

# West Virginia HOSA

“HOSA – A Student-Led Association of Future Health Professionals.”

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Dear Potential West Virginia HOSA Partner,

West Virginia HOSA extends to you an offer we hope you will not refuse. It is an opportunity to invest in future health team members.

WV HOSA is a student organization composed of over 1600 members, sponsored by secondary Health Occupations Education, approved by the West Virginia Board of Education, and endorsed by the United States Department of Education. It is a chartered affiliate of National HOSA, a 90,000 member organization. WV HOSA includes two divisions: the secondary (high schools) division and the postsecondary/collegiate division. Over eighty percent of high school members pursue further education in health and medical careers.

Each year, WV HOSA conducts a state conference. Over 700 students, teachers, and guests are expected to attend this year's conference at Marshall University in Huntington, WV on March 5 - 6, 2010.

The WV HOSA conference involves a series of activities designed to strengthen leadership skills, technical skills, team member skills, and critical thinking skills. A wholesome, competitive and democratic environment is designed to provide these learning opportunities.

The WV HOSA conference is an opportunity for **YOU** to invest in future health team members by having access to a concentrated group of individuals who already have an interest in the field of healthcare. Some of the secondary students are Nurse Aide I or EMT certified and the postsecondary students are presently in school working toward a health care degree. Other secondary students are working toward a Pharmacy Technician certification.

Please take time to read the enclosed information, which includes the many ways you can participate as a WV HOSA partner. The required conference registration/participation forms may be located at our website at [www.wvhosa.org](http://www.wvhosa.org). Click on “Partnership Opportunities” on the left side of the web page, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “Partnership Form” or “Partnership Brochure”. Mail your registration form to the address indicated. A confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of your remittance.

WV HOSA feels that the Health Careers Expo is a great opportunity for the students to learn more about post-secondary schools, professional organizations, and potential employers. It can be a great recruitment tool for you.

Thank you, in advance, for taking part in the West Virginia HOSA Partnership program.

Respectfully,

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