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## ALABAMA STUDENTS WILL EARN STATE HONORS THIS WEEK AT THE 2022 HOSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

*“Creating a Pipeline of Future Health Professionals - 100 Percent Health Care”*

**Montgomery, Ala.** – Health-related careers are now some of America’s most popular occupation choices. Many high school students are more interested in becoming top medical professionals - Orthodontists, Dentists, Nurse Anesthetists, and Pediatricians. Many of Alabama’s high school students want to pursue medical careers and leadership in the future.

This week, more than 1,600 Alabama students and teachers will travel to Montgomery to participate in two exciting days of competition and advanced leadership study at Alabama’s **2022 HOSA-Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference, February 24-25.**



Students attending this exciting event at the *Renaissance Montgomery Convention* complex adjoining the *Montgomery Performing Arts Centre* will have an opportunity to participate in over 50 competitions and leadership development workshops.

The **2022 Alabama HOSA SLC Closing Session Awards** ceremony will be held Friday afternoon, starting at 2 p.m.

The top winners in each competition category will be eligible to represent the state at the upcoming HOSA International Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in June (<https://hosa.org/ilc/>).

U.S. high school and college students now have even more promising career prospects available. According to top experts, over the next decade America’s leading occupations that require college-level or advanced professional credentials, will have record-breaking job openings.

**Some of the exciting competitive events students will be participating in at the 2022 Alabama HOSA Leadership Conference are:**



- Medical Math
- Pharmacy Science
- Veterinary Science
- CPR/First Aid
- Forensic Science
- Sports Medicine
- Biomedical Debate

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*THE 2022 ALABAMA HOSA CHAMPIONSHIPS - February 24-25*

Currently, the International HOSA organization has more than 260,000 members throughout the United States, American Samoa, Canada, China, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. 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.

Our state's 2021-2022 HOSA membership is at an all-time high. Currently, there are more than 10,600 Alabama HOSA members. Our state has one of the largest charters in the international HOSA organization.

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



Students participating in Alabama's HOSA program have an opportunity to prepare for careers in the areas of Human Anatomy, Physiology, Growth and Development, Legal and Ethical Responsibilities, Medical Language and Safety, Body Mechanics, Infection and Disease Control, and Forensics.

According to national research, many students who take advanced CTE courses in high school or college

(CTE concentrators) often go on to earn nearly 3.2 percent more in salary over their lifetime, in comparison to peers who did not take these classes.

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

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