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When one looks at the strong, healthy, ever-growing national organization that HOSA has become:

Goal-oriented with sights on the future ...  
serving secondary, postsecondary, collegiate students and alumni ..  
and, in widely diversified health care delivery fields;

It is difficult to realize that the initial idea for this national group began as "a gleam in the eyes" of a few caring and far-sighted Health Occupations Education leaders in the 60's and early 70's and:

- was first conceived by six (6) charter states at the organizing meeting in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in November 1975
- was officially organized at a Constitutional Convention held in Arlington, Texas, in November, 1976
- attendees at the Constitutional Convention included state supervisors/advisors, teachers and over three hundred (300) student leaders
- comprised only six (6) states with nearly 6000 student members
- focused on limited supportive nursing, dental, medical and related occupations programs, as well as organized pre-technical programs in health careers approved by a State Department of Education.

## EARLY HISTORY

In 1957 the then United States Office of Education realized that educational programs in health occupations were growing throughout the nation at such a pace that the first Health Occupations Program Specialist, Helen K. Powers, was appointed to supervise the field. As programs expanded, needs for a student organization for health occupations students began to emerge for students enrolled in these programs.

In 1960, early student organizational needs were met through Future Nurses Clubs and Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). The demand grew for a group that would provide the specialized programs of Health Occupations students. An organization called the Health Careers Clubs gained national strength, especially in states such as Texas, New Jersey, North Carolina, Alabama, New York, New Mexico and others. These clubs focused especially on health career oriented programs operating in academic high schools.

Health programming continued to grow and diversify. Health occupations programs were established in vocational and technical schools in many states. Health occupations educators began to see a need for an organized and united effort to consider common and unique concerns of health occupations. The American Vocational Association (AVA) emerged as a logical locus for such a group.

The need for a leadership organization to serve students enrolled in vocational Health Occupations Education programs was recognized at the time of the first meeting of the Health Occupations Education Division of the American Vocational Association (AVA-HOE) in December 1971. This group heard reports from several states of activities leading to the organization of health occupations students associations. The AVA-HOE Division addressed this need when the newly elected Vice President, Dale Peterson, appointed a Task Force to: (1) study student clubs; (2) determine how they might better serve HOE students; and (3) examine whether a new organization was needed.

State associations were established in Texas (Texas Association of Health Occupations Students) in April, 1972; in New Jersey (Health Careers Clubs of New Jersey) in October 1972; Health Careers Clubs of North Carolina was organized in 1973; OHOSO (Oklahoma Health Occupations Student Organization) in 1974.

The Seventh Report (published in 1972) of the National Advisory Council for Vocational Education was devoted to a description of the expanding visibility and support of vocational student organizations. This report stated that a new organization, designed to serve students in health occupations, "has been organized at the state level and will shortly seek a national charter. And there will be others."

Further action was taken by the HOE Division during the AVA Convention in Chicago in December 1972. Joan Stoddard submitted the Task Force report presented by James L. Navara, Oregon Board of Education, "A Feasibility Study for a Vocational Youth Organization for the Health Occupations Curriculum." During the HOE Division business meeting, the members adopted a "Position Paper on Student Organizations in the Field of Health Occupations Education." This paper stated that the HOE Division of AVA should "serve a facilitating role in assisting the various states and/or local groups to develop the type of organization each deems most appropriate to their settings."

Members of the HOE Division took further action during the 1973 AVA Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. The HOE Vice President was directed to "inform by letter the AVA Board of Directors and the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education of action taken by the HOE Division at this meeting -- namely, to endorse the creation of a leadership organization for health occupations students and work with the staff of AVA to develop procedures for implementing the above action."

Vice President Wilma Gillespie presented a report, "A Statement of Need," to the AVA Board of Directors during the July Board Meeting, 1974.

## HOSA WAS BORN . . .

Appointed by the AVA Vice President of the HOE Division, a Core Planning Group was convened at the Brown County State Park, Nashville, Indiana, on July 23-25, 1974. This meeting was hosted and organized by the Indiana State Department of Education, Department of Vocational Education, under the Co-Chairmanship of V. Divine Bauer (HOE Supervisor, Alabama) and Mary Holstein (HOE Supervisor, Indiana). Resource persons included a USOE representative. In addition to Alabama and Indiana, the HOE supervisors for New Jersey and New York were present. Teachers and student representatives from some of these states were present and speakers from other national organizations addressed the group.

The report of the Core Planning Group was presented to the Policy Committee of the HOE Division at a meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, on March 6-7, 1975. The Policy Committee endorsed the recommendation of the Core Planning Group "to encourage those states with a viable statewide student organization to cooperate in forming a charter organization." The meeting established a student organization planning committee "to facilitate the efforts by states who now have viable HOE student organizations to (1) expedite seeking a national charter, and (2) devise ways to assist other states in their organizing efforts." Members of this committee were the HOE State Supervisor and/or his/her designee from the states of Alabama, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Texas.

At the third annual conference of the Texas Association of Health Occupations Students (TAHAS) in San Antonio, Texas, on March 14, 1975, AVA Vice President Wilma Gillespie presented the keynote address entitled "And There Will Be Others." This message was a challenge to set in motion the activities necessary to seek a national charter.

On November 4-7, 1975, through the leadership of the State Department of Education and Division of Vocational Education in New Jersey, eighteen representatives from all six states having statewide health occupations education student organizations met to plan a national leadership organization. Representatives (state officers and state HOE supervisors from the six states which included Alabama, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Texas) voted to form the American Health Occupations Education Student Organization-AHOESO (later changed to HOSA).

The Inn of the Six Flags in Arlington, Texas, was the site of the **exciting Constitutional Convention** held November 10-13, 1976 and attended by 384 persons including delegates and advisors from the six states having organized state associations and interested persons from twelve other states. The Convention provided a formal structure for the new student organization. Joan M. Birchenall (NJ) presided as the crucial elements of the organization were formalized.

- The name was shortened to "Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)" and bylaws were adopted.
- The first set of national officers was elected. Lynne McGee of North Carolina was the first National HOSA President.
- National HOSA colors were selected: maroon, medical white and navy blue, which prevail today.
- A contest was designed to select a National HOSA motto and a HOSA emblem.
- Oklahoma was selected as the site and Spring 1978 as the date for the first National HOSA Conference. The Spring date in 1977-78 was selected to provide time for dissemination of information, for state and local organizing efforts and as a culmination of the first full year of HOSA.

## **THE FIRST THREE YEARS . . .**

In June of 1977, the first HOSA newsletter was published and in September of 1977 a new policy statement was issued from the U.S. Office of Education and approved by Ernest L. Boyer, the U.S. Commissioner of Education, that endorsed all National Vocational Student Organizations. The American Industrial Arts Student Association (AIASA) and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) were included in the policy statement.

In December of 1977 at the 71st Annual Convention of the American Vocational Association, the House of Delegates passed a resolution that the AVA Board of Directors, (1) "Recognize - Health Occupations Students of America as the national student organization for Health Occupations Education -"; (2) "Promote the inclusion of - Health Occupations Students of America in the list of vocational student organizations recognized by the U.S. Office of Education"; and (3) "Support the inclusion of - Health Occupations Students of America in state planning for vocational education."

The first National Leadership Conference for HOSA was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 27-30, 1978. Since the Constitutional Convention (1976) charter states have increased over fifty percent (50%) and charters have been presented to Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, Minnesota and Oregon. The emblem submitted by students of McNairy Central High in Tennessee was selected by the national voting delegates as the official emblem. Competitive events were held for both secondary and postsecondary members in Informative and Extemporaneous Speaking; Job Interviews; Medical Terminology; Poster; Emblem; and Motto. The National HOSA Uniform was selected and adopted at this meeting.

The second National Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) conference was held June 26-July 1, 1979, in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Five state charters were presented: Delaware, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Wisconsin, and New York. In October of 1979, the HOSA Board selected KENORA Enterprises of Wilmington, Delaware, as the management firm to staff HOSA's National Office.

During the Third National Conference in Asheville, North Carolina, July 8-12, 1980, a major reorganization plan was adopted. HOSA, Inc. was formed to be the legally responsible agent for the student organization. The HOSA Bylaws were changed to HOSA Constitution and Bylaws to reflect the changes in the incorporation status. Under this new organization, the HOSA, Inc. Board of Directors was reorganized; HOSA received exempt status from the U.S. Internal Revenue; the logo was registered with the U.S. Copyright Office; and the Congressional Advisory Board was formed. As a result of a competitive event, the HOSA Creed was selected as submitted by South Carolina HOSA. Parliamentary Procedure and Community Awareness Events were conducted as pilot events. Four new states were chartered: District of Columbia, Virginia, Louisiana and New Hampshire.

## **HOSA MOVES FORWARD IN THE 80'S**

At the Fourth Annual National HOSA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the American Diabetes Association was selected as the National Charity Project. HOSA's 501(c)(3) tax exempt status was received in June 1981, and eight new competitive events were added to the National Competitive Event Program. Four new states were chartered: Michigan, Colorado, Maine and Kansas. A new position was added to the Board of Directors - Student Delegate-at-large.

On September 28, 1981, at the U.S. Department of Education, representatives of the nine vocational student organizations met in the office of Secretary of Education, Terrell H. Bell. The occasion was very special as Secretary Bell and Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Robert M. Worthington, signed the first official Policy Statement issued by the new U.S. Department of Education. Most importantly, this Policy Statement officially recognized and reaffirmed a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the Department of Education and the Vocational Student Organizations. Don Cork, National HOSA President, was selected by the National Coordinating Council for Vocational Student Organizations to make special remarks in accepting the Policy Statement from Secretary Bell on behalf of all the student organizations. Also, in September of 1981, the HOSA Long Range Planning Committee met in conjunction with the National Conference Planning Committee in Chicago and developed the first five year long range plan for HOSA.

On February 10, 1982, the Vice President of the United States, George Bush, met with the National HOSA President, Don Cork; the National HOSA President-Elect, Kelly McLoud; and two representatives from each of our sister vocational student organizations. Don Cork and Kelly McLoud talked about HOSA and Health Occupations Education and presented Mr. Bush with an Honorary Life Membership in HOSA -- the highest award presented to an individual by the organization.

On June 8, 1982, Don Cork also represented HOSA in presenting testimony in support of federal funding for vocational education before the House Education and Labor Sub-Committee.

The Fifth Annual National Conference was held in Chicago, Illinois, June 24-26, 1982. Eight new HOE skill events were piloted and the national voting delegates approved to expand the postsecondary category of HOSA membership. These changes provided for elected postsecondary national officers and a postsecondary student delegate-at-large position on the Board of Directors. The delegates also voted to increase the membership assessment fee. The official HOSA uniform policy was revised.

The development of HOSA has been methodical and the result of considerable involvement by those who believe in the instructional worth of the student organization. Given this foundation, the future of HOSA appears bright as new ways are sought to serve our membership.

## **NATIONAL HOSA MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS**

In the early years, the Board Chairman's State Department of Education served as the national headquarters for HOSA. Thus, the first national HOSA Headquarters was located in Raleigh, North Carolina (November 1976 through spring 1978); the second, in Trenton, New Jersey (1978-79). By the third year it became evident that the management of this rapidly growing organization required more attention than could be provided through any one state's already busy supervisors in the education department. The HOSA Board of Directors advertised for management proposals. Four (4) proposals were submitted and their representatives invited to make a presentation during the Board's meeting at the New Jersey Conference (June 1979). The Board selected KENORA Enterprises, with Ken and Nora Smith as owner/managers for HOSA's first management.

Legal contracts were developed and records transferred, and the first National HOSA office was established in Wilmington, Delaware, in October 1979. HOSA's first national management team was Ken and Nora Smith. In the summer of 1982, KENORA moved its location and National HOSA's Headquarters to Washington, D.C., giving HOSA "presence" in the nation's capital.

As membership grew, the HOSA Board required KENORA to assume increasing responsibilities. During these early years, the organization thrived, growing from a membership of 19,013 in 18 states in 1979 to 31,238 members in 29 states in 1982. Because of the additional demands, Ken and Nora Smith found it necessary to resign as HOSA's managers.

A National HOSA search committee, appointed in 1982 by Board Chairman Barbara James of South Carolina, worked with KENORA to refine the description and functions of a management firm for National HOSA with Ruth-Ellen Ostler (NY) as committee chairman. Bid proposals were solicited; twelve (12) were received from individuals and firms all over the country. Representatives from four (4) firms were invited to present their proposals during the Board's meeting at the Sixth National HOSA Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

It was at that time that National HOSA's second management firm was selected - The Leadership Development Institute, Inc. (LDI, Inc.) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with Dr. Jim Koeninger, President, and Karen Elias, Vice President. The appointment was effective the summer of 1983.

Creative, experienced in leadership development activities, public relations approaches and in use of diversified media, this management team has built on the firm foundation established by KENORA Enterprises. It has assisted HOSA in reaching recognized strength and respected status in service to HOE students. Since 1985, when the HOSA Board decided to continue management firm coordination in preference to establishing a separate headquarters, with building and staff concerns, Dr. Koeninger and Ms. Elias-Koeninger have been officially designated as HOSA's Executive Director and Associate Director, respectively.

In August 1986, the location of LDI, Inc. and HOSA Headquarters was changed to Fort Worth, Texas. LDI moved to Irving, Texas in 1989. In 1996, the scope of LDI, Inc. was enlarged and the company was renamed Corporate Education Resources, Inc. (CERI) and relocated to Flower Mound, Texas. HOSA, through the Management office, offers a toll-free number to maintain contact with local chapters while delivering a variety of services to its members, advisors and state associations. (800-321-HOSA)

## **NATIONAL HOSA MOTTO/EMBLEM/CREED/UNIFORM POLICY**

The Annual Leadership Conference in April 1978 resulted in policy decisions basic to the operation of a student organization. A uniform policy consisting of navy slacks/skirt, vest and jacket; white blouse/shirt; and a maroon scarf/tie was established.

The Delegate Assembly in Oklahoma adopted the original motto, which was submitted by the Florida State Association of HOSA, and reads "The Hands of Youth Mold the Health of Tomorrow." Even before the 1979 Annual Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, it was recognized that HOSA serves adults as well as youth, and the 1979 Delegate Assembly carried a motion to substitute "HOSA" for "Youth," so the current National HOSA motto reads, "The Hands of HOSA Mold the Health of Tomorrow."

In 1978, the official emblem was adopted by the Delegate Assembly action. The design is used today and is described as follows: "The circle represents the continuity of health care; the triangle represents the three aspects of humankind's well-being, social, physical and mental; and the hands signify the caring of each HOSA member." Colors, of course, are maroon, medical white and navy blue. This design was submitted by the Tennessee Association of HOSA. The HOSA emblem/logo was registered with the U.S. Copyright Office in 1980 and continues to be protected by federal law.

It was not until the Third National HOSA Leadership Conference, held in Asheville, North Carolina in 1980, that HOSA's official creed was adopted, as submitted by South Carolina HOSA.

## **RECOGNITION BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

HOSA was one of two (2) new student organizations (the other was the American Industrial Arts Student Association - AIASA) recognized by the U.S. Office of Education in September 1977. At the time of recognition, the Department also issued its new policy statement designed to endorse all vocational student organizations. Ernest L. Boyer was U.S. Commissioner at the time. Such endorsement has been reaffirmed periodically, as in 1988, under Secretary William J. Bennett and again in 1990, under Secretary Laura F. Cavazos.

## **NATIONAL HOSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

From its first set of Bylaws, HOSA - the national HOE student organization -- has provided for an adult sponsoring group. As specified in the present Board Bylaws, the "Object" of this group "...shall be to sponsor the student organization Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and to promote and sponsor the HOE-HOSA Partnership."

In 1980, incorporation of HOSA was transferred from New Jersey to Delaware and the Board of Directors was reorganized as HOSA, Inc. This body and its Board of Directors was formed to be the legally responsible agent for the student organization of HOSA. At the Third Conference in North Carolina (1980), HOSA Bylaws were changed to reflect the organization's incorporation status. The HOSA Constitution and Bylaws and HOSA, Inc. Bylaws were revised. Tax exempt status for the organization was also achieved. Initially comprising a relatively limited membership of HOE state supervisors, advisors and student officers with selected affiliate non-voting representatives, the HOSA, Inc. Board of Directors now includes Board membership composed of state and local advisors, national student officers, health care industry representatives, teacher educators and state supervisors. A list of HOSA Board Chairmen and National Student Presidents is located in this section of the HOSA Handbook.

## **NATIONAL HOSA COMPETITIVE EVENTS**

Initially, the founders believed that HOSA should sponsor leadership development programs and activities, not "contests." Thus, no competitive events were included in the Bylaws. As new states became interested and were chartered, however, numerous requests for some competitive experiences were received and the first Competitive Events Committee was appointed prior to the 1978 leadership conference. Four (4) events were implemented during the First Annual Leadership Conference in Oklahoma (1978). Each event focused on general health issues and/or across-the-board leadership development aspects of HOE programming: HOSA Poster (Health Issue), Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative Speaking (currently called Prepared Speaking), and Job Interview (currently called Job Seeking Skills).

Responses were so favorable that during the Second National Leadership Conference in New Jersey, demonstrations and exhibits of three more events were presented: HOSA Bowl, Best HOSA Chapter and Outstanding Chapter - the latter required members to prepare scrapbooks. None of these three events were adopted. However, another demonstration event of HOSA Bowl was held at the 1983 National Leadership Conference in Texas, then piloted at the 1984 National Leadership Conference in Florida and was made a regular event in 1985 at the Eighth National Leadership Conference in Tennessee. The Outstanding HOSA Chapter event also followed the now-in-place plan for new events and was a regular event in 1987 in Texas at the Tenth National Annual Leadership Conference.

It was not until the Fourth National Leadership Conference in New Mexico in 1981 and in Illinois in 1982 that competitive events demonstration and pilot events began in earnest in more specialized health related areas and in very specific health skills areas. This resulted from the increased program diversity of HOSA members.

Therefore, by the Sixth National Leadership Conference in Texas in 1983, four (4) categories of events, each with several events, were well established and had become an expected part of the Annual National Leadership Conference.

Currently there are five categories, which include the following:

Category I: Health Science Related Skills

Category II: Health Science Skills

Category III: Individual Leadership Skills

Category IV: Team Leadership Skills

Category V: Recognition

New events continue to be suggested by states. Sponsoring states assume responsibility for the Demonstration each proposed event. All events are coordinated by the Competitive Events Program of Work and Headquarters Staff, with a Lieutenant in charge of each event. The first Competitive Events Handbook Section was published in 1983.

## **HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAMS: MOVING FORWARD**

HOSA is the only national student organization that exclusively serves secondary and post-secondary/collegiate students in pursuit of a career in the health professions. In June 2004, HOSA had a unique opportunity to expand its mission and membership in response to the critical shortages facing the health care industry. Motions were presented to the Delegate Assembly at the HOSA National Leadership Conference to expand the national organization to include all students who are interested, planning to pursue or pursuing a career in the health professions.

In June 2004, members of the delegate assembly at the HOSA National Leadership Conference formalized HOSA's commitment to assuming a more aggressive leadership role by implementing solutions to resolve the challenges and issues facing the health care industry by making the following changes:

- References to Health Occupations Education were changed to Health Science.
- The term "vocational" was changed to: "career and technical education".
- "**HOSA**" became the official name of the organization.

## **HOSA BYLAWS UPDATES**

### **Section 1. Membership Composition.**

- a. HOSA is a national organization of, by and for students who (1) are or were enrolled in secondary, postsecondary/collegiate health science classes and/or (2) are interested, planning to pursue or pursuing a career in the health professions.

- b. Members shall be students who are or have been enrolled in Health Science classes, and/or are interested, planning to pursue or pursuing a career in the health professions, and persons associated with, participating in or supporting Health Science in a professional capacity.

**Section 3.** The Secondary Division shall be composed of secondary students who are or have been enrolled in a Health Science or an organized health career awareness program or are interested, planning to pursue or pursuing a career in the health professions.

**Section 4.** The Postsecondary/Collegiate Division shall be composed of students who are not enrolled in high school, have received a high school diploma and/or are pursuing GED and are enrolled in a health care related field at the undergraduate level or are interested or planning to pursue a career in the health professions.

By expanding the membership base and adopting terminology consistent with the current educational environment, HOSA accepted the unique opportunity to become the pipeline for future health professionals. In serving as the “pipeline”, HOSA would commit itself to lead a national initiative to inform, recruit, attract, engage and retain qualified students as future health professionals.

## CHAIRMEN

### HOSA, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

YEAR	CHAIRMAN	STATE
1976-77	Linda Walston	North Carolina
1977-78	Linda Walston	North Carolina
1978-79	Lois Graham	New Jersey
1979-80	Mary Randall	Oklahoma
1980-81	Lorraine Summers	Illinois
1981-82	James Keeton	Texas
1982-83	Barbara James	South Carolina
1983-84	Dr. Ruth-Ellen Ostler	New York
1984-85	Dr. Norma Walters	Alabama
1985-86	Christyne Thiele	Texas
1986-87	Wanda Wolf	Oklahoma
1987-88	Rosemarie Dunkelberger	Pennsylvania
1988-89	Ruth Killough	Oklahoma
1989-90	Dr. Gerald Holman	Texas
1990-91	Laurene McLemore	Tennessee
1991-92	Dr. Joyce Brandt	Iowa
1992-93	Martha Koblisch	New Jersey
1993-94	Carolyn Lee	California
1994-95	Mike Garcia	Texas
1995-96	Carla Maloy	Oklahoma
1997	Kim Smith	North Carolina
1998	Paul Booden	Michigan
1999	Patricia Eakin	Virginia
2000	Karen Batchelor	Texas
2001	Cheryl Keever	North Carolina
2002	Nancy Allen	South Carolina
2003	Belinda Mahone	Texas
2004	Regina St. George	Georgia

## NATIONAL HOSA PRESIDENTS

YEAR	NATIONAL PRESIDENT	STATE
1976-77	Lynne McGee	North Carolina
1977-78	Lynne McGee	North Carolina
1978-79	Beverly Ann Camel	New Jersey
1979-80	Michael Harris	Texas
1980-81	Emily Woodward	Indiana
1981-82	Donald Cork	Texas
1982-83	Kelly McCloud	Oklahoma
1983-84	James Tomlin	Oklahoma
1984-85	Mark Edmonds	Tennessee
1985-86	Vicki Godbold	North Carolina
1986-87	Ufuk Tukul	North Carolina
1987-88	Melissa Monarch	Kentucky
1988-89	Debbie Eggert	Michigan
1989-90	Heidijo DeManche	Colorado
1990-91	Kristin Considine	Tennessee
1991-92	Missy Greeley	Tennessee
1992-93	Tonya Kymes	Oklahoma
1993-94	Franklin Ruff	Michigan
1994-95	Mackenzie Jackson	Alabama
1995-96	Gwynne Jurries	Texas
1996-97	Kevin Clark	Florida
1997-98	Mitch Shores	North Carolina
1998-99	Lowell Doringo	Texas
1999-00	Tobi Blanchard	Utah
2000-01	Rebecca Armen	North Carolina
2001-02	Rebecca Armen	North Carolina
2002-03	Joel Arvizo	Utah
2003-04	Adam Prim	North Carolina
2004-05	Lauren Sheldon	North Carolina

## HOSA National Leadership Conferences

NUMBER	YEAR	CITY	STATE
Constitutional Convention	1976	Arlington	Texas
1 <sup>st</sup>	1978	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1979	Cherry Hill	New Jersey
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1980	Asheville	North Carolina
4 <sup>th</sup>	1981	Albuquerque	New Mexico
5 <sup>th</sup>	1982	Chicago	Illinois
6 <sup>th</sup>	1983	San Antonio	Texas
7 <sup>th</sup>	1984	Orlando	Florida
8 <sup>th</sup>	1985	Nashville	Tennessee
9 <sup>th</sup>	1986	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
10 <sup>th</sup>	1987	Dallas	Texas
11 <sup>th</sup>	1988	Atlanta	Georgia
12 <sup>th</sup>	1989	Salt Lake City	Utah
13 <sup>th</sup>	1990	Orlando	Florida
14 <sup>th</sup>	1991	Washington	D.C.
15 <sup>th</sup>	1992	Anaheim	California
16 <sup>th</sup>	1993	Nashville	Tennessee
17 <sup>th</sup>	1994	Nashville	Tennessee
18 <sup>th</sup>	1995	Louisville	Kentucky
19 <sup>th</sup>	1996	Chicago	Illinois
20 <sup>th</sup>	1997	Anaheim	California
21 <sup>st</sup>	1998	Orlando	Florida
22 <sup>nd</sup>	1999	Nashville	Tennessee
23 <sup>rd</sup>	2000	Cleveland	Ohio
24 <sup>th</sup>	2001	Atlanta	Georgia
25 <sup>th</sup>	2002	Anaheim	California
26 <sup>th</sup>	2003	Atlanta	Georgia
27 <sup>th</sup>	2004	Orlando	Florida
28 <sup>th</sup>	2005	Nashville	Tennessee
29 <sup>th</sup>	2006	Anaheim	California
30 <sup>th</sup>	2007	Orlando	Florida
31 <sup>st</sup>	2008	Dallas	Texas

## **POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

The United States Department of Education maintains a close relationship with ten career & technical student organizations and welcomes their cooperation and support in strengthening programs of career & technical education. Recognizing that the past performance and future potential of these ten organizations are compatible with the overall purposes and objectives of education today, the United States Department of Education strongly endorses their objectives and seeks to involve their thinking in the improvement of career & technical education.

In view of this, these policies represent the position of the United States Department of Education:

1. The United States Department of Education recognizes the educational programs and philosophies embraced by the following career & technical student organizations as being an integral part of career & technical education instructional programs:
  - Business Professionals of America
  - DECA
  - Future Business Leaders of America
  - National FFA Organization
  - Family, Career & Community Leaders of America
  - HOSA
  - National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization
  - National Young Farmer Education Association
  - Technology Student Association
  - Skills USA—VICA
2. The United States Department of Education recognizes the concept of total student development as being necessary for all career & technical education students to assume successful roles in society and to enter the labor market.
3. The United States Department of Education will facilitate technical and supportive services to assist career & technical student organizations through State agencies in their efforts to improve the quality and relevance of instruction, develop student leadership, enhance citizenship responsibilities, overcome sex and race discrimination and stereotyping, and serve students of special populations, especially with respect to efforts to increase minority participation in these organizations.
4. The United States Department of Education recognizes the responsibility for career & technical instructional programs and related activities, including career & technical student organizations, rests with the State and local education agencies.
5. The United States Department of Education approves of Federal and State grant funds for career & technical education to be used by States to give leadership and support to these career & technical student organizations and activities directly related to established career & technical education instructional programs at all levels under provisions of approved State plans for career & technical education.

Efforts on the part of State and local education agencies to recognize and encourage the growth and development of these career & technical student organizations are highly important and deserve the support of all leaders in American Education.

Rod Paige, Secretary of Education

## HOSA AFFILIATED GROUPS

- ACTE** Association for Career and Technical Education. There are many divisions within the ACTE organization including one specifically for Health Science Technology Education. The Vice President of the HSTE Division serves as an ex-officio member of the HOSA, Inc. Board of Directors.
- Association for Career and Technical Education  
1410 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314 [www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)
- COHOT** Council of Health Occupations Teachers also has an ex-officio member on the HOSA, Inc. Board of Directors. Information on who to contact to join this organization can be obtained from the HSTE Division of ACTE.
- HOSTEC** The Health Occupations Supervisor and Teacher Educator Council is an organization within the HSTE division of ACTE, for any ACTE member whose primary employment is management/supervision of a Health Occupations Education program or is a Health Occupations Education teacher educator.
- NCHSTE** The National Consortium on Health Science and Technology Education is a national partnership of individuals and organizations with a vested interest in health science and technology education. Organized in 1991, its purpose is to stimulate creative and innovative leadership for ensuring a well-prepared health care workforce.
- NASSP** The National Association of Secondary School Principals is composed of the majority of high school principals in the country. NASSP has endorsed HOSA's Competitive Event Program as well as the National Leadership Conference.
- NCC-CTSO** The National Coordinating Council for Career & Technical Student Organizations meets in Washington, D.C. and is composed of representatives from each of the ten vocational student organizations, the USDE, ACTE, the State Directors of Vocational Education Association, and NACVE. The recognized vocational student organizations are:
- Business Professionals of America
  - DECA
  - Future Business Leaders of America - Phi Beta Lambda
  - National FFA Organization
  - Family, Career & Community Leaders of America
  - HOSA
  - National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization
  - National Young Farmer Education Association
  - Technology Student Association
  - Skills USA—VICA
- NACVE** The National Advisory Council on Vocational Education was created in The Federal Vocational Act. Members are appointed by the President of the United States. Each state has a SACVE (State Advisory Council on Vocational Education.)
- USDE** The United States Department of Education has endorsed HOSA via a Policy Statement for Career & Technical Student Organizations. A copy can be found on page 44 of the *HOSA Handbook, Section A*.