare field that I want to go into. I'm hoping to continue volunteering at animal shelters and possible get a job at an animal hospital as an assistant within the future. My major career goal is to graduate from Arizona State University and then continue on to Veterinary School.

5. Do you think the skills you’ve learned in HOSA will benefit you in the future?

Speaking, professionalism, and interview skills are just some of the many skills that I have gained throughout my time in HOSA. I have used all of these skills within and out of HOSA and I know I'll continue to use them as I pursue my career in the healthcare field. When you become a healthcare professional you have to speak with patience and work with other professionals as a team so it's important that you are professional and you can communicate well to others. I believe many HOSA members will be an effective part of the healthcare field because of the different skills that they have gained while in HOSA.
Hello Arizona HOSA members, this is your Parliamentarian Gregory here for another edition of Parli Pro Tips! Last time we covered the requirements for having an organized meeting. So, you have a chairperson, a secretary, and quorum, but how do you actually manage to conduct business?

All business in Robert’s Rules of Order is conducted through the use of motions. In RONR In Brief 11th Edition, a motion is defined as “a formal proposal by a member, in a meeting, that the group take certain action.” Any member can make a motion as long as another motion isn’t already on the floor. To do so, all they need to do is obtain the floor, or the ability to speak, by gaining recognition from the chair by standing and calling out “Madam President,” or “Mr. Chairperson,” or whatever you call your chairperson during a meeting. The member can then make the motion by saying, “I move that...” and then whatever action you want the assembly to take. Whether it be, “I move that we paint the meeting room sky blue,” or “I move that our chapter hold a carwash fundraiser on the moon,” a motion can cover all sorts of actions. After a motion is made, it must be seconded to actually be considered. For a motion to be seconded, someone other than the person who made the motion must pronounce “second.” They do not need to obtain the floor or gain recognition from the chair to do this. If a motion is not seconded, the motion is not put before the group, and the meeting proceeds as if the motion had never been made. From there, the chair states the question by saying that “It is moved and seconded that...” and from there the motion is discussed upon by members through the process of debate, which will be covered in the next edition of the synapse. Stay tuned!