



# HOSA Louisiana RE-ORGANIZES

Three years ago, HOSA returned to Louisiana. Initially, the Career and Technical Education staff of the Louisiana Department of Education served as the catalyst and oversaw the state activities and operations. Under Louisiana law, the Department could not remain in this position, and a contract was let to manage the state activities. Unfortunately, the work on HOSA came to a halt.

Beginning in February of this year, the staff of the Louisiana Hospital Association Center for Workforce Development assumed the responsibility of the state activities. KarenSue Zoeller, Vice President of Workforce Development for the Association, will serve in the official role of state advisor. Dawn Verrett, Workforce Coordinator, is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the chapters and the Board of Directors.

Although activities at the state level ceased to operate, a number of local secondary school chapters continued their active participation. Plans are currently being made to hold the Spring Competitions in Baton Rouge. The first, second and third place winners will advance to the national competitions in Orlando. To encourage participation for next year, schools may send two junior students who are not HOSA members to observe the competitions.

The LHA goals for the next year are threefold:

- (1) development of an active board that can support the organization
- (2) increase in the number of secondary chapters
- (3) introduction of HOSA to the Louisiana Community and Technical System to build support for post-secondary chapters.

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## Wisconsin State Officers VISIT THE STATE CAPITOL

In February, the Wisconsin state officers visited the Wisconsin state capitol. While at the capitol, each state officer was able to meet with the senator and representative from their district. The officers had the opportunity to inform the legislators about the benefits of being a member in HOSA and learned more about how the legislative system works. The best thing about the day at the capitol was hearing the support and encouragement to continue being leaders from all the legislatures that talked with the state officers that day.

