

It's Hispanic Heritage Month! This month celebrates Americans who have ancestry in countries that speak Spanish including Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain. Online tours make one of the best virtual Hispanic Heritage Month ideas. You can share the screen while viewing a self-guided digital tour of a museum, park, or cultural site, or book a hosted Zoom tour.

Here are some suggestions:

- [Smithsonian Latino Virtual Museum](#)
- [Museum of Latin American Art](#)
- [Google Arts & Culture Latino Cultures in the US](#)
- [Frida Kahlo Museum](#)

Check out more [virtual tours](#).

To tie in healthcare—take a look at “Health In Latin America—Statistics and Facts”. Have a class discussion on the information shown: [Health in Latin America - Statistics & Facts | Statista](#)

Our very own Gilda Austin moved to the United States from Mexico when she was seven years old and had to learn English in elementary school. She just completed her citizenship requirements this past summer and we are super excited to learn more about her rich family history and about the citizenship process—it's fascinating what we have learned, just by knowing her!

1. Please see the attached flyer regarding the next **Simulation Bootcamp, to be held on November 6, 2023 from 8:30am-3:00 at Tulsa Technology Center's** Health Science Building, 3350 S. Memorial Dr. Tulsa, OK 74145 This builds on previous introductory experience and participants will have an active role in three different scenarios. **Registration is FREE**, but space is limited so register by 10/30/2023. <https://forms.gle/Hw2EfvhnqtgXvM1GA>
2. A recent quote during a Character Strong webinar by Phil Boyte states, "**You either have a school culture by design or a school culture by default.**" **Culture is about how people repeatedly and habitually behave.** It is the essence of shared values, character skills, and accepted norms that shape the daily interactions and practices within the school community. **Climate is the product of those behaviors, and how it feels.** School climate encompasses the emotional and social atmosphere within the community, reflecting the overall well-being and satisfaction of students, teachers, and staff. Ask yourself—**what is the culture of your school? What is the climate in your classroom?**
3. All past **Wednesday Webinars** from the National Consortium for Health Science Education are categorized and found on this page: [Webinars | National Consortium for Health Science Education \(healthscienceconsortium.org\)](#)
4. **A Plan to Teach the Body's Largest Organ:** Get under your students' skin with Visible Body's integumentary system lab activity and lesson plan. By the end of this lab, students will be able to describe the functions of the integumentary system and identify significant skin and hair structures. [Make it extra interactive by pairing it with our virtual 3D models!](#)
5. **Strategies to increase student participation**—[find out more through this article](#). These strategies can help you create a learning environment where every learner feels heard and valued as they are supported in multiple ways to participate. This not only fosters equity of voice but also helps create a more inclusive and collaborative learning community where learning is expected for all, not just a few. Those who are doing the work are the ones learning, and when we get more learners reflecting, thinking, and sharing their ideas, we get more learners learning.
6. With the recent acquisition of AES, iCEV now offers preparation content for certifications not hosted on our platform. These materials align with dozens of industry certifications from

providers such as NHA, NCHSE, NOCTI, AMCA, and more. Join this session to learn how to effectively use these resources in your health science courses to ensure your students' success! Join this webinar titled "[Prepare Health Science Students for Certification Success!](#)" on **Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 3:00pm** by [registering here](#).

7. **Costco** to [offer members virtual primary care visits for \\$29](#) after striking partnership with healthcare marketplace operator Sesame ([More](#))
8. Survey—[Fewer high-school grads seek 4 year degrees](#): A recent survey of 2023 high school graduates conducted by YouScience reveals that a higher percentage of students -- 55% -- are choosing not to pursue a traditional four-year college degree, compared to 48% in 2019-2022. Instead, 69% of respondents are exploring alternative career paths, with 27% attending two-year colleges, 13% entering the workforce directly and 7% enrolling in trade or technical schools.
Full Story: [T.H.E. Journal](#) (9/22)
9. [Are you on Facebook?](#) Please join a couple groups to stay on top of what's going on in **Oklahoma HCE** (Health Careers Education) and your teacher organization, **OHCEA** (Oklahoma Health Careers Education Teachers Association). We are continually posting what is going on in our state, specifically right now, when our HCE staff is visiting new teachers on their campuses! We like to highlight resources, tools and lessons from teachers that YOU can use in your classroom.
10. **Oklahoma HOSA** is busy with [officer selection](#) coming up next **Tuesday, October 3rd**. We currently have 41 candidates for our 10 state officer spots! Be watching for how to vote on the slate, coming soon. Also, [Fall Leadership Conference](#) will be held on **Tuesday, October 17th** at the Embassy Suites in Norman OK. Information can be found [here](#). Finally, [membership affiliation](#) is open now through January. Steps to affiliate are [here](#).
11. OHCEA members should be receiving information about their new [Health Science Educator's Association login](#) portal this week. I sent in the list of paid members on Monday. If you have not paid, you can still join HSEA and have the same access by purchasing [an individual membership](#).
12. **They're here! They're here!** Last week the National Consortium for Health Science released [Version 7.0: NCHSE Health Science Curriculum Enhancements](#)! You can watch the "[release party webinar](#)" or find out purchasing information in the Online Store. As a member state- [All Oklahomans get the discounted price](#)---if you bought version 6.0, you may purchase just the additional/revised content for \$150; if you haven't purchased before, the enhancements for all 11 standards are \$450 and provide highly interactive instructional strategies, classroom activities, websites and links, power points, content outlines, tests and more that are aligned with the National Health Science Standards. [Get yours today!!!](#) Discounts given for multiple teacher copies (district purchases).

World Mental Health Day is October 10th—consider celebrating by identifying local resources for your student body! Oklahoma now has "988 Mental Health Lifeline" which streamlines mental health crisis lines to the numbers 988. You can download a [variety of posters](#) for classrooms and activities. [Resources - 988: Oklahoma's Mental Health Lifeline \(988oklahoma.com\)](#) I can see that this would be an amazing topic for your HOSA chapter to do the "[Health Education](#)" or "[Community Awareness](#)" Teamwork events while sharing lifesaving information at your middle schools or elementary schools.

Have a great week! Hope you're enjoying the cool evenings and mornings as we move into fall!

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