

## Important SLC Notes to Chapters

**All Advisors and students attending SLC - Please read everything. I recommend going over it together.**

**Everything possible is being done “The HOSA Way” at SLC this year.**

### General Notes:

- If you arrive the night before, you will be able to check in for the conference after 7:00 pm in the Conference Center to avoid the morning rush.
- Everything for your chapter will be in a box. Chapter advisor should pick it up. If many students are attending, bring helpers for the extra boxes.

**Competition: PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR ALL COMPETITIONS, INCLUDING TESTING.**

### Testing

- **National Geographic (ATC) tests will be online in February. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **HOSA Bowl will test on Tuesday evening immediately after dinner.**
- All other testing will be done Monday morning. The following will be testing on Monday Morning in the Testing Center:

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| ○ Behavioral Health                 | Life Threatening Situations |
| ○ Biomedical Equipment Technician   | Medical Assisting           |
| ○ CPR/First Aid                     | Medical Law & Ethics        |
| ○ Creative Problem Solving          | Medical Math                |
| ○ Dental Terminology                | Medical Spelling            |
| ○ Forensic Science                  | Medical Terminology         |
| ○ Foundations of HOSA Bowl          | Nursing Assisting           |
| ○ Foundations of Nutrition          | Nutrition                   |
| ○ Foundations of Veterinary Science | Patient Care Technician     |
| ○ Healthcare Administration         | Phlebotomy                  |
| ○ Healthcare Issues Exam            | Sports Medicine             |
| ○ Health Informatics                | Surgical Technology         |
| ○ Human Growth & Development        | Veterinary Science          |
| ○ Health Career Exploration         | World Health & Disparities  |

- Be sure to bring at least two #2 pencils with erasers. Do **not** use mechanical pencils.
  - You will probably need to put your answer sheet on top of the test to avoid poking holes in the answer sheet due to tablecloth on the table.
  - If you wish, you can fold the tablecloth toward the center of the table to access the hard surface; return the tablecloth to its original position prior to leaving.
- All tests are 50 questions and 60 minutes long.
  - The exceptions are:
    - Medical Math, 50 questions and 90 minutes.

- Middle Schools tests are 35 questions and 60 minutes.
- You will be using scantron-style bubble-sheets to answer all questions.
- You may come to the Testing Center anytime between 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
  - If you only have one test, you can come in early or anytime before 10:30 am, depending if you choose to go to a morning workshop.
  - If you are taking two tests, you need to come in earlier, no later than 9:15.
  - Once in the testing center, you will not be allowed to speak to other students.
  - When you enter testing, go to the table in back with the title of your event. They will be alphabetical from left to right.
    - You will then receive your test & answer sheet, & be directed to a particular table.
      - You will not be seated with others taking the same test.
    - When receiving your test, the time will be marked on the top.
      - You will have 67 minutes total from that marked time to get to your seat, take test, then gather your belongings and return the test & answer sheet to the table where you checked in.
      - There will be a clock in the front on stage or screen where you can check your time.
      - No one will be announcing times since everyone will start at a different time.
    - When you reach your seat, place your test upside down while getting settled.
    - Your jackets, blazers, etc. must be removed and placed on the back of chair or **under** chair.
    - Your phone, smart watches or any other devices must be turned **off** and **under** your chair.
    - Any backpacks or other items must be **under** your chair.
    - Once settled (be quick) you may turn over your test, read instructions, & begin.
  - Anyone with a question, just raise your hand and a proctor will come to you.
  - If you need to use the restroom, raise hand and a proctor will escort you to the restroom. Your test will be placed upside down, and devices will stay at your seat.
    - No additional time will be given due to using the restroom.
- We encourage taking the HOSA History test, being held in a different room
  - That test is only being offered this year in honor of the HOSA 50-Year Anniversary.
    - Read/study the HOSA history before conference; take the test, score over 85% and get a special award at the awards session!
  - The test will be offered a couple times during the conference.

**Uploading: If your event says you have a digital upload, you must do it.**

- **Failure to upload will remove you from that event.**
  - Upload Instructions are in the guideline and also on our website.
- Round two qualifiers for all the uploaded events will be posted on-site or sent out to all during registration.
- Anyone who doesn't show up for an event they signed up for will be charged \$10.

- Please be in the holding room 15 minutes before your event and check in with the Holding Room Manager. At 5 minutes before your scheduled time, you should be outside the door of the event room. If you don't show up, someone will look for you in the holding room.

## Upload Deadline: February 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Workshops:

- We ask that you attend at least 3 workshops (aside from Officer Activities)
- We are working on having many hands-on workshops and activities.
- All workshops will be listed sometime in **Mid-Late February** on our website.
  - I will send out a note when the workshop list is posted
  - Check when your competitions are scheduled so you can plan workshop times.
    - Once registration closes, competition times may change.
  - There will be a link where you can sign up for workshops you plan to attend
  - Once a workshop is filled, no more may be added to that list.
  - You will need to keep track of what workshop you signed up for.
    - We will try to post the lists of sign-ups at conference.
    - Once you sign up for a workshop, you must attend.
    - If you change your mind about a workshop, let us know well in advance so someone else can fill your spot.
  - Some workshops will be offered twice; only sign up for one of them.

### Meals

- It is not necessary to always sit with your chapter members...sit with others and meet people!
- Tuesday morning you should sit with your chapter and discuss who you think the voting delegates should vote for.
- Tuesday morning the State Officer Candidates will eat right at 7:00 then take the Officer Candidate Exam in the specified room.
  - Because Candidates will be on a very tight schedule for Tuesday breakfast and lunch, they will be allowed to go to the front of a line for their food. Please be cooperative; you will know they are candidates because they will have a candidate ribbon.
- Please allow Conference staff (HOSA or volunteer) to enter the line when needed for food. They are extremely busy and cannot wait in line.
- Please do not go for seconds as soon as you clear your plates. Wait awhile so EVERYONE has a chance to go through the line.
  - Once the line is gone, then go for seconds if desired.
    - They make enough food for everyone to have a full serving, and if they run out, there is no more.
    - Also, heaping your plate is the same as taking two plates full. Please don't. Wait until the line is gone, then go for seconds if you wish.
- Standing in line is a place for visits with others in line and get to meet others, but no fooling around. Be the respectful young professionals we know you are. Good networking time.

- **Conduct at Conference:** We had several complaints from hotel guests last year, including a formal complaint sent to me in writing. The perception of HOSA members was not positive and reflected poorly on us all.
  - Everyone is expected to be on their best behavior; school rules still apply.
  - Anyone caught vaping will have parents called to pick them up; there will be no refund for being sent home for any misconduct.
  - Any other misbehavior will have the same consequences, without refunds.
    - This includes any foul language
  - Be respectful to all adults at the conference. Disrespect will get you sent home.
  - PLEASE be respectful of other guests of the hotel.
  - When going to the elevator, allow other guests to go first...especially older guests.
  - There will be **NO** lounging in the lobby area.
    - There is a place provided in the conference area to hang out if you need a break.
    - There will be chaperones in the conference lounge area provided
    - If you hang out for too long in there, you will be asked to go attend a workshop or activity.
  - In the hotel room hallways, **there is to be no talking. Quietly walk to and from your room.** Remember, there are other guests trying to sleep at all times during the day and night.
  - When walking to the workshops or activities and events in the hallway behind the front desk, please walk to the back of the elevators; do not walk through the lobby.
    - We want to be as polite as possible to the other hotel guests.
    - It would be great for me to hear compliments from the hotel and others.
  - **Advisors & Chaperones:** Please know where your students are at all times.
    - Being in their hotel rooms is not an option without your permission.

## Dance

- This year the Monday night Dinner and Dance are formal. The rules for the Dance can be found on our website here: <https://www.lahosa.org/slc-coming-soon>
  - Please read all the rules for the dance. Improper behavior will result in immediate removal from the dance.
- Immediately after dinner we will have the Leadership Awards. Following that will be the dance.
  - All attending schools should be at the Leadership Awards.
- Please, PLEASE do not go out and buy anything special to wear. Prom type long dress is great for the ladies. Borrow from friends, sisters, or anyone...or check out Goodwill.
- Same for the gentlemen.
- If you don't have the requested attire, you must wear your HOSA uniform. That is perfectly acceptable. In the past when we had a formal dance, many students wore their uniform.
- Teachers and chaperones...DRESS UP TOO!
- A Chaperone from each school must attend if any of your members are there.
- Students will be allowed to request songs from the DJ. The DJ will determine if the songs are appropriate.

## State T-shirts & Pins

- T-shirts will be ordered in advance on your conference registration.
- **Thanks to our sponsors**, St. Tammany Health System and Southeastern Louisiana University, the cost of t-shirts is paid for and everyone attending conference will receive a shirt.
- Additional shirts will be for sale for \$13 at conference if available.
- Any old T-shirts I have left over from last year will be \$3.
- Old pins will be \$1; New pins will be \$2
  - Everyone attending SLC will receive a state pin; extras are for purchase.
- Other items will be for sale in the store.
- PayPal, Venmo, or cash will be accepted.

## Tuesday HOSA Activity Night

- Many will be taking the HOSA Bowl Test
  - Any competitions that are not finished before dinner will finish after dinner.
- During that time, there will be fun activities in the Ballroom.
  - There will be two rounds of bingo
  - Many other fun activities have been planned
  - You will love it!
- Following the completion of any competitions and HOSA Bowl testing, the winners of the Anatomage Tournament will be announced and those awards given.

## Questions? Please search First!

**We kindly ask that you look for answers to your questions first in the above information or on our website on the SLC page, in your guidelines, in the General Rules & Regulations, or in the Monday 'minders. Please don't reach out to us if you have not looked first for an answer.**

We are not meaning to be rude, just asking your help during an extremely busy time for us as we prepare everything for SLC. If you do reach out, we may not answer right away. When we do answer, we will likely tell you where to find the answer.

Thank you for understanding! **This year will be spectacular!**