

January 2022

# ACADEMY AT SMITH HOSA NEWSLETTER

## VIP Symposium

On December 16, 2021, a group of Academy at Smith HOSA members had the honor and privilege of attending the Guilford County Schools Signature Career Academy V.I.P (Vision Innovation & Progress) Symposium. The symposium consisted of three afternoon & morning sessions provided by each of the GCS Signature Career Academies. A special panel of which consisted of principals, parents, counselors, career coordinators, and job recruiters in the Piedmont Triad area attended the event along with select GCS students and learned about the numerous CTE programs & credentials offered at each of the schools. The Academy at Smith students demonstrated how to perform a patient assessment, urinalysis, and apply first aid (using Stop the bleed training) in addition to teaching guests how to fill a prescription, which are skills learned in each of our career pathways. They did a phenomenal job of explaining the importance of these procedures and educating the guest about the career and educational opportunities provided by our school. We would like to extend a special thanks to GAP Inc & GCS for making this event possible and recognize Ghalia Kambar, Jaida Asim, Shaylah Patillo, MaKaylah Patillo, Adara Chanthakham, Ivey Broadnax, Dr. Garr and Mrs. Witcher for representing our school!



## Upcoming Events

### 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

### Medical Lab Technician



### Job Duties

Medical (Biomedical) Lab Technicians collect samples of bodily fluids and tissues, analyze, compare and record their observations, and share their findings with patients and medical professionals.

### Salary

\$45,000-\$60,000 per year

### Education/ Training

Medical (Biomedical) Lab Technicians must complete an accredited Medical Laboratory Technician program, obtain an associate degree in Medical Technology, and pass the certification examination. While participating in a Medical Laboratory Technician program, you will become proficient in a variety of sciences and learn how to perform laboratory procedures involving Hematology, Genealogy, Chemistry, and Microbiology.

### Pros/Cons

#### Pros

- Using advanced technology
- Short Schooling
- Variety of Work Enviroments

#### Cons

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



# Community Service Event: Toy Drive

In December (2021), our HOSA chapter hosted a school-wide toy drive where students of all grade levels donated toys for families & children in need living in our community. On December 13, 2021, Mrs. Witcher dropped the donations off at The Salvation Army. Thank you to all of The Academy at Smith students who participated and helped make a difference in our city!



## Officer Spotlight



Jaida Asim (Co-President)

**Grade** 12th

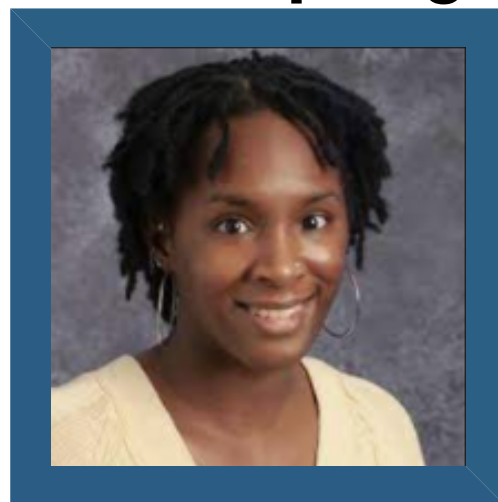
**HOSA Event** Behavioral Health

**Hobbies** I enjoy All-Star cheerleading and All-Star cheer coaching

**Dream Career** Pediatric surgeon

**Favorite Class** Counseling and Mental Health I and Health Science I

## Teacher Spotlight



Ms. Hooker

### Classes I Teach

PLTW Biomedical Sciences, PLTW Human Body Systems, & PLTW Medical Interventions

**Years at the Academy** 3 years

### Interesting Fact

I graduated from The Academy at Smith (2014) and I'm a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.!

### Hobbies

I enjoy coaching cheer and drawing on my Ipad.