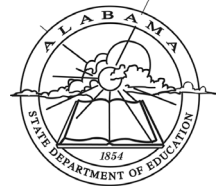




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**2025 ALABAMA HOSA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BEING HELD THIS WEEK – STUDENTS COMPETING FOR STATE HONORS AND THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN JUNE**

Jackie Zeigler  
District I

*“HOSA Works to Develop America’s Next Generation of Highly Skilled Health Professionals”*

Tracie West  
District II

**Montgomery, Ala.** – This week, over 1,800 Alabama students and teachers will travel to Montgomery to participate in two days of competitive events and advanced leadership study at

Kelly Mooney  
District III



the [2025 HOSA Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference](#), February 27-28.

Students attending this exciting event at the *Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Convention Center* will have an opportunity to participate in over 45 competitions and workshops.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
District IV

The **2025 Alabama HOSA Awards** ceremony will be held Friday, starting at 1 p.m.

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.  
District V  
Vice President

The top winners in each competition category will be eligible to represent our state at the 2025 HOSA International Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 18-21.

Marie Manning  
District VI  
President Pro Tem

**Some of the exciting competitive events that students will be participating in this year at Alabama’s HOSA State Leadership Conference** are *Medical Math, Pharmacy Science, Veterinary Assisting, CPR/First Aid, Sports Medicine, and Biomedical Debate.*

Allen Long, M.D.  
District VII

Currently, the international HOSA organization has more than 260,000 members across the globe. HOSA’s primary mission is to promote career opportunities in health care fields, which will enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

The *salary potential* for young professionals in medical career areas today is growing. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the median annual wage for medical and health services managers was \$110,680 in May 2023.

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.  
District VIII

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.  
Secretary and  
Executive Officer



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Alabama's career and technical education (CTE) program provides students an opportunity to participate in seven different student organizations, including HOSA.

Students participating in Alabama's HOSA program have an opportunity to prepare for a wide variety of healthcare careers focused in the areas of Therapeutic Services, Diagnostic Services, Health Informatics, Support Services, and Biotechnology Research & Development.

To learn more about Alabama's HOSA organization, contact State Advisor, Becky Cornelius, at 334-694-4766 or visit the Alabama HOSA website [www.alabamahosa.org](http://www.alabamahosa.org) or the national HOSA website, [www.HOSA.org](http://www.HOSA.org).

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