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1,600 AzHOSA Members “Have The Nerve!”

On April 3, 2013 over 1,600 students from around the state asked themselves if “They Had the Nerve” to test their knowledge and skills at the AzHOSA Spring Leadership Conference. The conference was held at the Westin La Paloma Resort, Tucson, AZ and hosted by the 2012-2013 AzHOSA State Officers. Students from Career and Technical Education Programs in Nursing Services, Sports Medicine, and Therapeutic Massage, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Assisting and Biomedical Technology were ready to showcase their knowledge and skills and to participate in the Medical Leadership Village, attend educational sessions and network with exhibitors.

The high energy opening sessions recognized the advisors that have been leaders in their schools for five years. Mr. Ryan Ducharme, Director of Communications & Partnerships brought greetings on behalf of the Arizona Department of Education. Denise Abbott, HOSA, Inc. Board Chair, David Kelly, National HOSA President and Kayla Loomis, National HOSA Postsecondary/Collegiate Board Representative brought greetings on behalf of the National Board and Executive Council. The conference included over 58 competitive and recognition events. The leadership events gave members the opportunity to improve skills such as interviewing for a job, preparing and giving a speech and debating biomedical issues. The high tech events like Biotechnology, Nursing Assisting, Medical Assisting, Forensic Medicine and Pathophysiology allowed students to showcase the skills they learned in their CTE programs. All this was accomplished with the support of over 100 healthcare professionals that served as judges and presenters.

At the Annual Business meeting, the new 2013-2014 AzHOSA State Officers were elected. These officers will attend training in April and June and host the Arizona Delegation at the 2013 National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN.

At the closing of the contests, an exciting awards session at in the Arizona Ballroom recognized the top five winners in each event. The state winners placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd are eligible to compete at the 2013 National HOSA Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN.

Arizona HOSA – Future Health Professionals is a student led nonprofit organization that prepares students for a career in healthcare. Its mission is to provide compassionate healthcare for all. AzHOSA is committed to supporting students as they pursue their health career pathway. To learn more about Arizona HOSA, visit www.azhosa.org or contact the State Advisor at 602-228-5281.

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