



## **Student from PSU Intensive English Program wins HOSA dental terminology event**



Pamela Márquez, of Mexico, competed against other college students in the HOSA - Future Health Professionals event “Dental Terminology”. When the results came back, Márquez received first place in the State of Kansas, and scored above the international average for the event.

The first-place award alone is impressive, and to add to Márquez’s notable win is that she is completed the difficult event as a student in Pitt State’s Intensive English Program (IEP).

“For this event, she had to take an online test with questions about the different roots, words, and phrases used in dentistry,” said Hannah Eckstein, HOSA Vice President. “This is a very difficult event, and to add to the difficulty, it was all in English.”

HOSA is international student-led organization dedicated to serving students and promoting careers in the health sciences, such as nursing, medicine, pharmacy, and dentistry. Joining HOSA, and becoming one of the founding members of the chapter at PSU, has been exciting for Márquez.

“I come to Pitt State because I wanted to improve my English, and also get involved in groups focus in my professional area,” she said. “I found that HOSA exist in Pitt State, and I thought that being part of this Association will help me in my professional career in the USA.”

Márquez, who was a dentist in her home city Chihuahua, Mexico, said she “really enjoyed” the online terminology test.

“...I felt I was back to my college in Chihuahua, Mexico,” she said. “I joined because of the love I have to dentistry and the fact to be part of a competition related to my professional career.”

When she found out she won the event, she said she was “very surprised and very happy.”

“...because it is the first time that I get involved in something about dentistry in the USA,” Márquez said.

Eckstein said she represented Pitt State HOSA well in the event.

“Pitt State HOSA is beyond proud of Pamela and her hard work,” she said. “We are so lucky to have her as a member and cannot wait to see what she does next.”

Márquez is studying in the IEP at PSU after her husband, Angel, went through the program before pursuing his Masters in Engineering Technology at PSU.

“I am so happy to be part of Pitts State and all of these thanks to my husband...who motivates me to continue growing personally, professionally and also embrace the Gorilla Spirit at PSU.”