



HOSA Hosts Luncheon at Dirksen Senate Office Building

Luncheon Speakers included: Representative Michael Burgess (TX); Michelle Chin, Senator John Cornyn's office (TX); Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK); Representative Charles Gonzalez (TX); Representative Michael Castle (DE); Representative Tim Bishop (NY); David Weinreich from Representative Bob Etheridge's office (NC); and Angela Mikolajewski, Senator George Voinovich's office (OH).

A variety of issues were shared by the delegates in attendance. The #1 issue addressed was the S-CHIP legislation that would help with the insurance needs of children as well as the critical shortage of health care workers. Emergency preparedness was also highlighted as a major concern. It was evident from the congressional delegates that the health related issues impacting our Nation are extremely important to national security and well-being.

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski shared the needs of rural hospitals in Alaska and around the country. The shortage is hitting rural areas particularly hard. She shared how important it is to keep the pipeline full of qualified young people and thanked HOSA for its mission to help ease the health care shortage.

Representative Michael Burgess (TX), met with HOSA for a second straight year and brought his unique perspective as a medical doctor serving in the House of Representatives. Representative Burgess serves the congressional district where the National HOSA Headquarters is located.

The HOSA Day on the Hill and Congressional Luncheon was an extraordinary success. We believe that the efforts of those involved will prove helpful in resolving our Nation's health care shortages!

