

March 2022

ACADEMY AT SMITH HOSA NEWSLETTER

STATE COMPETITION SPOTLIGHT

The Academy at Smith recently competed at the 2022 State Leadership Competition. The three-day-long event was held at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC from March 9 to March 11 and featured participants and speakers from across the state. Our members participated in many events ranging from Forensic Science to Healthcare displays and attended many conferences where we were able to expand our knowledge of the medical



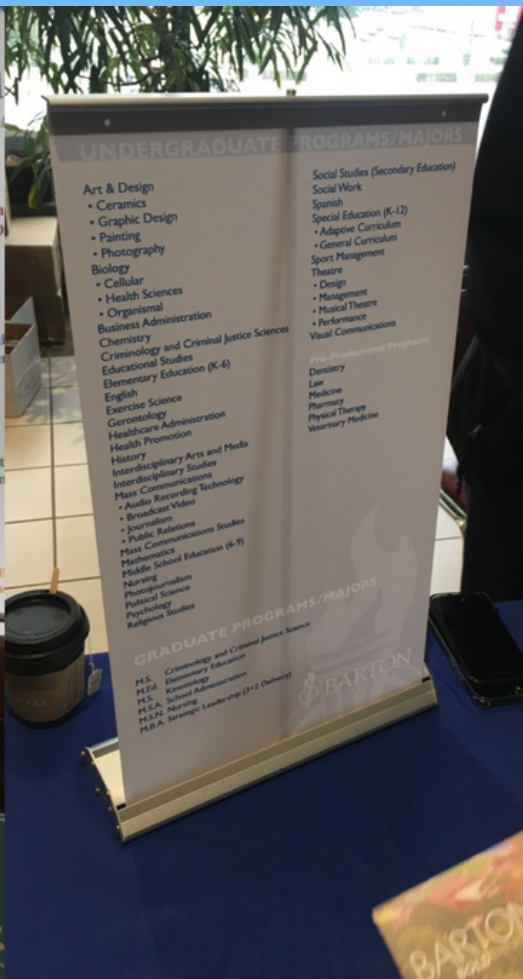
field and hear first-hand testimonies from healthcare professionals and former HOSA members. We would like to extend a special thanks to the Guilford County Schools CTE Department for paying for our member registration fees. We would also like to congratulate Shaylah Patillo for placing 5th in Medical Law and Ethics and Lakiyah Oliver for placing 8th in Extemporaneous Writing!



Career Exposition

One of the highlights of the competition was the exposition. Businesses from all over the state and Piedmont-Triad region gathered to share information with HOSA members. Our chapter was able to learn about the numerous scholarship, college, and internship opportunities available to us and even sign up for them! We would like to thank NC HOSA for putting together such

an exciting event!



SOCIAL WORK APPRECIATION



March is home to an important educational event, National Social Work Month. National Social Work Month is celebrated annually with the purpose of celebrating the profession of social work. This years theme is "The Time is Right for Social Work and in honor of this, Academy at Smith HOSA members interviewed our very own school social worker- Mrs. Cromartie. Below is a copy of the interview.

How long have you been a school social worker?

I have been a School Social Worker for 3 years.

What inspired you to be a school social worker?

I was inspired to be a school worker because I love working with children.

What do you love most about your job?

I love interacting with my students. They really make my job worthwhile.

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

I would advise students to work hard, give excellence in everything that they do and no matter what, don't give up!! I believe in them!

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- If you would like more information about social work visit <https://www.socialworkers.org/>
 - If you would like to contact Mrs. Cromartie, email her at cromarj@gcsnc.com

We would like to deliver a special thanks to all social workers!

THANK YOU!



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

Career of the Month

MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN

What do they do?

Mental health technicians assess, provide care, and assist mental health patients with daily tasks such as taking medication and bathing.

Salary

\$20,000-\$40,000 per year

Education/ Training

Phlebotomist must have a high school diploma or GED and obtain a certification. If you would like to become a mental health technician, 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 perform a patient assessment, monitor vital signs, and administer medication.

Pros/Cons

Pros

- Helping Patients
- Short Schooling
- Variety of Work Environments

Cons

- High stress environments
- Risk of Injury
- (Typically) Long Work Hours



Retrieved from:

<https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Career/Behavioral-Health-Technician/What-Is-How-to-Become>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 22-25, 2022**

International Leadership Conference Nashville, TN

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

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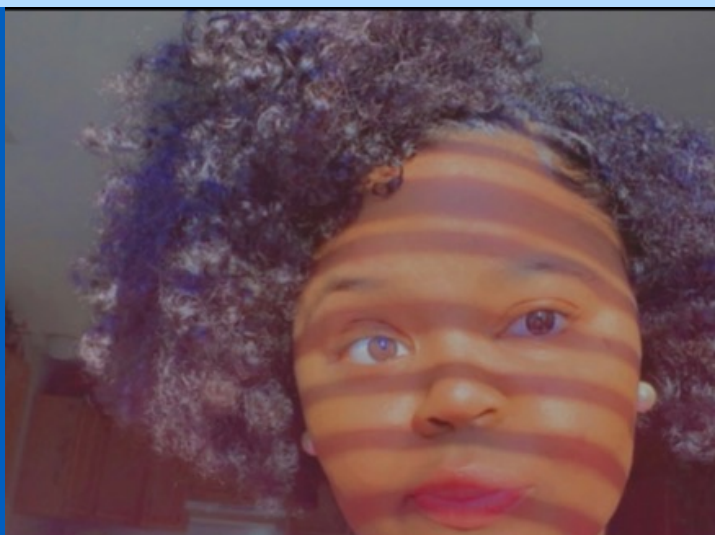
Grade: 12

HOSA Event: Health Science

Dream Carrer: Registered Nurse

Hobbies: Working, Studying, Cleaning & Hanging with Friends

Interesting Fact: I'm a Scorpio!



CTE TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

MS. WINTERS (CTE TEACHER)

Classes I teach:

-PLTW: Principles of Biomedical Science

-Counseling and Mental Health I and II

Years at the Academy: 1 year

Hobbies: dancing, journaling, painting & listening to music

Interesting Fact: My favorite TV show as a kid was Spongebob

Squarepants

