



## Challenger Early College High School

### Meet your 2021-22 PSO Officers



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## WELCOME TO THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR!

From The Desk of the PSO Board

Hello! The Challenger High School PSO would like to welcome you to the 2021-22 Academic Year. We are excited to meet each of you, and look forward to working together to ensure the success of our children and school as a whole! We plan to send this monthly newsletter to update you on important dates and information.

Please remember to submit your dues of \$40.00. Like us on social media! (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

Please reach out to any of our board with questions. Let's have a great year!

Go Firebirds!

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**First PSO meeting**  
**9/9/21**

#### **PSO Meetings**

are the second Thursday of each month.

Meetings will be held virtually at 6:00 PM

#### **Quarterly Parent Meetings**

Tuesday, September 28th

Thursday, December 2nd

# PARENT STUDENT ORGANIZATION

**The Challenger PSO welcomes parents and students to the 2021-2022 school year.**

**What is PSO?** The Parent Support Organization of Challenger Early College HS is a volunteer group composed of the parents of Challenger students. Being actively involved in your student's education and fully engaged in school events and activities is crucial for the success of your child and for the overall health of the school. At Challenger, the best way for a parent to get involved is through the Parent Student Organization (PSO). We are the liaison with the school for parents. Our volunteer board of parents includes a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and outgoing president.

**What do we do?** Our main purpose is to raise money to support the educational and extracurricular activities of students and teachers. Through our fundraising efforts, we support academics, athletics, and clubs. (PLEASE NOTE WE DO WAY MORE THAN SUPPORT SPORTS.) Specific fundraising events we sponsor include Attraction coupon book sales at the beginning of the year, International Festival mid-fall semester, and Golf Tournament mid-spring semester.

**How do I get involved?** All parents are members of the Parent Support Organization (PSO) upon enrolling their student. At the beginning of the year, the board collects \$40 PSO dues and 4 hours of volunteer time is required. Even though the required minimum is 4 hours per family, our operating needs are much greater and we will have committees to organize and operate the special events. We extend an invitation to parents for help through donating both time and money throughout the year, not only weekly and monthly, but at special events. Parents are able to donate money and supplies, but more importantly, they are encouraged to donate ideas and time.

**Why should I get involved?** Clubs and athletics are an important part of the Challenger experience. In addition, supporting our teachers with additional funding for supplies makes a difference in their classrooms. PSO funds most of this. By supporting and participating in PSO, you are able to impact the overall health of our school. Without parent involvement, we are nothing. Plus, it gives you a chance to work alongside and get to know other parents and positively influence your kids by setting an example of service and giving back.

## **Tips for Parents**

Be sure to speak with your child to gain access to their CVCC Blackboard, and CVCC email accounts. This will prove you with insight as to your child's progress in their college classes. Please understand that CVCC instructors are not allowed to speak with parents (due to Federal Regulations). However, your child may give you access to their CVCC Blackboard and CVCC email. This will enable you, as a parent, to ensure you understand your child's progress in their college courses. Our CVCC Liaison is Lori Hoffa. Please feel free to contact her as needed.

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