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Dear Missouri HOSA Partner:

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 healthcare industry and to enhance the delivery of quality healthcare 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 who have interests in pursuing careers in health professions. HOSA is 100% healthcare! You can learn more about HOSA at http://hosa.org/ and 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. The **Missouri HOSA State Leadership Conference** is one opportunity that student members can work to accomplish this purpose. Our members will join together in person this year for our two-day event that will include competition, leadership training, team building, education, and fun! The State Leadership Conference will also be offered through a virtual platform for those who are not able to attend the in-person event with an expected combined total of **2,000 participants**. The conference is scheduled for **March 24-25, 2025**.

Opportunities for partnerships are described in the attached Missouri HOSA Sponsor Guide. Please let us know if you would like to get involved with this premier student organization in any other way. Come and meet our Missouri HOSA members—the future health professionals and leaders who soon will become your employees, customers, or members during our Educational Symposium scheduled throughout the entire conference!

If you are interested in being a sponsor at the Missouri HOSA State Leadership Conference, **please submit the Partner Registration Form by March 1, 2025**. Please note that a portion of your sponsorship will be given directly back to the student members through our Missouri HOSA Scholarship Program to assist with International Leadership Conference fees and travel expenses. Thank you in advance for your efforts to support a very worthwhile cause!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-7965 or Rachel.fisher@dese.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

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