

December 2021

ACADEMY AT SMITH HOSA NEWSLETTER

Our Winners

Shaylah Patillo 2nd Place Medical Law
and Ethics

Laila Joyner 2nd Place Medical Spelling

Erica Freeman 2nd Place Pharmacy
Science

Mayshack, Covington, Romero & Peay 3rd
Place HOSA Bowl

MaKaylah Patillo 3rd Place Behavioral
Health

Amiyah Hines Top 10 Behavioral Health

Lakiyah Oliver Top 10 Extemporaneous
Writing

Quinonez & Mashack Top 10 Forensic
Science

Broadnax & Sinclair Top 10 Healthcare
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Gonzales & Carmona Top 10 Healthcare
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Rcom & Rodriguez Top 10 Healthcare
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Regional Competition Spotlight

The Academy at Smith competed at the Piedmont-Regional Leadership Competition at Mt. Airy High School. Our team of 24 students competed in over seven events and won 15 medals & awards; the most in the Piedmont-Triad region! We are so proud of our students for working hard and placing in events! One of the highlights of our trip was the healthcare career expo provided by Northern Regional Hospital where we explored many of the career options the hospital has to offer. Here are some of the pictures we took on our trip and if you would like to see the full collage click the link!

<https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/79676>



The Academy at Smith is one of GSC's signature Career Academies specializing in Biotechnology & Specialized Health Sciences. We would love for you to visit our website! https://www.gcsnc.com/academy_at_smith

Upcoming Events

December 1, 2021

SLC 2022 Registration Opens

December 17, 2021

RLC to SLC Intent Forms Due

January 28, 2022

- State Leadership Conference Registration Deadline
- State Officer Application Due via Formstack
- Scholarship Applications Due
- National Anthem Singer Application Due

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

Career of the Month

Phlebotomist



What do they do?

Phlebotomist collect, test, and study blood.

Salary

\$20,000-\$50,000 per year

Education/ Training

Phlebotomist must have a high school diploma or GED and obtain a certification. If you would like to become a phlebotomist, you should participate in a training program that will help you pass your exam. In this program you will learn important information like how to properly store and handle blood samples, the anatomy of the human body, safety precautions and how to properly perform blood collection.

Pros/Cons

Some of the pro's of being a phlebotomist are...

- Flexible Schedules
- Low Education/ Training Cost
- High Job Availability

Some of the con's of being a phlebotomist are...

- Exposure to Pathogens
- Risk of Injury
- (Typically) Long Work Hours

Image Link

<https://www.cambridgehealth.edu/blog/is-a-phlebotomist-an-allied-health-professional/>

Happy HOSA Holidays

This month, The Academy at Smith 2021-22 HOSA chapter plans on hosting:

Christmas Social- December 8th after school in Ms. Witcher's class

Christmas Community Toy Drive- December 6-17

Holiday Spirit Week- Week of December 6-10

All other dates will be confirmed in our next meeting on December 8th in Mrs. Witcher's class!



Officer Spotlight



Mya Sinclair (President)

Grade 12th

HOSA Event My favorite event is Health Education

Hobbies Cooking & hanging out with friends

Dream Career Nurse/Business Owner

Favorite Class Yearbook

Interesting Fact I am the only child

Teacher Spotlight



Mrs. Witcher (Advisor)

Classes I Teach

Health Science Technology and Pharmacy Technician

Years at the Academy 3 years

Interesting Fact My favorite sport is basketball and I love to make salads.

Hobbies Interior design and personal shopping



We would like to thank our Interim Principals: Sharon McCants and Dr. Ester Coble and welcome our new Principal Dr. Lockhart! Dr. Lockhart is the principal of STEM Early High School in Vance County and will become our principal on January 4, 2021. Please click the link to read more information about Dr. Lockhart!

<https://www.gcsnc.com/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=116&ModuleInstanceId=1078&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-93163F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=157389&PageID=225>