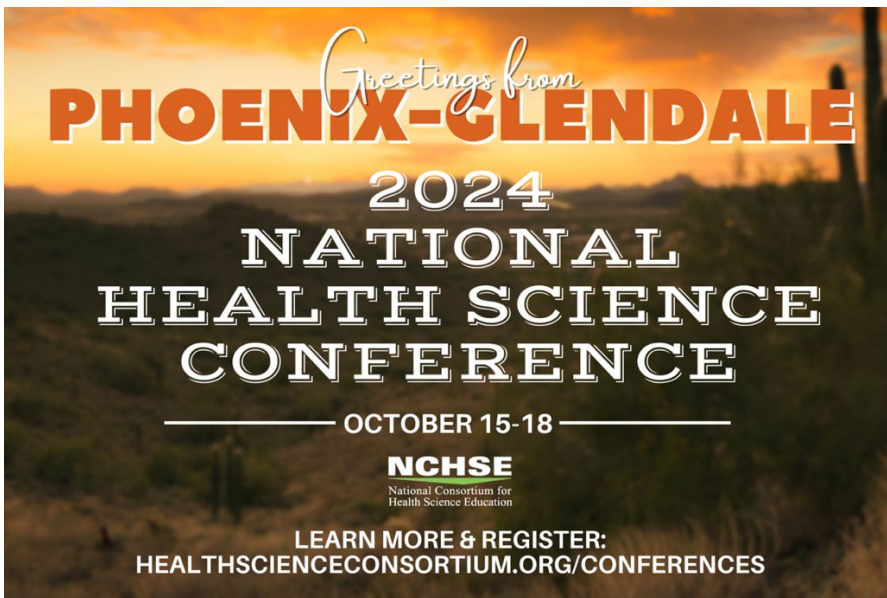


"It's not the honors and prizes of life which ultimately nourish our souls. It's the knowing that we can be trusted, that we never have to fear the truth, that the bedrock of our very being is good stuff."

- Mister Rogers

1. Discover the excitement at the upcoming National Health Science Conference in Phoenix-Glendale from October 15-18, the only national conference 100% dedicated to health science education. Explore cutting-edge insights, connect with passionate professionals, and immerse yourself in hands-on workshops designed to elevate your teaching skills. This is a unique opportunity to build lasting connections and stay ahead in health science education. Seize this incredible chance to be part of a community that shares your passion and drive for excellence in health science education. Learn more about the conference and secure your spot by registering at [conference website](#). Don't miss out on this enriching experience—it's time to take your health science education journey to new heights!



2. Building Bilingual EdTech Materials for students. The numbers are staggering! Within the last 30 years, Households that speak a language other than English have tripled: from 23 million to 68 million. [How edtech is transforming bilingual education in the U.S. \(eschoolnews.com\)](#)
3. It's beautiful outside—the grass is growing and there is an uptick in ticks (did you see what I did there?) Protein found in human sweat helps protect against Lyme disease, new study suggests; finding may lead to new preventive treatments for the condition that affects half a million Americans annually ([More](#))
4. Surgeons transplant a pig kidney into a human: [Surgeons Transplant Pig Kidney Into a Patient, a Medical Milestone - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)
5. Brain-computer interface company Neuralink [released](#) a video yesterday purporting to show a quadriplegic patient who had received one of its implants playing a game of online chess with his mind. The [nine-minute video](#) features 29-year-old Nolan Arbaugh, who was paralyzed from the shoulders down in 2015 after a diving accident. Arbaugh became the first human patient to undergo the implant trial with Neuralink in January.
6. Want to engage and inspire audiences while looking totally confident? Learn how to use nonverbal communication! In this free cheat-sheet, Dr. Gary Genard shares six powerful tools of effective body language for public speaking. [Grab your cheat sheet!](#)

7. For decades, zapping the brain with brief currents of electricity has been shown to help severe depression, but no one knew why. Scientists now believe they've uncovered the answer in the brain's chemical balance. ([Read](#))
8. *“Are we inspiring the kind of voracious appetite for learning that, like a fire, is never sated? Are we fanning the flames of curiosity? Are our classrooms and labs places where creativity thrives?”* - Mark C. Perna, [Filling Vessels or Kindling Flames? article](#)
9. Recently, the Department of Labor announced almost \$200 million in grants to support the private-public relationships crucial to Registered Apprenticeships. The new funding available includes \$95 million in grants for the second round of the Apprenticeship Building America Grant Program, and another \$100 million in the second round of State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula Grants. [Read more.](#)
10. You know how your children always did best when they had a routine? Dinner at six, bath at seven, bedtime at eight for example. Check out this [article](#) on the power of routines in the classroom!
11. Aztec Software has a number of great instructional webinars in both English and Spanish to look at: [Training & Professional Development Webinars - Aztec \(aztecsoftware.com\)](#) They also have stand-alone courses for Administrative Medical Assistant, Billing & Coding and Clinical Medical Assistant.
12. Study suggests pregnancy accelerates biological age—the presence of genetic markers seen as bodies grow older—but the post-birth period may reverse many of the effects ([More](#)) | **Biological age 101** ([More](#))
13. HOSA Update: The [Top 12 lists](#) were posted on the HOSA website under SLC (State Leadership Conference) during Spring Break. If your student took a test and they have been invited to come see if they won, please know there are TONS of other things to keep students busy and give them the best experience possible! We have a College and Career Fair, a game room, Blood Drive, Anatomage competition, workshops throughout the two days, and MUCH more! Please bring anyone who wants to come to SLC!

Also, if you would like to nominate for the following awards (two NEW ones), they are due April 1 by 5pm: [Advisor of the Year](#), [Administrator of the Year](#), [Outstanding Alumni](#) and [Outstanding Support Staff](#).

14. Housing for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma Summit will open **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, noon**. Hotels will **not** accept reservations prior to Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, noon. After this date/time,

please refer to the “housing” section of the Oklahoma Summit website for more details at:

<https://www.okacte.org/2024-oklahoma-summit> Health Divisional meetings will be held at the **Hyatt Downtown Tulsa**.

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