

ARIZONA

The Grand Canyon State

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The sun was shining and the birds were singing and nothing could stop Arizona from having their 1st State Leadership Conference. Only a year ago, HOSA representatives were in Phoenix meeting with legislatures, educators, and industry representatives sharing the HOSA story. It was a pleasure to see the fruits of the labor from so many dedicated and determined individuals.

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To see the smiles and feel the energy from the over 200 in attendance was priceless. I can say the excitement in the room grew more and more as the Opening General Session began. Yes, everyone was nervous about their competitions but the tension slowly eased away as time went along. The Opening General Session was packed with VIP's from industry representatives, educators, and even Arizona Senator Richard Miranda. The Governor signed a proclamation declaring March 14, 2006, HOSA Day in the State of Arizona.

HOSA truly welcomes Arizona as a new state association and wishes them many years of great success.



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