Reminders!

Thinking about attending our Fall Leadership Conference November 9 - 10?

Here’s the link for forms that should be filled out in preparation for the FLC:

http://www.newyorkhosa.org/2017-fall-leadership-conference.html

**Deadlines:**

- Hotel Registration - October 26th
- Conference Registration - November 3rd

*If you will be attending the 2017 Fall Leadership Conference, please notify us about any dietary restrictions so we can inform the hotel kitchen!"
Breast Cancer Awareness 2018

As many of you are aware, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Every October there is an annual campaign to help increase awareness of the disease.

What is Breast Cancer?

Cancer is a broad term for a class of diseases characterized by abnormal cells that grow and invade healthy cells in the body. Breast cancer starts in the cells of the breast as a group of cancer cells that can then invade surrounding tissues or spread (metastasize) to other areas of the body.

Facts About Breast Cancer in the US:

➡️ Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women.

➡️ Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women.

➡️ Each year it is estimated that over 252,710 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,500 will die.

➡️ Although breast cancer in men is rare, an estimated 2,470 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 460 will die each year.

➡️ On average, every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer and 1 woman will die of breast cancer every 13 minutes.

➡️ Over 3.3 million breast cancer survivors are alive in the United States today.
This Month’s Chapter Challenge and How YOU Can Get Involved

- Dedicate a day for your chapter to dress in pink and take a picture!
- Share your story of how you or a loved one have been affected by breast cancer
- Have your chapter host a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness

Each challenge completed will result in your chapter being awarded **5 points** for the Chapter Challenge.

To find out more information on Breast Cancer please visit [http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/)

All information has been provided by the National Breast Cancer Foundation

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The NAMI Challenge

HOSA wants to educate others throughout our communities. Our second NAMI challenge to you is to invite a NAMI speaker to educate others about the goals of NAMI’s fight against stigma, provide support, and advocate for equal care for mental illness.

**Get involved with your local NAMI organization and learn more.**

Please send us the confirmation email that he/she is scheduled to speak at your school’s chapter. A chapter that invites a NAMI speaker will receive **20 chapter points.**
New York State HOSA T-Shirt Contest

Do you love NYS HOSA? Are you creative? Do you want to see people wearing your design at the 2018 Spring Leadership Conference? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then please submit an entry to this competition!

Regardless of your attendance at the Spring Leadership Conference, we will make sure that you receive a shirt if your design is selected!

Create the most ‘slamming’ HOSA t-shirt design you can possibly think of.

Send an attachment of your T-shirt design in jpeg format to Bonny Shelby at bshelby@gvboces.org by 5:00pm on Friday, December 22, 2017

Adopt a Chapter

The past few weeks have been devastating for countless nations. Hurricane Harvey hit Texas with mind blowing force, causing destruction. It is time for us to come together to help out in HOSA Harvey Relief. Hurricane Harvey has affected many HOSA members and over 400 HOSA chapters in Houston and the surrounding areas. One way we can help other HOSA chapters is by paying for membership, fall conference registration fees, travel funds, or by replacing damaged supplies.

Please check out the following link for more information on how you can adopt a HOSA chapter:

http://hosa.org/harveyrelief
Here’s our theme for the FLC Dance:
Chapter Challenges Spotlight

Thank you to everyone who participated in last month’s Chapter Challenge. Here’s some of the submissions we received!

John Dewey High School- Leukemia Awareness Challenge

Thomas A. Edison CTE High School-
Leukemia Awareness and Suicide Awareness Challenge
This chapter designed a kindness bulletin board for our challenge!

As an act of kindness Chapter #17010 at GST BOCES – Bush Campus gathered together to make friendship bracelets with inspirational quotes tied onto them; then they went to various buildings on our campus and placed the bracelets in places where other students would find them. This chapter then made Leukemia Awareness Bracelets to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Hosa Chapter #171158
Suicide Awareness