



Students Succeed with Medical Reserve Corps Project

Captain Robert J. Tosatto, R.Ph., M.P.H., M.B.A., U.S. Public Health Service, serves as the Director of the Medical Reserve Corps. The MRC is dedicated to establishing teams of local volunteer medical and public health professionals to contribute their skills and expertise to improve the health and safety of communities across the country. The MRC was founded after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country.

HOSA established a partnership with the MRC which will provide HOSA members the opportunity to learn firsthand how to prepare for and respond to emergencies, promote healthy living, and supplement existing emergency and public health resources.

Tori Hicks and Samantha Scott from Indian Capital Technology Center in Oklahoma won first place in the

Secondary Division at the 2007 National Leadership Conference for their Community Awareness Project. The project was centered on setting up a local MRC chapter and bringing together multiple local and Indian Reservation services to form a MRC chapter. Tori and Samantha shared the process and steps they took to make this happen and how it succeeded with the State Advisors. Tori and Samantha were recognized by the Office of the Surgeon General for setting up a MRC unit in their rural community, thanked them for their effort and presented them with a coin that is bestowed on MRC personnel.

The partnership with the MRC reinforces the value of HOSA chapters and members gaining experience in disaster preparedness in the community and on the campus of schools with HOSA chapters. HOSA is looking forward to more success stories involving the Medical Reserve Corps and local HOSA chapters.



HOSA White House Policy Briefing



HOSA delegates were welcomed to The White House by Katie Loois, Associate Director of Public Liaison for the USA Freedom Corps, for an official briefing by White House staff in the Indian Treaty Room in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

President Bush created USA Freedom Corps (USAFC) to build on the countless acts of service, sacrifice, and generosity that followed September 11th. Ms. Loois encouraged HOSA to promote volunteerism and the

opportunities available for recognition through USAFC and commended HOSA's leadership for its outstanding work through the Barbara James Service Award. Attending the briefing on behalf of First Lady Laura Bush was Sara Armstrong, Deputy Chief of Staff. Captain Robert Tosatto, Director of the Medical Reserve Corps, brought greetings and shared his encouragement for the future of the HOSA-MRC partnership. HOSA was fortunate to hear about the medical care that is given to the President and First Lady from Robert O'Sullivan, White House Physician Assistant. A special thanks to Carrie Underwood, Deputy Director of Policy and Projects, Office of the First Lady, for securing Robert and for her continued support of HOSA. HOSA is sincerely appreciative to the USA Freedom Corps for hosting HOSA in the historic Indian Treaty Room.

