

Montana HOSA

Off to a Great Start

HOSA's newest state association is off to a great start with 163 members involved in seven local chapters.

The secondary chapters (129 members) are Billings Career Center, Flathead High School, Great Falls Public Schools, Helena High School, and Miles Community College. The two post-secondary chapters (33 members) are MSU-Great Falls College of Technology and Miles Community College.

The local advisors have been extremely busy organizing students, developing leadership teams, and creating a plan of work for the year. Each student is required to pay \$15 for state and national fees, so the students are already busy planning fundraising and community service projects. HOSA members have opportunities to attend leadership, teambuilding, and competitive events throughout the year.

One of their goals is to attend the 1st annual Montana HOSA State Leadership Conference to be held in Helena at the Colonial Red Lion on April 18-20, 2004. Students will have an opportunity to compete in a variety of health-care related events. The top three students from each event will qualify to participate in the National Leadership Conference which will be held on June 23-26, 2004 in Orlando, Florida.

Events which will be offered at the Montana State Leadership Conference include:

Category I- Health Occupations Related Events

Knowledge Tests, Medical Terminology, Medical Spelling, Medical Math

Category II- Health Occupations Skill Events

Nursing Assisting, CPR/First Aid, Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting Clinical, Physical Therapy, Veterinary Assisting, Sports Medicine, Dental Assisting

Category III- Individual Leadership Events

Researched Persuasive Speaking, Extemporaneous Health Poster, Job Seeking Skills, Prepared Speaking

Category IV- Team Leadership Events

HOSA Bowl, Creative Problem Solving, Career Health Display, Community Awareness, Health Education

Category V- Recognition

Outstanding HOSA Chapter, Outstanding HOSA Member, HOSA National Service Project, HOSA National Recognition Program, Kaiser Permanente Healthcare Issues Exam, Barbara James Service Award, Chapter Newsletter

Montana HOSA's 1st Annual Fall Leadership Conference

Montana HOSA joined Montana DECA students at the Fall Leadership Conference held at the Wingate Inn in Bozeman, Montana on November 13 and 14, 2003. Approximately 38 students attended the conference. Nine Montana HOSA members submitted state officer applications. The emphasis of the conference was the election of state officers. All candidates gave speeches and participated in interviews. The first Montana HOSA state officers are:

- Lindsay Wandke, President, Great Falls High
- Leslie Taylor, Vice President, C.M. Russell High
- Shalei Habel, Secretary, Flathead High
- Holly Munson, Treasurer, Billings West High
- Sarah Barth, Reporter, Miles Community College

The HOSA National Student Leadership Conference (NLC) is scheduled for June 23-26, 2004 in Orlando, Florida. Montana will take its first student delegation to the national conference and will receive a national charter at that time.

Montana HOSA looks forward to being a part of the excitement in Orlando!