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HOSA State Conference begins today at Hot Springs Convention Center

LITTLE ROCK - The annual Arkansas Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Spring Leadership Conference will be held today and April 1 in Horner Hall of the Hot Springs Convention Center. More than 450 students from 25 Arkansas high schools will participate in the event, which includes two days of health care competitions. The 2008-2009 national HOSA theme is "HOSA: Where One Person's Passion Becomes Another Person's Hero."

Competitions get underway at 10 a.m. today and closing ceremonies are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Top finishers will advance to the 32nd Annual HOSA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn., in June.

"This conference gives students who are interested in an occupation in the health care profession an opportunity to showcase their talents," Department of Workforce Education Public School Program Advisor and HOSA State Advisor Barbara Dimon said. "It also gives an opportunity for members of the medical and health care community, who work with us during this conference, a chance to see the cutting edge training and career and technical education that public schools are offering today."

The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health, science, technology and education students, therefore; helping students to meet the needs of the health care community.

"It's thrilling to see how committed so many students are to HOSA, the only student organization totally dedicated to health care," Department of Workforce Education Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. said. "It's no secret that competition for jobs in today's market place is very fierce, but they are giving themselves a head start by laying a foundation and gaining early experience in the health care profession as members of HOSA."

The following is a list of HOSA Spring Leadership events, times and locations within the Hot Springs Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, March 31

10 am

TEST ONLY EVENTS BEGIN

Concepts of Health Care

Room 207

Dental Terminology

Room 208

Human Growth & Development

Room 207

Nutrition

Room 207

Pathophysiology

Room 208

Pharmacology

Room 208

Medical Math

Room 207

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Tuesday, March 31

10 am	TEST ONLY EVENTS BEGIN Medical Terminology	Room 208
10 am	ROUND ONE EVENTS BEGIN CERT CPR/First Aid Creative Problem Solving Dental Assisting Dental Spelling EMT Forensic Medicine Home Health Aide HOSA Bowl Medical Reading Medical Spelling Medical Assisting-Clinical Nursing Assisting Physical Therapy Sports Medicine Veterinary Assisting	Horner Hall Horner Hall Room 209 Room 209 Room 202 Horner Hall Room 205 Room 209 Horner Hall Room 204 Room 202 Room 209 Room 209 Room 209 Room 203 Room 201
10 am	CONTEST EVENT BEGINS First Aid/Breathing Rescue	Room 101
11 am	LUNCH	
1 pm	CONTEST EVENTS CONTINUE Career Health Display (Set Up Begins) Chapter Newsletter Extemporaneous Health Poster Extemporaneous Writing Job Seeking Skills Medical Photography Outstanding HOSA Chapter Public Service Announcement	Horner Hall Horner Hall Horner Hall Room 104 Room 106 Room 101 Horner Hall Room 105
1:30 pm	CONTEST EVENTS CONTINUE Note: These events will be held at the Arkansas Career Training Institute Dental Assisting Home Health Aide Medical Assisting-Clinical Nursing Assisting Personal Care Physical Therapy	
1:30 pm	CONTEST EVENTS CONTINUE Career Health Display (Contest Begins)	Horner Hall
1:45 pm	CONTEST EVENTS CONTINUE CPR/First Aid EMT Forensic Medicine Sports Medicine Veterinary Assisting	Room 207 Room 207 Room 207 Room 207 Room 207
2 pm	ROUND TWO EVENTS BEGIN CPR/First Aid	Room 104

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2 pm	ROUND TWO EVENTS BEGIN Dental Spelling EMT Forensic Medicine (Start) Forensic Medicine (End) Medical Spelling Prepared Speaking Sports Medicine Veterinary Assisting	Room 208 Room 102 Room 201 Room 202 Room 208 Room 106 Room 205 Horner Hall Box Office
2:45 pm	ROUND TWO EVENTS CONTINUE CERT Creative Problem Solving HOSA Bowl Medical Reading	Room 207 Room 207 Room 207 Room 207
3 pm	ROUND TWO EVENTS CONTINUE CERT Creative Problem Solving (Prep) Creative Problem Solving (Contest) HOSA Bowl Medical Reading Researched Persuasive Speaking	Room 102 Room 203 Room 204 Room 209 Room 104 Room 106
6:30 pm	Delegation & Business Meeting	Horner Hall
8:30 pm	ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS Mike Reeves, Comedic Hypnotist	Horner Hall
<u>Wednesday, April 1</u>		
10:30 am	CLOSING SESSION	Horner Hall