AUGUST 2021

# SYNAPSE

ARIZONA HOSA



MEET YOUR STATE OFFICERS

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM

PRESENTING
"CHAPTER
SPOTLIGHT"

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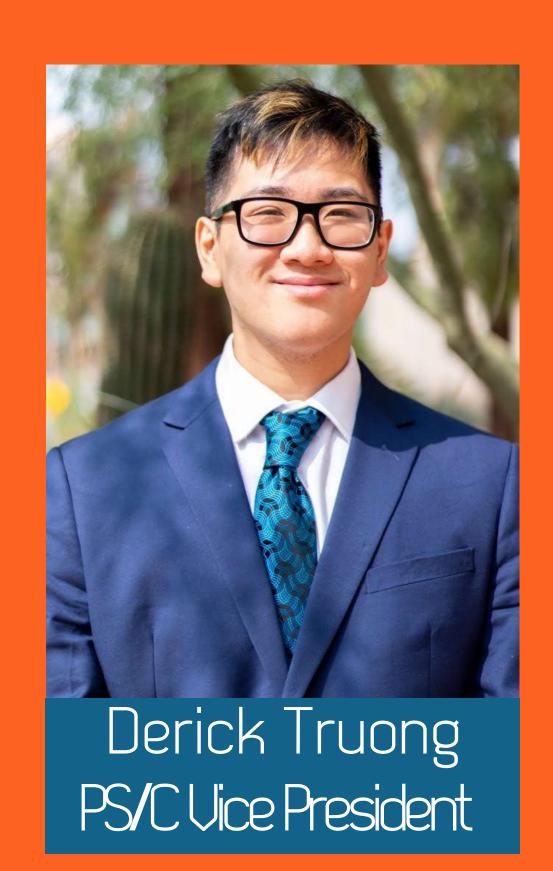
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# Meet www. 2021-2022 A State Officer

State Chicer Team



Emily Tang
Secretary

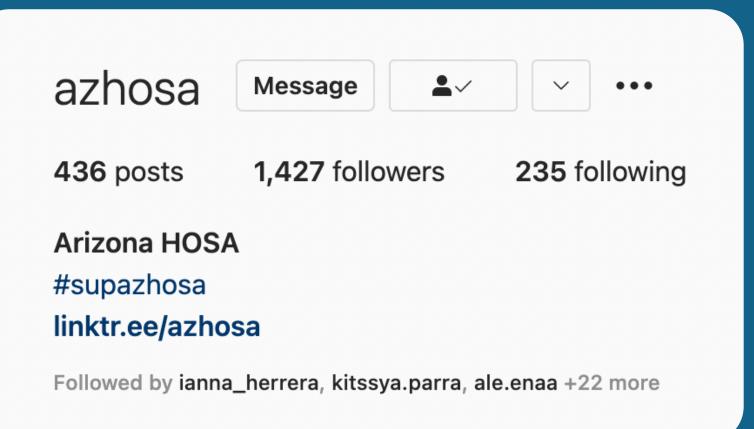


Ariana Flores Historian/Reporter



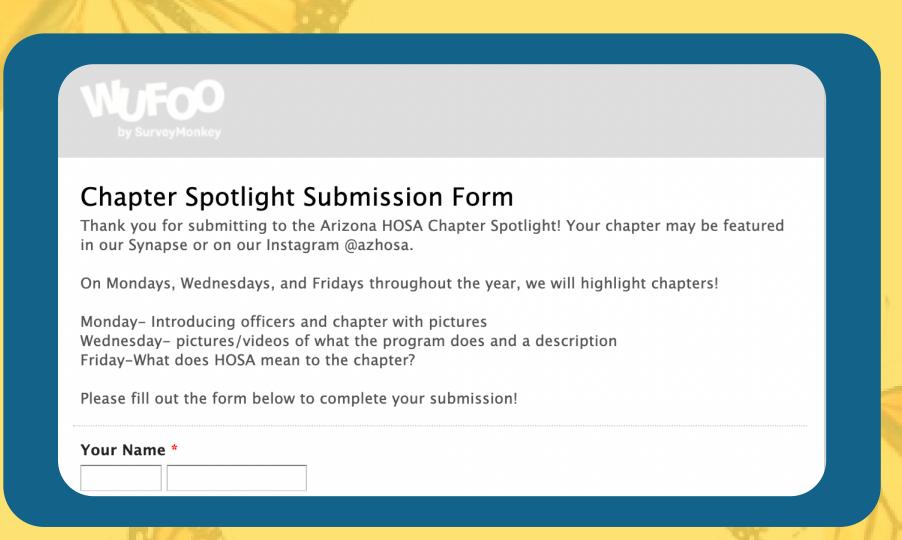
# Monthly Spotlight

SHOWCASE YOUR HOSA CHAPTER TODAY!



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on our social media
pages

Step two: gather the content based on the wufoo instructions to be featured!



THE CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS WILL BE FEATURED IN OUR MONTHLY SYNAPSES OR ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS SO KEEP A LOOK OUT!



#### EXERCISE CULTURE ISN'T NECESSARILY TRUE

Many people believe that for something to constitute as a good workout it has to either leave you feeling dead or with a completely different body; however this isn't true. Rather than focusing on the outward effects of exercising we should take time to focus on the mental effects. Exercising can help reduce symptoms from depression, anxiety, stress, ADHD, and even PTSD.

According to a study done by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health the risk of major depression decreases by walking for 1 hour a day or running for 15 minutes a day by 26%. It really is as simple as that. If you're not someone who isn't lifting weights for hours, there's no need to.

Exercise can be as simple or as complex as you want it to be. One of my favorite ways to find exercises to do, whether that's at home or at the gym, is through YouTube. During the peak of Covid, I loved doing yoga by watching YouTube videos. Now that the gyms are opening up more, I like to find inspiration for weightlifting on YouTube.

SIMPLE WAYS TO GET ACTIVE

TAKING PART IN A
YOGA CLASS (IN
PERSON OR ON
YOUTUBE)

DOING SOME YOGA OR BODYWEIGHT EXERCISES

GOING ON A 30 MINUTE WALK W/ A PET

GOING ON A BIKE RIDE

# JULY STATE OFFICER TRAINING

YOUR STATE OFFICERS RECAP & SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE AT THIS
YEARS JULY TRAINING



## If you could sum up this training in 1-2 sentences, what would they be?

"The training was full of fun and widened our view of leadership and teamwork. We're all ready to bring the LOVE to this year!"

—Derick Truong

"All I can say is, AZ HOSA, we are ready for you after this training!"

—Ariana Flores

"The state officer training was truly an eye opening experience where we were able to meet other CTSOs and further improve our leadership skills."

- Emily Tang

#### Our Very First Training

Your State Officers are super excited about this year! Things are going back to normal slowly and we are excited to be able to see you all! In July, we met for the very first time in person and what better way to celebrate the occasion by a 5-day training in Tucson! We learned so much about each other and how to collaborate effectively! The first day we got to The Westin La Paloma Resort, we all have to admit it, we were nervous! After we settled into our rooms for the week, we met up in a conference room to do a goose chase scavenger hunt! Our competitive sides came out going against all the other CTSO's that were there, and we had so much fun! We instantly clicked and before we knew it, we were best friends!

The week was followed by creating a Program of Work for this year, and we are thrilled to share our ideas with you and have you join this journey! We also worked with Team TRI for two days and state officers from different CTSO's to enhance our skill set. We can't wait to meet you all and are confident that this will be a great year!

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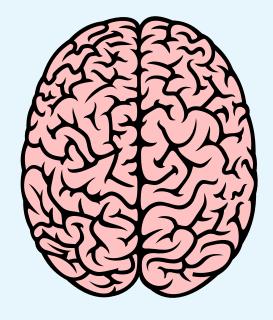
Your Arizona HOSA State Officers

#### PURSUING POSITIVITY!

How to maintain a positive mindset throughout the school year

#### **WHAT IS POSITIVITY?**

- AN ATTITUDE WHERE INDIVIDUALS
   FOCUS ON THE "BRIGHT-SIDE" OF LIFE
   OR ARE OPTIMISTIC
- INVOLVES CONFRONTATION OF
   CHALLENGING EVENTS AND TACKLING
   THEM WITH A GROWTH MINDSET
- TRAITS INVOLVED WITH POSITIVITY:
  - OPTIMISM
  - RESILIENCE
  - ACCEPTANCE
  - GRATITUDE

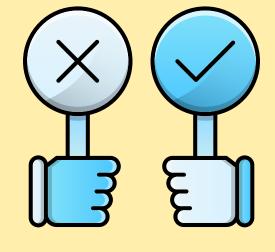


#### TIPS FOR MAINTAINING A POSITIVE MINDSET

- REPEAT POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS
  - "I CAN DO THIS!"
  - o "I AM SUCCESSFUL!"
- KEEP A GRATITUDE JOURNAL
- Laugh!
  - "Sprinkle a little humor into your

LIFE"

- Breathe/meditate when stressed
- SURROUND YOURSELF WITH FRIENDS





# Calling all AZ HOSA Members! Want to be the first to know?



Then make sure you're following ALL our social media pages!

There's no doubt that our officers will be publishing the best content this year!



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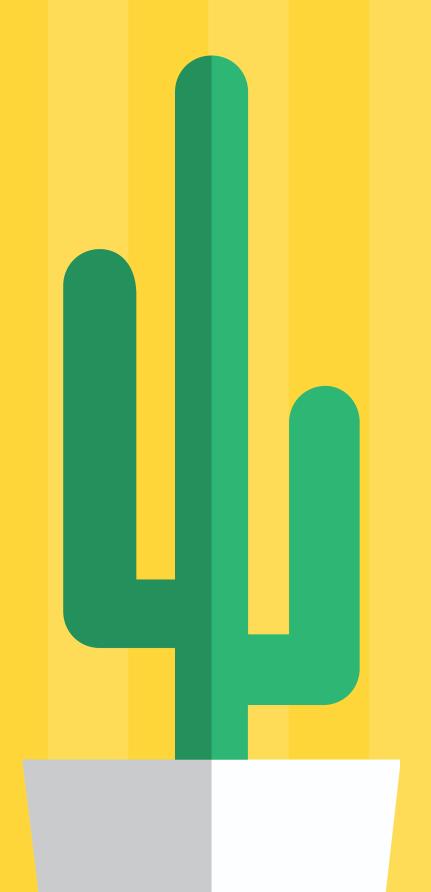


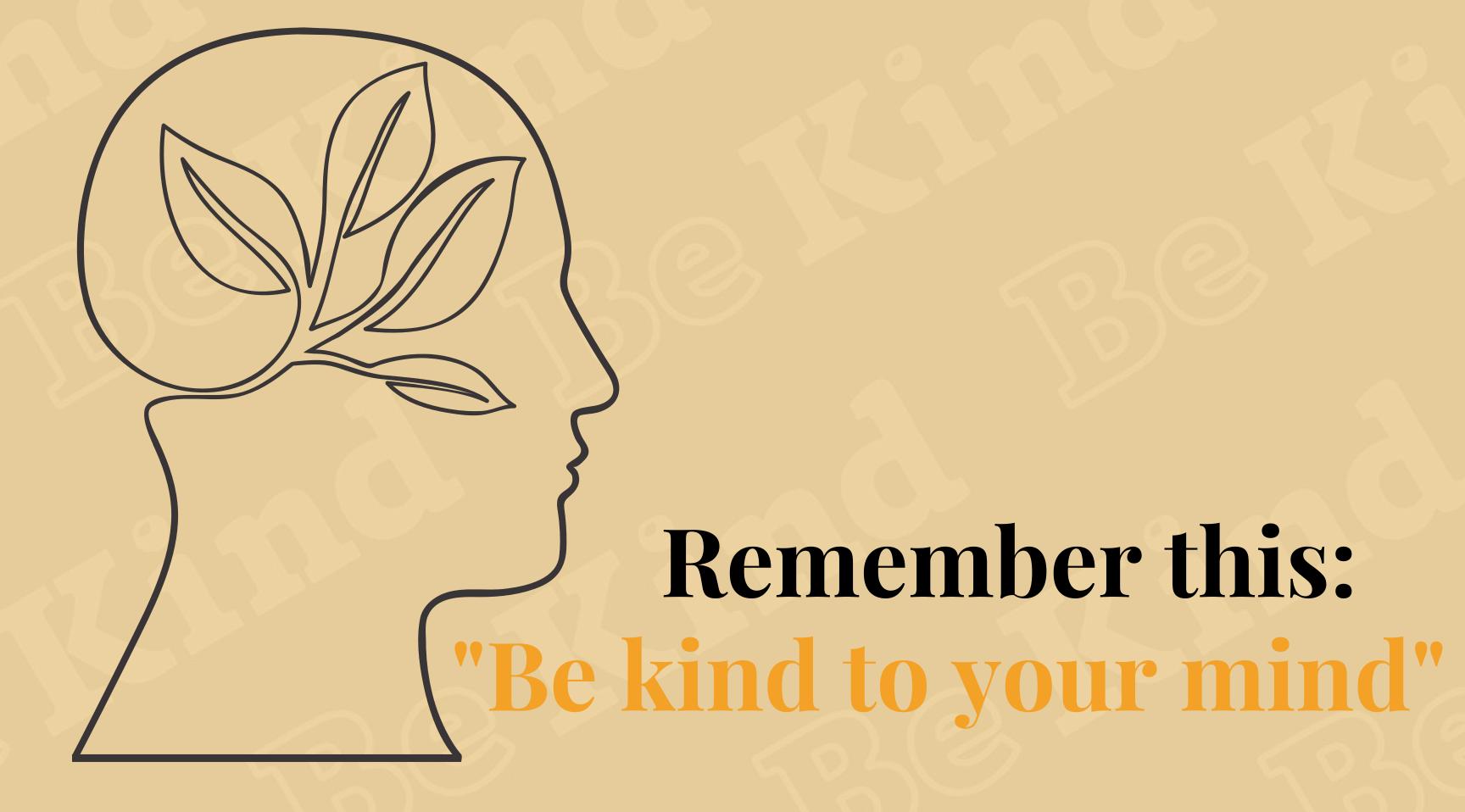


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A significant health event that has dominated the world for the past year and a half is the COVID-19 pandemic. But I wanted to focus on the mental health aspect that has risen from the ongoing pandemic. Mental health is often an issue swept under the rug and deemed less necessary than other health matters. But more than 50% of people have been diagnosed with a mental illness or disorder at some point in their lives.

For the past decade, anxiety and depression have seen an increase in teenagers living in the U.S. As COVID-19 reached its peak in early 2020, schools across the nation began to shut down as the whole world entered into a lockdown. The pandemic forced teenagers to remove themselves from normal physical, social, and educational, interactions. The stress of restrictions, months of virtual learning, and the cancellation of big events in their lives all play a part in increasing anxiety and depression among teens.

It is important for parents to check up on them and notice signs of worsening mental health. Some signs include drop in grades negative changes in sleeping or eating patterns, isolation from family, or major changes in behavior. It is important to help them with open communication as well as trying our best to understand how they are feeling. As the pandemic slowly comes to an end, it is important to continue taking care and noticing signs of people struggling with mental health.

#### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

#### Back-to-school Tips

As summer comes to an end, school is just around the corner. Stress and anxiety is common for students during these times. I have listed several ways to help relieve the stress/anxiety during these times.

- Talk to someone you trust and ask for advice and reassurance
- Buy an agenda to start prioritizing your tasks and avoid work overload
- Do something nice for someone. Remember, you're not the only one nervous about going back to school
- Your physical health is very important. Always wear your mask to protect yourself and others.
- Prepare yourself for social situations that you would normally try to avoid. Planning ahead will help you feel prepared and confident.

HOSA believes in you. We know you will do amazing things this school year. You got this!



#### HOSA Leadership Camp

#### ARE YOU READY TO TAKE YOUR LEADERSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL?

Join local leaders from across Arizona and spend three days among the pines and beauty of Prescott, Arizona with Arizona HOSA's leaders!

Camp provides an opportunity for students to develop skills to build their leadership abilities through interactive activities. Any HOSA member who is interested in becoming a better chapter leader can attend.

More information about HOSA Leadership Camp is available on the Arizona HOSA Website!



Conference Dates: September 8-10, 2021

Registration Opens: July 17, 2021

Registration Closes: August 16, 2021

Location:

Camp Pine Summit 800 E. Wolf Creek Rd. Prescott, AZ 86303

Registration Cost: \$135.00

Includes:

Housing (attendees must provide their own bedding i.e. pillow, blanket, etc.)

5 Meals

Conference Materials

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