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ALABAMA STUDENTS BUILDING THEIR SKILLS TO BE NATION’S NEXT GENERATION OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

1,700 COMPETING AT ALABAMA’S 2015 HOSA CONFERENCE

Montgomery, Ala. – Health-related careers are expected to be a very popular occupational choice in the future. According to data from the U.S. Department of Labor, the employment rate for health services managers alone is expected to grow by 22 percent (2010-2020).

 Nearly 1,700 students and teachers are traveling to Montgomery this week to participate in two days of competitive events and advanced leadership study at Alabama’s 2015 HOSA: Future Health Professionals Leadership Conference, February 26-27.

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 over 150,000 members throughout the United States. Alabama has approximately 6,198 members.

In a special report released – U.S. News and World Report’s Best Jobs of 2015 – it was found that seven of the top-ten most rewarding careers, come from America’s medical field:

1. Dentist
2. Nurse Practitioner
3. Physician
4. Dental Hygienist
5. Physical Therapist
6. Registered Nurse
7. Physician Assistant


“During this year’s conference, we will showcase 44 different careers 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. To enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.”

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual salary of 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 Anaheim, California, on June 24-27.
ALABAMA HOSA 2015
Preparing Students for Success – College and Career Ready

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 113 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.

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