



ACTE Honors Lifetime HOSA Member and South Carolina HOSA Chapter Advisor



Carolyn Warner, a HOSA Lifetime Member, was honored with the Carl Perkins Humanitarian Award from the Association for Career and Technical Education at the National Conference in Charlotte on December Fifth. Mrs. Warner is a long time supporter of HOSA and career and technical education in Arizona and around the country. In 1995 Mrs. Warner was presented with an Honorary HOSA Lifetime Membership at the National Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Carl Perkins Humanitarian Award is given annually to recognize individuals who have made outstanding meritorious contributions of state or national significance to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical education. Mrs. Warner has served as the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Arizona as well as on four Presidential commissions on education. The Arizona Education Foundation was founded by Warner and she currently serves on the Board of Directors. Mrs. Warner believes in and uses the motto, "We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future."

HOSA was also honored to have a chapter advisor from South Carolina, **Grace Decken**, recognized as one of the finalists for the ACTE Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Decken is a HOSA advisor and health-science educator at Daniel Morgan Technology Center in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In only seven years while at Daniel Morgan Mrs. Decken has increased the size of Health Science Technology program from two courses to eight including Clinical Studies, Pre-Medical, Anatomy Based Medical Terminology, Health Science Work-Based Learning and First Responder, and she has also increased the student participation from nearly 80 students to around 200.

Decken currently serves as the President of South Carolina ACTE and was honored as this year's Teacher of the Year for ACTE Region II. Mrs. Decken was one of the five regional Teachers of the Year who were nominated for National Teacher of the Year. Recipients of this award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and novel programs that are

