

## *For Immediate Release*



### **Jefferson College Area Technical School Students To Compete in HOSA National Competition**

Photo: Jacalyn Eberhart, HOSA Advisor, with Ben Klein, owner of Fetus Nursing Skilled and Rehabilitation Facility, and HOSA members: Samuel Benne, Alisha Knight and Michelle Gale.

After their first place finish during the recent Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) state competition, three students from the Jefferson College Area Technical School Health Services Assistant program are the first in the school's history to earn the opportunity to participate in the national HOSA competition in Anaheim June 21-24.

Nationally qualifying students include Samuel Benne of Arnold, who won first place in Medical Math; Michelle Gale of House Springs, who won first place in Extemporaneous Writing; and Alisha Knight of High Ridge, who won first place in Digital Medical Photography.

Other ATS winners were Diane Clippard of Festus, who won second place in Extemporaneous Writing; Lauren Tator of Festus, who won second place in Digital Medical Photography; and Tiffany Flynn of High Ridge, who won third place in Extemporaneous Health Poster.

HOSA, a national career and technical student organization, has a mission to promote career opportunities in health care for students in secondary and post-secondary/collegiate institutions. The organization provides opportunities for leadership and technical development to students pursuing a career in the health care industry.

Needing funds to sponsor the trip to California, Eberhart began to make contacts in the community to help with expenses. After learning of their need, Festus Manor- Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Festus (owned by Ben Klein) generously offered to underwrite the entire trip for the three students, as well as for Eberhart and her husband. They will fly first class and stay at the Anaheim Hilton.

Additionally, Sharon Greco (facility administrator) and Marilyn Dawson (director of nursing) are members of the Health Services Advisory Committee at the Jefferson College Area Technical School.

This is the first year that the Jefferson College ATS has been involved with HOSA. Under the direction of Health Services Assistant Professor Jacalyn Eberhart, the local chapter was formed last fall.

Jacalyn Eberhart can be reached at (636) 797-3000, ext. 457 for additional information.

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