

Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50

Recognition Opportunity for Registered Alumni Members

To register as an alumni member, go to www.hosa.org/alumni/.

Recap:

1. HOSA is anxious to receive applications from exemplary alumni members who embody the four qualities of leadership that are symbolized in the HOSA emblem—learn, lead, serve, and innovate.
2. Applicants must be registered members of the Alumni Division of HOSA-Future Health Professionals. HOSA members who are not registered may do so by going to www.hosa.org/alumni/.
3. Applicants must be five (5) years past their high school graduation year to be eligible for judge review for the Alumni-50 recognition.
4. Applicants must have more than three (3) years of employment experience, preferably in a healthcare profession, but all professions will be considered.
5. If possible, participate in the two-day Alumni Division Meeting to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of HOSA-Future Health Professionals. The Alumni Division is meeting on June 17-18, 2026, which overlaps the four-day International Leadership Conference (ILC) being conducted in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 17-20. The registration fee will be provided by the HOSA, Inc. Board of Directors to alumni who attend the two days of meetings at the 2026 ILC.
6. The Opening Alumni Reception begins June 17, 2026 at 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Convention Center. Our professional photographer team will take group and individual photos of the HOSA Alumni-50, then a photo of all alumni in attendance. The Alumni-50 photo will be framed and hung in the HOSA Headquarters reception area as the first image visitors see upon entering. We hope that the Alumni-50 will join us at HOSA's 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 17 for the photograph.
7. The deadline to submit the application is **May 7, 2026**.
8. Process: Submit your application via the online [form \(https://hosafhp.wufoo.com/forms/distinguished-hosa-alumni50/\)](https://hosafhp.wufoo.com/forms/distinguished-hosa-alumni50/).
9. If you are selected you may be asked for a biographical sketch for publication.

Preparing Future Health Professionals Since 1976

As HOSA-Future Health Professionals approaches its golden milestone of 50 years, we are proud and honored to recognize 50 exemplary alumni who combined a CTE career education with a collegiate academic education, developed organizational and leadership skills, pursued opportunities to attain a career goal, and acquired qualifications as future health professionals between **1976 and 2026**. Those to be recognized will have excelled as Health Professionals and left an indelible mark on a member-led organization that embodies the true spirit of service, leadership, healthcare, and innovation.

A Legacy of Excellence

Since 1976, HOSA has served as a springboard for aspiring health professionals, nurturing their talent and fostering their passion for healthcare and leadership. Countless members have distinguished themselves over the past fifty years; however, it is believed that the **Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50** will stand out as paragons of achievement.

The honorees will have demonstrated excellence in the health science classroom, tackling rigorous academic challenges while honing their technical competencies and vital soft skills. They actively participated in and led HOSA chapter initiatives, fostering a culture of collaboration and excellence that yielded local, state, and global accomplishments. Their involvement in chapter-led activities, community service projects, fundraising campaigns, and partnerships with health-related organizations underscores their commitment to making a significant difference as healthcare leaders.

Achievements Across the Spectrum

The 50 alumni to be celebrated have taken full advantage of the opportunities HOSA provides to develop their knowledge and skills, thereby broadening their horizons. At HOSA regional, state, and international conferences, they earned accolades for their ability to **inspire, lead, and innovate**.

Through competency-based competitive events, they demonstrated mastery of health science concepts and practical skills, setting the benchmark for excellence and consistently exceeding expectations. These extraordinary alumni served as catalysts for real change, from organizing impactful community service projects to spearheading successful initiatives at the local, state, national, and international levels. Their exemplary fundraising projects supported their chapters and expanded community health initiatives. At the same time, their collaborative efforts have strengthened ties between HOSA and prominent members of the health industry, including companies, associations, and organizations.

From HOSA to Healthcare

What sets the **HOSA Alumni-50** apart are the achievements within the HOSA framework and its continued dedication to the health professions after engagement with the organization. Many have pursued health careers, advancing to leadership roles in their chosen fields. Physicians, nurses, researchers, technicians, educators, and public health advocates—these accomplished alumni represent the vast array of careers within the largest employment sector in the US economy.

Their ability to leverage the skills and experiences they gained through HOSA enabled them to excel in their chosen careers, contributing to the improvement of society and the healthcare landscape. Their stories inspire current and future HOSA members, demonstrating that the seeds of success planted within the organization blossom into a lifetime of professional and personal fulfillment.

Honoring the Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50

The recognition of the **HOSA Alumni-50** is a testament to their unwavering commitment to HOSA and the health professions. Their journey from eager students in health science classrooms to accomplished professionals is a shining example of the organization's mission **to empower future health leaders**.

We expect to receive several hundred alumni submissions based on referrals from chapter advisors, state advisors, former and current board members, and International Executive Council officers. It is disappointing that we do not have an alumni-tracking system to contact the 3.5 million HOSA members who earned recognition as future health professionals.

The HOSA Alumni-50 will be formally presented and celebrated at the Opening Alumni Reception on June 17, 2026, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm during the **2026 International Leadership Conference**, to be held in **Indianapolis, Indiana**, from **June 17 to 20, 2026**. We believe that the HOSA Alumni-50 will be outstanding representatives of HOSA's legacy. All Alumni events will be held at the Indy Convention Center. The hotels are connected to the Convention Center by an elevated and covered walkway.

This recognition not only honors the Alumni-50's remarkable achievements but highlights the enduring impact of HOSA as a platform for cultivating leadership, technical skills, and a **lifelong commitment to service** as a valued health provider.

HOSA acknowledges the individual accomplishments and collective strength of a community of achievers committed to excellence in health and medical sciences. The **Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50** embodies the heart and soul of our international association, and their legacy will continue to inspire generations of health professionals.

What follows are the General Rules, Application Submission Requirements, and Directions to Submit the Application Online.

General Rules and Application Submission Requirements

HOSA Headquarters shared the Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50 with the 50th Anniversary Task Force to honor former HOSA members who have distinguished themselves in high school, college, and career employment.

General Rules

1. Applicants must be registered members of the **HOSA Alumni Division**. If you are not registered as an alumnus, you may do so immediately at <https://hosa.org/alumni/>.
2. **Applicants must be at least 5 years past their high school graduation year to be eligible for judges' review.**
3. A State Association and Chartered Chapter of HOSA-Future Health Professionals may submit as many alumni applications as satisfy the criteria.

4. For those Alumni who were featured in *THE FIRST FIFTY* commemorative book, you are eligible to apply for the Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50.
5. Applicants must have at least **three years of employment experience**. You will not be surprised that the judge panel will give special consideration to alumni who have been engaged in the health industry in a clinical or nonclinical capacity. The selection team, however, recognizes that **all** professions are worthy of submission and consideration for the **Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50 recognition**.
6. Applicants are **not** required to register for the ILC in Indianapolis; however, applicants should indicate if they plan to be present once they are notified. They will be recognized as **members of the Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50. A group photo will be scheduled at the ILC for framing and hanging in HOSA Headquarters for perpetuity. Individual pictures of the Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50 will be taken and provided to each member of the HOSA Alumni-50.**
7. The Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50 will be recognized at the **Alumni Reception** to be held before the Opening Session and introduced as the **Alumni-50** at the **Opening Session on Wednesday, June 17, 2026**. Those unable to attend the June 17 Alumni Reception and Opening Session will receive their award by UPS.
8. The Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50 will be featured on the HOSA website, accompanied by a group photo, individual photos, and biographical sketches.
9. The Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50 are requested to wear **professional attire** to the Alumni Reception and Opening Session described on the Internet as:
 - A button-down shirt or blouse with a blazer, pants or skirt, & loafers or heels.
 - A well-fitted dark-colored suit with a conservative tie and dress shoes.
 - A tidy dress with a blazer or a collared blouse and dress pants, accompanied by professional shoes.

Submission

1. Applicants will register for the **Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50** by completing the online [form](#). Additional information may be submitted. The judge panel may request information before finalizing the HOSA Alumni-50.
2. The submission form requests Applicants to provide the following:
 - a. Contact Information: Name, Address, Email, Phone
 - b. School/College Attended, HOSA Chapter Advisor, HOSA Membership Years, State Association. Describe your educational journey post-high school.
 - c. Describe your career employment journey from high school to your career.
 - d. Share any career, professional, and academic achievements.
 - e. Explain how you have continued to be involved and support HOSA since becoming an alumni member, including conducting workshops, guest speaking, event judging, judge recruitment, mentoring, financial support, advisory committee membership, etc.

- f. Explain how you would like to be involved with HOSA in the future.
3. **Applications for the Distinguished HOSA Alumni-50 are due by May 7, 2026, and will be reviewed by a judge panel.**
4. **Submit:** Entries should be submitted via the online [form](https://hosafhp.wufoo.com/forms/distinguished-hosa-alumni50/) (<https://hosafhp.wufoo.com/forms/distinguished-hosa-alumni50/>).