

**To:** Local and State HOSA Advisors

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**HOSA** conducted its largest and most successful NLC in Dallas, Texas, with over 5,700 members, delegates, and guests in attendance. During the four days, more than 4,000 young people took part in the HOSA Competitive Events Program. In addition to the fifty competitive events, members and advisors took part in Leadership Academies, forty educational workshops and five dynamic General Sessions.

### **COMPETITIVE EVENTS PROGRAM**

HOSA is proud to announce that two new events have been added to the National Competitive Events Program: Epidemiology and Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Please visit the HOSA web site to review a complete list of the new events and guidelines. ([www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org))

### **2008-09 CHAPTER AFFILIATION PACKET**

Enclosed is the **2008-09 Membership Affiliation Packet**. Please review the Membership Affiliation Packet giving attention to the chapter affiliation process for your state. Take 100% advantage of membership in the largest student-led organization for students seeking a challenging and rewarding career in the health professions.

The National Executive Council, led by National President Luis Baez, and the HOSA, Inc. Board of Directors, chaired by Kristen Davidson, request your support and help in achieving an unprecedented **23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year of membership growth**. The goal of 100,000 members is attainable and we want you and your chapter members to celebrate 100,000 in 2008-09. The winners of the regional membership challenge were recognized at the 2008 NLC – the Outstanding Membership Region was **Region 2** and the state with the highest percentage gain was **Puerto Rico HOSA**. Congratulations Region 2 and Puerto Rico HOSA and an outstanding 2007-08 membership year.

The National Executive Council has continued the regional membership challenge among HOSA's three regions—Region I, Region II and Region III. A flier is enclosed in the Membership Affiliation Packet detailing the challenge and the rules.

Instructions for online affiliation are described in the **Membership Affiliation Packet**. If you have a question regarding the on-line affiliation system, please contact your HOSA State Advisor or the HOSA Headquarters.

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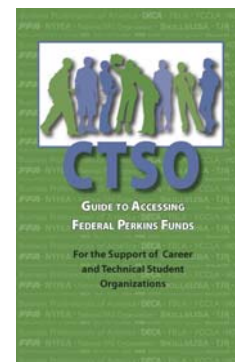
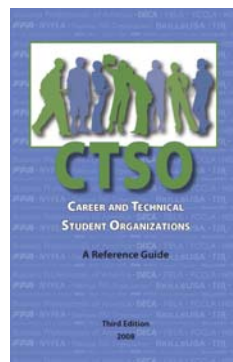
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## MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATION PACKET

The Membership Affiliation Packet contains several important items for your review, including:

- **2008-09 Affiliation Packet** contains information about the on-line affiliation process and the state and national fees for each chartered HOSA State Association.
- **Regional Membership Challenge.** Please review the information regarding the “membership challenge” and set a goal for your chapter to increase its membership.
- **2008-10 National Service Project** (*selected by the 2008 HOSA Voting Delegates*) is **Autism Speaks**. Information regarding the association can be found at [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org). In 2007-08 HOSA members raised over \$75,000 for Autism Speaks. We are excited about supporting this important work again this year. If you go to the Autism web site, there is a memorable video entitled “**Autism Every Day**”. Enclosed in this mailing is an information page from Autism Speaks and additional information on how your chapter can get started in helping this very worthy cause that impacts a growing number of young people and their families. Don't forget recognition to your chapter by participating in the National Service Project. Guidelines can be found at [www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org).
- **National Technical Honor Society**, a HOSA partner, provides an opportunity for career and technical education students to gain recognition for their achievements in HOSA. A letter with information on how to get involved with NTHS is enclosed. NTHS also provides scholarship opportunities for its members.
- **National Association of Parliamentarians Order Form.** As part of the NAP-HOSA Partnership, HOSA members may purchase NAP publications at a discount. These publications will be most helpful in introducing parliamentary procedure to your chapter.
- **Awards Unlimited Catalog** provides a unique supply service for your chapter to order materials and supplies to be more successful in 2008-09. Visit the Awards Unlimited web site at [www.awardsunlimited.com](http://www.awardsunlimited.com).
- **2008-09 HOSA Resource Library CD-ROM.** The information includes:
  - **HOSA Handbook Section A, B and C** (*Revised*)
  - **HOSA, Inc., and HOSA Bylaws** (*current*)
  - **Policy and Procedures Manual** (*current*)
  - **Promotional PowerPoints**
    - PowerPoint -- The Basics of HOSA
    - PowerPoint – Chapter/State Officer Guide
  - **E-Magazine**
    - E-Magazine (*Spring 2008 Edition*). HOSA has a special feature to the web site that allows members to subscribe to receive the E-Magazine and important notices about HOSA at a personal e-mail address. We are also hopeful the personal e-mail address can allow HOSA to stay connected to our alumni through the years.
    - 2007-08 HOSA 100% Affiliation and, HOSA 100 Club.
- **Medical Reserve Corps.** Included in the affiliation packet is a letter from Captain Robert Tosatto, Director of the Medical Reserve Corps, and information on how to get involved with the Medical Reserve Corps and the Public Health Service. Please take a moment and review this information and see how you can get involved with this extraordinary HOSA partner.

- **Army ROTC** supplied an informational brochure describing opportunities available in the Army ROTC nursing program. Please take time to read and support one of our best HOSA partners. [www.goarmy.com/rotc/nurse\\_program.jsp](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/nurse_program.jsp)
- **National Consortium for Health Science Technology Education** is holding the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Curriculum Conference iTeach Health Science: iNnovation, iNteraction & iMplementation. The conference will be held October 22-25 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Please see the promotional sheet in the affiliation packet for more information
- **CTSO: A Reference Guide and CTSSO: Guide to Accessing Federal Perkins Funds** have been provided as a resource for chapter advisors by HOSA. These publications are provided free of charge to HOSA chapters.



Please take advantage of these valuable chapter resources! If there are additional resources and tools that would be helpful, please send your suggestions to [hosa@hosa.org](mailto:hosa@hosa.org)

## SPECIAL CHAPTER RECOGNITION

HOSA provides **two** opportunities for **special chapter recognition**, including:

**HOSA 100 Club.** Chapters that submit their paid affiliation fees by **October 15** will be recognized as members of the **HOSA 100 Club** and will be listed in the HOSA Spring E-Magazine.

**HOSA 100% Affiliation Club.** Chapters that affiliate 100% of their Health Science students with HOSA will be recognized as a member of the HOSA 100% Affiliation Club and will be listed on the HOSA web site.

## HOSA WEB SITE

Be a regular visitor to [www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org) and take advantage of the following member services:

- **HOSA Publications** (HOSA Handbook – Sections A, B, C; Policies and Procedures Manual; HOSA Bylaws; HOSA, Inc. Bylaws)
- **HOSA E-Magazine.** Articles in key categories—News; Editorials; Web site Review; Partnership Forum; Postsecondary Collegiate Corner; Medical News; Chapter News; Advisor’s Corner; Leadership. Submit your chapter’s news so that your members can share a project, an activity, or an accomplishment using HOSA’s online virtual magazine.
- **HOSA Updates and Activities**
- **HOSA National Conference**
- **Career Center**
- **Online Learning – HOSA 101, 102, 103, AND 104 COURSES**
- **and More.....!**

## NATIONAL HOSA WEEK November 4-10, 2008

Plan to participate in **National HOSA Week** and let us know how your chapter is celebrating this important week by submitting the National HOSA Week Form in the **HOSA Handbook, Section B, Recognition**.



## 2009 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE Nashville, Tennessee · June 23-27, 2009

The HOSA, Inc. Board of Directors and the Executive Council invites you and your chapter members to the **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel!**

