

HOSA Salutes Members in the Military



Kenneth R. Thompson is a true leader and a role model to many HOSA students and alumni in the city of Philadelphia as well as the state of Pennsylvania. From 1996-97 Kenneth attended Edward Bok Vocational Technical High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was assigned to the Health Related Tech. Program. He was the first member of Bok HOSA to hold the position of president for three consecutive years, and he competed in Job Seeking Skills for three years as well. From 1999-00 Kenneth was named state champ in Job Seeking Skills, and he placed seventh at HOSA's National Leadership Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

Upon his graduation in 2000, Kenneth joined the United States Army. He is an Infantry soldier in the 3rd Infantry Division. He has served in two major combat zones, but while serving in the Army he still remains active in HOSA. In 2001 he started the Edward Bok HOSA Alumni Association, of which he has increased the membership 15 percent every year. In 2002 after returning from Kosovo, he helped Pennsylvania HOSA members prepare for the state and national conferences. Kenneth still remained active in HOSA when deployed to Iraq and returned home to attend the National Conference as a special guest of Pennsylvania HOSA. In 2004, he returned again to the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida where he served as a judge for Job Seeking Skills.

In addition to his participation in HOSA, Kenneth has been recognized for significant contribution to his school and community. At Bok Technical High School Kenneth has received awards for academic achievement, perfect attendance, and the Philadelphia Federation of Teacher awards. He has served his community above and beyond the call of duty by assisting in such programs as scouting for food, Special Olympics, and the American Red Cross 10k Fundraiser. He has served as president of the Exploring Officers Association, Boy Scouts of America, and Learning for Life.

Kenneth is no stranger to the city of Philadelphia; he has received some of the highest awards from the city for an outstanding job as a leader. The awards are as follows: Union League of Philadelphia Good Citizenship Award, Explorers Achievement Award, Frank Sullivan Human Relations Award, Chapel of four Chaplains Junior Legion of Honor Award, Explorer of the Award, Gold Award, Presidents Award, Brain Barry Award, Scouts Service Award, and Learning for Life Leadership award.

Kenneth has been committed to Pennsylvania HOSA and its members for seven years, and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

