

February 2022

ACADEMY AT SMITH HOSA NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING CTE MONTH

The month of February marked CTE month. CTE month serves to recognize the achievements of CTE students and programs in addition to educating the public about the numerous opportunities students have access to through CTE programs. The Academy at Smith celebrated this year's CTE month by participating in CTE spirit week, learning the history of CTE, and by inviting graduates of CTE programs to share their experiences.

CTE Spirit Month

On Mondays, students and staff were encouraged to celebrate CTE month by dressing in professional attire. On Wednesdays, students wore medical attire that matched their CTE

pathway and on Fridays students and staff members represented their CTE chapters and the Academy at Smith by wearing T-shirts. We would like to issue a special thanks to all those who participated and made this event possible. Thank you!



Show your support by participating in the following events throughout the entire month of February!

MON

Dress For Success
Show your support by dressing in business professional attire each Monday



WED

Medical Attire
Wear medical attire that matches your CTE pathway

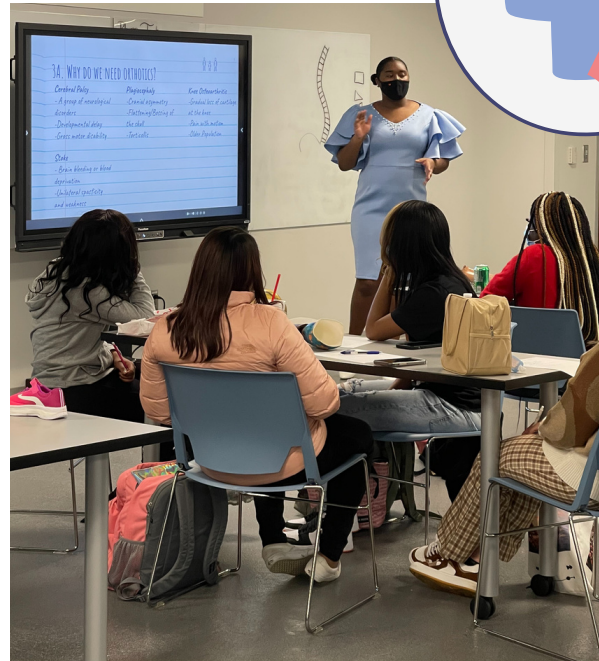
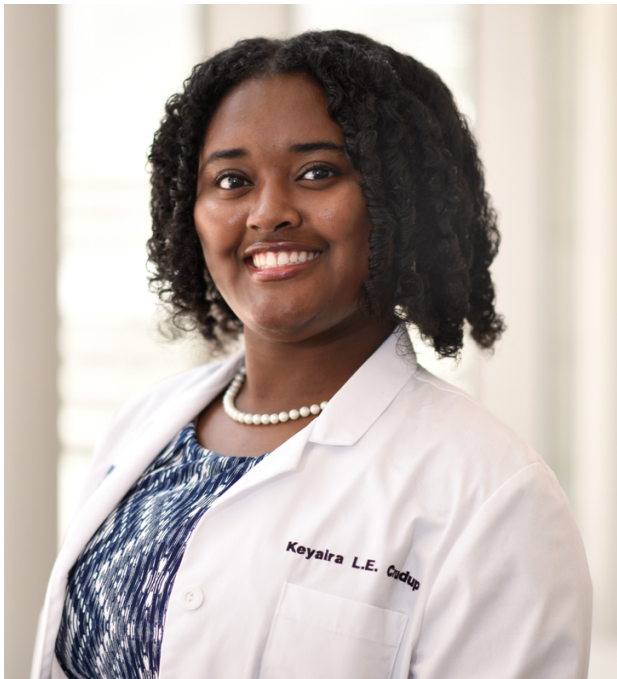


FRI

T-Shirt
Represent your CTSO or wear an Academy at Smith T-Shirt



CTE Guest Speaker



On February 4th, 2022, The Academy at Smith welcomed guest speaker Keyaira Crudup to deliver a special presentation to a select group of CTE students. Keyaira Crudup graduated from Early College Academy at Dudley in 2016 where she served as a member of National Technical Honors Society. Keyaira continued her education by earning a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering at the University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill, where she served as president of the National Society of Black Engineers. She is currently in the clinical rotation phase of the Master of Science in Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P) program at Baylor College of Medicine. Keyaira prepared and presented an Orthotics and Prosthetics awareness presentation where she described the meaning of orthotics and prosthetics, explained their functional benefits, highlighted patient populations that benefit most from orthotic and prosthetic use, and listed the applied health professionals that assess, fabricate, and deliver these devices. Keyaira stated that her exposure to O&P before college was near to none, and representation of minority clinicians in the field are scarce compared to the people of color who require these services. She hopes that her testimony and presentation educated students on the importance of orthotics and prosthetics in healthcare and encouraged them to make contributions within the field. The Academy at Smith HOSA chapter would like to deliver a special thanks to Keyaira Crudup for taking the time to visit our school and sharing with inspiring CTE students. Thank you for your service, Keiyara!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11, 2022

- State Officer Candidate Interview
(schedule posted)
- TALLO uploads due

February 19, 2022

- State Officer Candidate Interviews
- Scholarship Interviews
Greensboro, NC

March 9-12, 2022

State Leadership
Conference Greensboro,
NC

June 22-25, 2022

International Leadership
Conference Nashville, TN

COUNSELOR APPRECIATION WEEK

February is home to another important educational event, National Counselor Appreciation Week. National Counselor Appreciation Week is celebrated the first full week in February and this year it fell between Feb. 7-11. In honor of National Counselor Appreciation Week, Academy at Smith HOSA members interviewed our very own school counselor- Mrs. Atkinson. Below is a copy of the interview.



How long have you been a school counselor?

I have been a school counselor for 30 plus years.

What inspired you to become a counselor?

I was working on my masters in Human Resources which required me to work with a group of very smart high schoolers. What surprised me the most about these students was the fact that their counselor failed to inform them of

college or any college related information. After hearing this, I was determined to never let something like that happen again. It inspired me to go back to school and obtain my masters in school counseling.

What do you love most about your job?

What I love the most about my job is motivating and inspiring students to see that everyone has the potential and overcome their obstacles and become successful. I believe that they are capable of going to college, pursuing their dreams, and achieving their goals.

What is some advice that you would like to share with your students?

I always tell my students 3 things, "You can't help where you come from, but you can control where you go.", "Don't let others define you.", and "Show better than you can tell them." In this life everyone has circumstances from their past that may affect them, but they don't have to hold on to them. Whenever many people see my students, some may call them stupid or think "It's impossible for them to go to college or be successful." but I want my students to know that they shouldn't let these negative words define them in life and show them by disregarding what they say and becoming successful in the end.



JASMINE QUINOÑEZ (VICE PRESIDENT)

Grade: 12th

HOSA Event: Forensic Science

Hobbies: Listening to music, painting, and playing video games

Dream Carrer: Psychologist

Interesting Fact: I am Guatemalan.

MRS. HOLLOWAY (CTE TEACHER)

Classes I teach: Nursing Fundamentals, Health Science II

Years at the Academy: 3

Hobbies: DIY projects

Interesting Fact: I wanted to be a veterinarian as a child.

