HOSA Happenings

Event Category: Recognition

Eligible Divisions: Middle School, Secondary & Postsecondary / Collegiate	Recognizes chapter communication tools	**Digital Upload:** Determined by Chartered Association
Chapter Recognition Event	**Competitors Provide:** during project display, electronic device with battery power OR print copy, communication tool	

New for 2026-2027

Editorial updates have been made.

Event Summary

HOSA Happenings enables members to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively communicate information about the HOSA chapter, celebrating its members and their achievements while sharing health-related information with readers. This is a multimedia chapter communication event. Chapters will select ONE (1) communication tool for this recognition event. All submissions that reach a predetermined standard will be awarded a Certificate of Excellence. This event aims to inspire members to be proactive future health professionals and tell the story of their chapter throughout the year using whatever form of communication they choose (i.e., print or electronic newsletter, website, blog, social media platform).

General Event Information

General Rules	Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the General Rules and Regulations.
Dress Code	Proper business attire or official HOSA uniform. Failure to meet proper dress may result in not being allowed to participate in the Optional Display Time at ILC.
Competitors Must Provide	• Communication Tool (electronic or print copy) • An electronic device, operating on battery power, to display a communication tool (if using an electronic copy) HOSA Conference Staff will provide equipment and supplies listed in Appendix I.

ROUND ONE- The Communication Tool

Chapter Definition & School Rules	1. This is a chapter recognition event that is coordinated by the chapter Historian (or other appointed chapter member) and includes contributions from other chapter members. 2. For this event, a chapter is defined as either an affiliated chapter or a natural combination of affiliated chapters at the same location/district. For example, two programs at the same school /district might have separate charter numbers but could logically share the same communication tools and want to share in the submission together. For conference registration purposes, in this case, one charter number must still be used - one chapter name will be listed in recognition materials. 3. HOSA chapters MUST follow applicable SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES regarding using photos and personally identifiable information in any communications media format. If the school / district / local / state / chartered association requires parental permission, the local chapter must secure, complete, and maintain the appropriate forms. Please see GRRs regarding social media posts.

The expectation is that competitors read and are aware of all the content within these guidelines and associated links. Successful competitors will study all links for the detailed information.

	4. Submissions for this event **MUST** comply with copyright laws. Copyright infringement violates federal law and is subject to severe civil penalties and sanctions. Under federal copyright law, copyrighted works may not be copied, published, disseminated, or displayed without the copyright holder's permission unless such use is deemed to be "fair use" under the law.
The Communication Tool	5. Chapters will select one communication tool to highlight their activities. Examples could include a print newsletter, electronic newsletter, website, blog, social media platform, etc. Four (4) to eight (8) pages (8.5 x 11 inches) of the selected communication tool may be submitted. Each side counts as one page when submitting, but front and back copies are acceptable. 6. Often, photos, illustrations, graphics, and infographics are effective tools for conveying a message.
Chartered Association Submission Process	7. The submission for this event takes place at the Chartered Association level. Therefore, competitors must check with their Chartered Association to determine how to submit the required information for this event. Chartered Associations may have competitors email it, upload to a Google Doc, submit in the HOSA Digital Upload System, or other process. 8. For all submissions, four (4) to eight (8) pages of content, plus the cover page (page 4) of these guidelines) must be submitted.

Final Scoring

1. This event will be judged at the Chartered Association level using the event rating sheet. Submissions that earn 80 points or higher will be recognized at the Chartered Association level, with the manner of recognition to be determined by the Chartered Association.

2. This event is NOT judged at the international level. All submissions earning a score of 80 points or higher at the Chartered Association level will be eligible for recognition at the HOSA International Leadership Conference. The names of those chapters who earn 80 points or higher will be submitted to HOSA-Future Health Professionals by the State Advisor via the Special Activity Form for ILC.

ILC Recognition

ILC Recognition	1. ILC Delegates: Chapters attending the ILC should register for this event as part of the online registration process. The registration can be attached to any single delegate from the chapter as part of the online registration, preferably the delegate who will present the chapter's HOSA Happenings submission during the Optional Project Display time. For recognition purposes, it is the chapter and not the individual who will be recognized. 2. All award-recipient chapters will be posted on the National HOSA website and will receive a certificate for the chapter. Chapters not attending ILC can contact their Chartered Association to receive their digital certificate. Those chapters attending the International Leadership Conference and receiving the recognition will select a chapter representative to walk across the stage during the identified recognition session to receive a certificate. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are not awarded for this event at the international level.

Project Display (Optional at ILC)

Project Display (Optional at ILC)	All award recipients in this event are invited to participate in an Optional Project Display for this event at the ILC. For the Project Display, one chapter member MUST BRING with them whatever they wish to display, either in print format or on a computer or tablet using battery power. The purpose of Project Display Time is for competitors to showcase their work to conference attendees.

Future Opportunities

The HOSA Scholarship program has funding available for HOSA members who have an interest in various health careers! The application process begins January 1, 2027, and can be found here: https://hosa.org/scholarships/.

Graduating from high school or completing your postsecondary/collegiate program does not mean your HOSA journey has to end. As a HOSA member, you are eligible to become a HOSA Lifetime Alumni Member- a free and valuable opportunity to remain connected, give back, and help to shape the future of the organization. Learn more and sign up at hosa.org/alumni.

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Judge Rating Sheet

Competitor #:_____ **Division:** _____ **Judge's Signature:**_____

Areas Evaluated	Points Possible Superior.....Poor	Points Awarded
General Appearance (20 pts)		
1. Layout and spacing- neat and appealing.	5 4 3 2 1 0	
2. Font (size and appearance) makes content readable.	5 4 3 2 1 0	
3. Use of color- neat and attractive, but not distracting.	5 4 3 2 1 0	
4. Graphics, infographics, illustrations and pictures are clear and well-cropped, and support the articles or pages they accompany.	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Content Quality (45 pts)		
1. Local chapter news.	15 12 9 6 3 0	
2. Health information article(s).	15 12 9 6 3 0	
3. Celebration of chapter members and their achievements.	15 12 9 6 3 0	
Organization (15 pts)		
1. Easy to find information quickly. Clear heading. Sections or articles are clearly distinguishable.	15 12 9 6 3 0	
Mechanics (10 pts)		
1. Correct spelling and grammar.	5 4 3 2 1 0	
2.Punctuation used appropriately.	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Required (10 pts)		
1. Four to eight (4-8) pages in length (each side counts as one page, front/back copies acceptable), plus the cover page.	10 0	
	TOTAL POINTS (100)	

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