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Dear Health Care Professional, Business/Industry Professional, or HOSA Alumni:

HOSA is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for middle school, secondary, postsecondary, adult, and collegiate students enrolled in health science education and biomedical science programs or have interests in pursuing careers in health professions. HOSA is 100% health care! You can learn more about HOSA at https://hosa.org/. and https://www.missourihosa.org/.

The purpose of the HOSA organization is to develop leadership and technical HOSA skill competencies through a program of motivation, awareness and recognition, which is an integral part of the Health Science Education instructional program. Competitive events offered by HOSA strongly focus on leadership and teamwork, hence allowing many business/industry professionals to utilize their expertise as a judge. By offering your assistance to judge at the upcoming **Missouri HOSA State Leadership Conference**, you can make a difference in a student's life. The State Leadership Conference will be hosted at the **Rolla High School and Rolla Technical Center in Rolla, Missouri** with approximately 1,250 participants expected to be in attendance. The conference is scheduled for **March 27-28, 2023**.

Professionals who wish to spread the awareness of the health profession and leadership skills are invited to get involved in HOSA! We are actively recruiting volunteers to serve as judges for the Missouri HOSA State Leadership Conference. The events are designed to motivate HOSA members to study, work hard, and achieve a high standard of excellence in a variety of leadership and skill disciplines.

If you are interested in assisting as a judge at the Missouri HOSA State Leadership Conference, please complete the Judge Registration form by clicking <u>HERE</u> by March 15, 2023. You can review all of the competitive events that will be offered at the upcoming State Leadership Conference by reviewing the <u>Competitive Event Guidelines</u> before choosing the event that best suits your expertise. Thank you in advance for your efforts to support a very worthwhile cause!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shelly Wehmeyer at 573-751-3407 or Shelly.Wehmeyer@dese.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

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