

Happy Labor Day—

The first vacation day for our new educators---sigh! And you DESERVE it! I just got back from the National Consortium for Health Science Education's Executive Board Meeting in Seattle, WA. We are preparing for the conference coming up Oct. 16-19, 2023 ([Conferences | National Consortium for Health Science Education \(healthscienceconsortium.org\)](#)) We have almost 20 people going, but it's not too late to register and attend! It's going to be amazing!

1. **The proof is in the pool!** Using wastewater monitoring data, an algorithm detects spikes in COVID-19 before outbreaks happen, giving public health officials a jumpstart in keeping the coronavirus under control [The proof is in the pool: New data tool offers early detection of community COVID surges - Route Fifty \(route-fifty.com\)](#)
2. **State Officer Applications** Applications are now live on [OKHOSA](#). The process looks a little different this year, so make sure your applicants read all the important information and make their submissions on time. There is also a great new video on the state officer section of the website that you can show to your chapters to promote running for state officer under the heading, "Why should you become a State HOSA Officer?"
3. Speaking of HOSA Leadership—we are excited to share the results of the election for the **Oklahoma HOSA Leadership Advisory Board positions**: Dana Chandler- Administration, Karen Evans- Secondary Representative, and Brandi Fisher- Large School Representative.
4. Want to promote a healthy mindset while decorating your classroom? Check out these **positive mindset posters (downloadable) FREE** : [Growth Mindset Posters for Classroom - Educators Technology](#)
5. **9 Key Classroom Management Skills Backed up with Research - Educators Technology**
6. **Prepare students for Next Gen NCLEX** As the fall semester gets underway, you can help your students improve their NCLEX scores and support them better into their transition to practice with vrClinicals for Nursing. [vrClinicals for Nursing](#) from Wolters Kluwer and Laerdal Medical immerses your students in a virtual hospital setting where they practice their prioritization and decision-making skills with multiple patients, just like in real life. Including evidence-based patient scenarios authored by the National League for Nursing, vrClinicals for Nursing helps students become better prepared using virtual clinical experiences to build real confidence [vrClinicals for Nursing Education | Wolters Kluwer](#)
7. So, we know your kids are addicted—how about YOU? How to tell if you **are addicted to your phone**
8. The **Health Careers Bootcamp** is open for reservations at this time! This promises to be a fun-filled two days of learning for teachers with all levels of experience. Starla Ewan will be presenting clay-building skills in addition to laying on some excellent teaching tips! We also have an industry panel coming to share their needs to better help you prepare students. The draft agenda can be [found here](#) and the lodging/registration information found on this page: [HCE Bootcamp \(oklahoma.gov\)](#)
9. **The ways our skin shapes our health** is fascinating—it truly relates to almost any disease process you can imagine!
10. This **newly published white paper** explores three **root causes of inequity connected to career development in the K-12 education system**:
 - Youth and families' misunderstanding of the benefits of CTE:
 - Systemic barriers to student participation and persistence
 - A lack of career knowledge and planning information to motivate student engagement
 - [ACTE White Paper - eDynamic Learning](#)

11. Oklahoma ACTE's **Mutual Benevolence closes THIS WEEK—Today!—August 30th** This plan allows enrollment for a member and their spouse to receive a death benefit of \$10 from each member. We are up to \$14,000 that would be sent out via check should you or your spouse pass away to defray costs incurred. Enrollment is only available within your first three years of employment OR during open enrollment. We are currently in an open enrollment period. To sign up go to: [Mutual Benevolence Plan | OkACTE](#)
12. **77% of large employers see rising mental health issues**
Some 77% of large employers report an increase in mental health issues among their workforces, up from 44% in 2022, according to a survey from Business Group on Health. Some 80% of respondents said mental health was their top priority this year and 97% intend to boost access to digital resources such as webinars, apps, videos and articles. **Full Story:** [HR Dive](#)
13. If you would like a **FREE membership in Health Science Educator's Association**, you must be a member of our teacher organization, **Oklahoma Health Careers Education Teachers Association (OHCETA)** by September 15th. Many of you probably paid the \$20 dues during registration at Oklahoma Summit, but if you were hired since that time, or you missed the membership affiliation part of the registration, please go to [Membership Dues /Summit Registration | OkACTE](#) and if you have any questions, contact Carmen Jones at cjones@okacte.org or 405-525-8906.
14. Speaking of OKACTE—we just came back from an excellent strategic planning/leadership session for our OHCETA Officer Team and we want to invite you to **join our OHCETA page the next time you log into facebook!** Go to join groups and choose OHCETA, then join! We are now featuring best practices and our new teachers on this site—LIKE us for great ideas from Oklahoma Teachers! Life is better with friends.
15. Last, but not least—please join us for our very first **“NOW YOU KNOW” Webinar** next Thursday, September 7th at 3:30pm. Gilda Austin, HCE Program Specialist will be covering **“Notetaking and other Study Skills for Students”**. You can log in to watch at: <https://zoom.us/j/8822491946> This will be the first of our monthly series of professional development for teachers!

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