

National HOSA A History

- NOVEMBER 1975** Representatives from six states met in Cherry Hill, New Jersey to form a Health Occupations student organization. The six states included: Alabama, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Texas. They formed what was called the American Health Occupations Education Student Organization.
- NOVEMBER 1976** Representatives met in Arlington, Texas and officially organized, including writing the constitution, adopting the name, bylaws, colors and electing officers. A contest was started for the motto and emblem.
- APRIL 1978** The first National Leadership Conference was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Only four competitive events were held; however, the competitive events were very successful. The uniform was adopted. Representatives from fourteen states attended the Conference.
- JUNE 1979** The second National Leadership Conference was held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. South Carolina received the state charter.
- OCTOBER 1979** The first national offices were established in Wilmington, Delaware. Officers were elected. A management team was also selected at this time because of the success of the organization.
- JUNE 1980** The third National Leadership Conference was held. Representatives adopted the entry from South Carolina for the creed. HOSA, Inc. was established as the business entity.
- SUMMER 1982** The first Handbook was written and the offices were moved to Washington DC. There were now 38 states chartered for over 142,825 members. Dr. Jim Koeninger was appointed Executive Director.
- AUGUST 1986** Offices were moved to Ft. Worth, Texas, and now referred to as Headquarters.
- 2004 - 2005** HOSA celebrated its 30th Anniversary.