

# “HURRAY FOR HOSA”

**Susan LaVere** did a “bang-up job” organizing the Health Professions Affinity Brunch held Saturday morning, October 2, in Tussey-Terrace Lounge. She started planning back in the summer by e-mailing alums and following through in the fall with all the details...It was a great turn-out!

Who attended? 32 people total including 12 alums from medicine, optometry, and pharmacy, 12 students, and Deb Kirchhof-Glazier.

What did they do? They distributed a copy of the HOSA code of Ethics developed last year (see below) and held a discussion on ethics as experienced by alumni in practice and in professional school, and heard from current students on what they are learning about ethics at Juniata.

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## Code of Ethics of the Juniata College Sigma Theta Alpha HOSA Chapter

### *Preamble*

*A career in the health professions entails a lifelong commitment to ethical behavior. As members of the Juniata College Sigma Theta Alpha Chapter of HOSA, we recognize the following to be appropriate conduct for ourselves as current HOSA members and future health care professionals.*

We shall value the contribution to health care of all the health professions and support and encourage one another in our professional and personal endeavors.

We shall be active in the education of ourselves and others, model critical thinking, and be open-minded about modalities and ways of healing that are unfamiliar to us.

We shall have a civil obligation to benefit those in need and to give back to the community that provided support in our success.

We shall be non-judgmental, respectful of personal dignity, and mindful of maintaining confidentiality among ourselves and our future patients.

We shall take responsibility for our actions and model persistence and self-determination.

We shall maintain a positive attitude, act with understanding and compassion, and be attentive to the needs of ourselves and others.

We shall recognize the effects of the social system, respect diversity, and strive to be free of prejudice.

We shall model honesty, integrity, and humility in our actions and be willing to articulate and work for what we believe is true, ever mindful of our role in the service to humanity.

We shall be conscious of changes occurring in the health care field and be proactive in helping improve the system.

We shall strive to reflect good health habits in ourselves.

We understand that human health is related to the health of the society and the environment and shall promote health from an inclusive perspective.

