

Health Policies Seminar and Legislative Meetings

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In March 2005, HOSA representatives Dr. Jim Koeninger, Executive Director; Mrs. Karen Koeninger, Associate Director; Mrs. Regina St. George, Immediate Past Chairman of HOSA Inc. Board of Directors; and Sarah Sexton, National Region II Vice-President traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the National Health Policies Seminar. During this trip, we had the opportunity to meet with many United States Representatives, Senators, and White House Officials. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the importance of and need for HOSA and Health Science Education.

While in Washington, we had time to sit down with members in the offices of U.S. Representatives and Senators. During this time, issues concerning health care shortages, Perkins funding, and the benefits of HOSA were addressed. This was a great experience and allowed us to bring awareness to HOSA and the opportunities it offers members and the health care community. This gave legislators an in depth view as to what HOSA really is and how

it serves others. Not only were we able to meet with Legislative officials, we also had the opportunity to meet and speak with officials from the White House. In these meetings, we were given the chance again to discuss some very important issues.

In each meeting, we received very positive feedback from the legislative and government officials. They were very impressed with HOSA and the opportunities that this organization creates. This was an incredible experience and a great opportunity for HOSA. After meeting with these officials, it is evident that HOSA has a very bright future ahead.



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