

Somewhere there is someone being kind just because you were kind to them.

—Brooke, Random Acts of Kindness Foundation

1. **Clinical and Employability Skills:** Learn about a versatile collection of clinical tools in which health science instructors can use to prepare students for a successful clinical, rotation, or practicum experiences. Hear from the authors of the forthcoming, *Clinical and Employability Skills*, a brief overview of the health science foundations and tools for instructors and students to prepare for clinical practice. Take home examples for lab and scenario practice in your classroom. This NCHSE Webinar takes place next Wednesday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m., presented by Linda Stanhope! [Register NOW!](#) To see all previous webinars, review the page at: [Webinars | National Consortium for Health Science Education \(healthscienceconsortium.org\)](#)
2. Elicit is an AI-powered tool that takes multiple research papers and offers summaries and data extraction to give you a quick overview of the information contained within, including sources. So, while this is a useful tool for teachers, it could also be used by more advanced students who wish to learn about a subject directly from primary sources of information. **Full Story:** [Tech & Learning](#)
3. Join the NLN on April 18 for a public policy webinar, [“Revolutionizing Nursing Education: Unlocking Funding Opportunities Through Innovative Community Practice Partnerships,”](#) to explore how one health system is building the health of the community it serves while developing the nursing pipeline through innovative and unique educational opportunities that bridge public education and health care delivery. **Price:** \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. **Continuing education:** 1 contact hour / 0.1 CEUs [Register here.](#)
4. *Why communication is complicated.* Do you ever struggle to communicate with your mom? Or feel like you and your spouse sometimes speak different languages? Linguist Deborah Tannen shows how our conversational styles can cause unintended conflicts, and what we can do to communicate more effectively with the people in our lives. [Listen to learn more.](#)
5. Interesting! It’s not just OK CareerTech stepping on toes! Community colleges in California are once again pushing for the authority to offer bachelor’s degrees in nursing, sparking debate over whether this would alleviate or exacerbate the state’s nursing shortage. Proposed legislation aims to address workforce needs by expanding educational opportunities, but concerns linger regarding faculty shortages and clinical placements within both community colleges and universities. **Full Story:** [EdSource](#)
6. **Researchers discover** protein that stimulates regrowth of optical nerve fibers; may help lead to treatments for retinal damage, including glaucoma, which affects more than 3 million Americans yearly ([More](#))
7. **New Florida law bans kids under 14 from social media:** It is the latest in a series of efforts by states to regulate social media in a way that protects minors and stands up to legal challenges. But opponents say Florida’s law still runs afoul of the First Amendment.
8. *You’ve got the power.* You’ve heard the phrase “drunk with power,” and we’ve all known someone who wields their alpha status in a reckless way. But it turns out that a very different trait — self-control — plays a big role in how powerful we perceive someone to be. In a [series of experiments](#), researchers looked at how various behaviors were associated with power. For example, in one experiment, people read an excerpt about a colleague who set a fitness goal for themselves. In one condition, the hypothetical colleague gave in to temptation and ate a big dessert; in another, they showed self-restraint. From there, volunteers were asked to rate how suitable they thought that person would be for a high-power role. Across all versions of this experiment, people seemed to equate self-control with power. The better someone could stick to their goal and avoid temptation, the more powerful they were seen to be. “This pattern held across a variety of goals in our experiments, including saving money, being healthy and reading books,” said co-author Pamela Smith. Who knew keeping your New Year’s resolution could be a power move?

9. A bill moving through the Oklahoma state legislature could help make college financially attainable for students with disabilities. The [Oklahoma Access and Achievement Program](#) would offer scholarship funds to help cover the costs of postsecondary transitional programs and college courses.
10. Make great videos for less: To engage and inspire, consider how you can develop materials that meet students where they are. Filmmaking or videography can seem intimidating -- and expensive -- but there are a few techniques that you can use to produce high-quality career training videos for less. First, consider three basic types of content you could produce: interviews, case studies and documentary films. [Read more](#)
11. HOSA News: State Leadership Conference begins on **Monday, April 15th**!! Amy sent an update on 3/29/24 re: Dress Code, the Be the Match (NMDP) Walk, awards

Silent auction, required documentation, Anatomage tourney and registration information and on 4/2 the Conference Program was linked to the website: [2024 SLC Program - Healthcare Heros \(filesusr.com\)](#) .

12. [8 Ways to Create AI-Proof Writing Prompts | Tech & Learning \(techlearning.com\)](#) Want to include writing and literacy skills in your classroom, but worried about Artificial Intelligence tools students may use?
13. Student absenteeism is a leading factor [hindering the nation's recovery from pandemic learning losses](#), educational experts say. Students can't learn if they aren't in school. And a rotating cast of absent classmates can [negatively affect the achievement](#) of even students who do show up, because teachers must slow down and adjust their approach to keep everyone on track. [Why School Absences Have 'Exploded' Almost Everywhere - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)
14. The Alzheimer's Association will host a webinar titled "Expanding Community Awareness & Education" on **Thursday, April 4 at 6PM CT**. This meeting is for Alzheimer's Association program volunteers, Awareness Champions and Community Educators to join together, share best practices and hear how our reach is growing in communities nationwide. We will preview our 10 Healthy Habits content and the new Empowered Caregiver education program as well. **Registration is available [here](#)**. The webinar is scheduled for one hour, and a recording will be emailed to everyone and posted the following day on the online Volunteer Community for those unable to attend. I hope you will join us!
15. Why dental health isn't considered [primary medical care](#). This article is a MUST READ!!! Fascinating the link between oral health and so many life-threatening conditions. This might be a great "read and summarize" then report out for those days where you need to fill some time. Appropriate for ALL.
16. Well, we tried it—and it wasn't too successful---the two remaining "Now You Know" webinars will be cancelled due to lack of participation.
17. We need YOU! Oklahoma HOSA-Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference will be held on April 15-17 at the Embassy Suites and Conference Center in Norman, OK. We need judges and event personnel on both Monday (15th) and Tuesday (16th). This is a great way to be a part of our student organization and the conference can't happen without judges/competitive events! To volunteer: [Volunteer Judge Sign-Up Link](#)

It's the final push before the semester ends—just another six or seven weeks! New Teachers—we are so very proud of you! I hope each of you are planning to come to HOSA SLC so you can learn more by watching! Be watching for emails within your programmatic group—we will start setting up curriculum review in late April and May for the high school program areas and on into the summer for those of you who work into the summer!! 😊

Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine while you can!

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