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STUDENTS...
 Thinking about a career
 in HEALTH CARE?

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(Nolan Middle School + HOSA) = WOW!

Pam Rahn and Michelle Bocolac are two extraordinary teachers who have taken an ordinary elective class and turned it into an amazing opportunity for students to expand their interest, knowledge, and experiences in the health care fields. These teachers serve as the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) advisors for Nolan Middle School's HOSA chapter.

An essential component of this dynamic duo's HOSA class is to support community-based service projects. During the first semester, students took on the *Pennies for Pasta* campaign to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Students raised over \$3,000 and earned the distinction of becoming a *Champion for Change* school. Students also participated in the *Autism Speaks Walk*, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and a cure for autism.

Fundraising can get wildly creative at Nolan Middle School. Students enjoyed a talent show and a very successful *Stuck for a Buck* campaign where \$1.00 bought a piece of duct tape that one could stretch across a volunteer and stick them to a wall.

Nolan Middle School recently hosted former Tampa Bay Buccaneer Derrick Brooks in *Fuel Up To Play 60*. This new youth program was designed to empower students to take action for their health and improve their school environment. Fitness, nutrition, and respect for self and others were all part of the fun-filled assembly.

"Respect is a common thread throughout the HOSA program," Pam explained. "Respect is the foundation for success. Respect builds success."

Leadership is another important characteristic developed through active HOSA participation, and eighth grader Bradley Ross is honing his leadership skills every chance he gets. Bradley was awarded Best Team Worker at the Fall HOSA Leadership Development Conference. He was also elected by his peers to serve as his chapter's Reporter and as the HOSA Region V Regional Representative.

"I like learning new things and working with people," Bradley said. "It's fun to be around people who share the same interests." Bradley also enjoys competing with his peers in HOSA regional events. His favorite events include HOSA Creed, Career Health Display, and Medical Terminology.

Bradley's goal is attend college and then go on to medical school. "I think the brain is interesting and I like challenges," he said. "My plans are to become a neurosurgeon."

Students who have a strong interest in the health profession may enroll in this desirable elective after obtaining a letter of teacher recommendation and completing an application. Upon acceptance, they can look forward to many opportunities to explore careers and develop leadership skills through community service, HOSA events, and fun!



Nolan Middle School HOSA advisors Michelle Bocolac, left, and Pam Rahn.



Bradley Ross receives a 5th place ribbon in the Medical Terminology event from Region V HOSA Advisor, Dottie Yost.

JOB



Dental Assistant
 Salary: \$27,100 – \$39,200
 Workplace: dental practice
 Hours: daytime



Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
 Salary: \$33,900 – \$60,900
 Workplace: health care facilities
 Hours: flexible



Occupational Therapist Assistant (OTA)
 Salary: \$28,600 – \$54,500
 Workplace: treatment clinics, schools
 Hours: daytime



Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) enhances the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science technology education students.

PARENT CORNER

- ✓ Discussion starter: We all hope our children find gainful employment when they grow up. Why not talk about it now, when career decisions are just around the corner? Health care employment trends indicate that job demand, job growth, and salary prospects make health care an excellent career choice.
- ✓ Talk to your student about the *many* career options in health care: medical assisting, nursing, dental assisting, surgical technologists, phlebotomists, emergency medical technicians, first responders, medical billing specialists, laboratory technicians, medical office management...can you think of others?
- ✓ "HOSA provides students with the tools they need to be successful and the inspiration to fulfill their goals." Pam Rahn, Health Occupations instructor. For further information contact Pam Rahn at 941-751-8200, ext. 262 or Michelle Bocolac at 941-751-8200, ext. 323.

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QUESTION

★ What organization can students join to develop leadership skills and help prepare for careers in health care?

Answer: Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)

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