



HOSA Applauds Heroic Efforts of Former Member Daniel Hernandez

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- HOSA – Future Health Professionals applaud the heroic efforts of former HOSA member Daniel Hernandez during the tragic shootings in Tucson, AZ. His quick and selfless action saved the life of Congresswoman Giffords and contributed to immediate attention to the victims prior to the arrival of emergency medical services.

Daniel was a member of HOSA during his junior year (2006-8) at Sunnyside High School in Tucson, Arizona where he was recognized as a national finalist in the Kaiser Permanente Healthcare Issues Exam at HOSA's 2008 National Leadership Conference.

Daniel's HOSA Health Science instructor Catherine Monroe described him as, "One of the best and brightest students I have ever had the pleasure of teaching; he is extremely self-motivated to learn, and has a wide range of interests."

"On behalf of the nearly two million alumni and over 150,000 student members this year across the United States, we salute Daniel Hernandez for his heroism and our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of this senseless tragedy. We plan to recognize Daniel at the 2011 HOSA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim (CA) in June." - Tonia Moore-Davis – HOSA Board Chair

"We applaud Daniel Hernandez who serves as an example of HOSA's commitment to preparing our nation's Future Health Professionals and to equipping them with the leadership, dedication and practical emergency preparedness skills across the nation". - Dr. Jim Koeninger, Executive Director – HOSA.

"We are proud of the critical leadership and life saving skills Daniel employed. His heroism is a positive story in an otherwise horrific circumstance." - George Sifakis, Washington Office Director – HOSA.

ABOUT HOSA:

HOSA is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO), endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, whose mission is to promote opportunities in health care and enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. Since its beginnings in 1976, HOSA has served nearly two million graduates. Today, HOSA serves 150,000 members and 3,500 chapters in 48 states including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Key National HOSA partners include the US Army, Aspen Institute, KidneyWise, US Public Health Service, US Medical Reserve Corps, HCA, Kaiser Permanente, and America's Promise among many others.

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