

Postsecondary/ Collegiate Update

This winter I'm sure has been full of planning, hard work and fruitful results. Congratulations to all of the chapters that have taken the challenge to increase their HOSA membership. A special thanks to Alabama's postsecondary chapter, Bishop State Community College, for their dedication and determination to increase their membership. This chapter, through their mission of sharing their personal learning and growth experiences, has and continues to demonstrate enthusiasm and sincerity in their active participation in HOSA.



I do hope that each of your chapters have found their way to participate in the National Service Project by holding an "Alzheimer's Memory Walk". Through this event, we are able to show to Alzheimer's patients and their families the support and assistance they need to handle this debilitating disease. This event for our local chapter is a value added activity as we are trained by our local Area on Aging as Care Team Members for Alzheimer's Patients. Our members go to a local nursing home and work with the patients using memory boxes and other activities to help them continue remembering. Thus, the Memory Walk is a special event for us. In addition,



to the positive impact we are having in helping to fund research, the coordination with other college and community organizations has proven to be a learning experience as we network to achieve a goal. This year our chapter is working with the high school chapters in our community and making our Memory Walk a HOSA community/state event and we are selling Forget-Me-Not Flowers provided by the Alzheimer's Association and six of the high school chapters across the state have joined in the effort to sell the flowers. There are many ways our organization can participate in this worthwhile event. This event projects HOSA's image as a caring and active organization. It demonstrates our leadership abilities and teaches us how to work for the common good through forming community networks.

*I look forward to seeing you
in Anaheim!*