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ALABAMA'S NEXT GENERATION OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS
Alabama High School Students Competing for State Honors at 2016 HOSA Championships

Montgomery, Ala. – Health-related careers are expected to be some of America’s most popular occupational choices in the future. This week 1,835 Alabama students and teachers are traveling to Montgomery to participate in two days of competitive events and an advanced leadership study at Alabama’s 2016 HOSA: Future Health Professionals Leadership Conference, February 25-26. Students attending this conference at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Convention Center will have an opportunity to participate in over 45 different competitions and workshops.

Currently, the national HOSA organization has more than 150,000 members throughout the United States. In the U.S. News and World Report “Best Jobs of 2016” report, it was found that nine of the top ten most rewarding careers come from America’s medical field.

- Orthodontist
- Dentist
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatrist
- Pediatrician
- Anesthesiologist
- Obstetrician/Gynecologist

(Source: http://money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs/rankings/the-100-best-jobs)

“During this year’s HOSA conference, 50 different careers will be showcased that are available to students participating in health science education programs,” says HOSA State Advisor Dana Stringer. “Our student members earn scholarships and help their local communities by participating in national service projects. HOSA’s primary mission is to promote career opportunities in health care fields, which will enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.”

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual salary for health service and medical managers has grown to more than $84,000 per year.

Some of the competitive events that students will be participating in at this year’s conference are Medical Math, Pharmacology, Clinical Nursing, Veterinary Assisting, CPR/First Aid, Forensic Medicine, Sports Medicine, and Biomedical Debate.

The top winners in each competition category will be eligible to represent the state at the upcoming HOSA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 22-25 (http://nlc.hosa.org/).
Alabama’s career and technical education (CTE) program provides students an opportunity to participate in seven different student organizations, including HOSA. Students participating in HOSA have an opportunity to prepare for careers in the following medical areas:

- Human Anatomy
- Physiology
- Growth and Development
- Legal and Ethical Responsibilities
- Medical Language and Safety
- Body Mechanics
- Forensics
- Infection and Disease Control

A total of 86 schools from across Alabama will be attending this event.

To learn more about Alabama’s HOSA organization, contact State Advisor, Dana Stringer, at (334) 353-4867 or visit the national HOSA Web site, [www.HOSA.org](http://www.HOSA.org).

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