

North Dakota HOSA Annual Report

2025-2026 HOSA Theme *Champions of Change*

2025–2026 Program Year

North Dakota HOSA—Future Health Professionals once again had a record-breaking year in 2025 - 2026, surpassing our goal of surpassing 1,000 members. The substantial growth in membership, increased participation in statewide events, and increased opportunities for student support through scholarships and partnerships were also pivotal moments for the organization.

Membership Growth

North Dakota HOSA proudly reported another **record membership of 1,066** members across the state. This is a 21.7 % increase from the previous year and an overall 63.8 % increase over the last three years. This represents continued growth in student engagement and a heightened interest in careers in health sciences and healthcare careers.

Chapter Expansion

Several new chapters were chartered during the 2025–2026 school year bringing our total chapter account to 30, further strengthening HOSA's reach and impact across North Dakota:

- Southeast Region CTC, Wahpeton, ND
- Valley City State University, Valley City, ND
- MayPort-CG, Mayville, ND

These additions reflect an expanding interest in HOSA programming at both the high school and post-secondary/collegiate levels.

Conferences and Leadership Events

This year marked historic participation in both the Fall and State Leadership Conferences:

- **Fall Leadership Conference (FLC): 499 attendees**
A new all-time high for any ND HOSA conference and was held at the University of Jamestown in Jamestown, ND.
- **State Leadership Conference (SLC): 443 attendees**
Another record-breaking turnout and an attendance increase of 25% from the previous year and was held at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, ND.
- **International Leadership Conference (ILC): 50 registered attendees; 35 competitors**

These conferences provided members with valuable experiences in leadership development, hands-on skills training, networking, competitive events, and career exploration.

Scholarships and Student Support

North Dakota HOSA's commitment to supporting future health professionals through financial assistance and recognition through the Sanford HOSA Outstanding Local Leader Scholarship:

- **State Scholarships:** Two – \$500 scholarships awarded to Hope Hauck of Minot High School and Cierra Erikson North Dakota State College of Science at the State Leadership Conference

Agency Partnerships and Rural Support

Several agency partners including North Dakota AHEC, Sanford Health, and North Dakota Rural Health Association played a critical role in expanding access to opportunities for students in rural areas. Through their generous support, **\$4,000.00 in rural stipends** were distributed, allowing for greater conference participation and chapter program access for students across North Dakota.

International Leadership Conference Report

Indianapolis, IN was the site for HOSA's 50th Annual International Leadership Conference! This year over 15,000 HOSA members, advisors, industry professionals and special guests gathered to recognize and celebrate the individual, state, national, and international achievements of HOSA. The North Dakota HOSA delegation of 50 participated in conference activities which included:

- 105 health-related competitive events featuring more than 13,907 competitors
- 150 educational workshops led by healthcare professionals, educators, and industry leaders
- 175 exhibitors showcasing healthcare careers, emerging technologies, educational pathways, and interactive experiences
- Recognition receptions celebrating HOSA's service initiatives, partnerships, and member achievements
- The NMDP Recognition Ceremony honoring HOSA members and chapters supporting lifesaving marrow donor registration efforts
- GoBabyGo, where HOSA members and APTA volunteers modified ride-on vehicles to improve mobility and independence for children with disabilities
- American Red Cross Adult CPR/AED Training opportunities for HOSA members
- American Red Cross Blood Drive partnerships helping provide lifesaving blood donations for patients in need
- Special activities celebrating HOSA's 50-year legacy and impact on healthcare education

As you read the rest of the report, we hope you will see how our local chapters have been **Champions of Change** through participation in and recognition at the ILC.

Medalists and Finalists

Name	School/Chapter	Competitive Event	Top Ten Placement
Alena Rinas	North Dakota State University	Job Seeking Skills	1 st
Lauren Leabo	North Dakota State University	Extemporaneous Writing and Health Policy	2nd
Plienis, K.; Redman, A.	Beulah	Health Education	Round 2 Finalist
Boeshans, C.; Alyea, E.	Beulah	Community Awareness	Round 2 Finalist
Nicholson, K.; Radi, M.	Red River High School	Community Awareness	Round 2 Finalist
Lecadyia Leier	Minot North High School	Home Health Aide	Round 2 Finalist
Geddes; Heidt; Miller; Taylor	North Valley CTC Grafton	HOSA Bowl	Round 2
Geddes; Heidt; Miller; Taylor	North Valley CTC Grafton	Toltech Tournament Toltech hosted its annual XR Anatomy Tournament at the HOSA ILC this June. Students competed in teams of up to 4 to answer questions that test their anatomical knowledge and reasoning, using our immersive XR technology. Round 1 took place Wednesday and Thursday; the top 15 teams advanced to a championship round on Friday.	2nd

Individual Student/Alumni Member Recognition and Participation

- **Barbara James Service Award Recipients**

This award seeks to recognize individual HOSA members who have a commitment to community service in health and/or healthcare. Bronze = 100-174 hrs. Silver = 175-249 hrs. Gold = 250+ hrs.

- **Number of hours volunteered by ND HOSA members in 2025-2026: 375 hours**

Name	School/Chapter	Volunteer Hours	Level of Recognition
Xuming Zheng	Century High School	250	Gold
Hannah Gendron	Legacy High School	125	Bronze

- **HOSA Service Project**

This award seeks to recognize individual HOSA members who have a commitment to community service in health and/or healthcare. Certificate of Recognition = 100 hours or \$100.00 donated. Certificate of Merit = 500 hours or \$500.00 donated.

- **Number of dollars donated by ND HOSA members in 2025-2026: \$1,555.00**

Name	School/Chapter	Volunteer Hours	Level of Recognition
Beulah High School	Beulah HOSA	\$1,555.00 Dollars Raised for National Marrow Donor Program	Certificate of Merit
North Dakota State College of Science	NDSCS HOSA	19 Volunteer Hours	Certificate of Merit

[Learn more about HOSA Service Project and how your chapter can participate.](#)

- **State Flag Bearer**

State Officer assigned to carry the state flag during the Opening Session:

- Hannah Gendron – 2025-2026 State Secretary
- Advisor – Joelean Lowman, Legacy High School

- **Local Outstanding HOSA Advisor**

- Allyson Tollefson, SRCTC Wahpeton

- **State Personnel Assisting with Onsite ILC Competitive Events**

CE Testing Room Lead:

- Cary Wertz, SRCTC (Oakes)

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- Kari Francis, Lake Region State College
- Melanee Pulver, Beulah
- Allyson Tollefson, SRCTC (Wahpeton)

Additionally...

- ND HOSA-Future Health Professionals was recognized with a plaque once again for membership increase in 2025-2026 and is proud to be counted as one of the many states experiencing membership growth!
- Hannah Gendron of Legacy HOSA was recognized as an International Executive Council Applicant in the 2026 ILC Program.
- **Redefine the Standard** is the 2026-2027 HOSA theme.
- The [National Donor Marrow Project](#) continues to serve as the HOSA Service Project. This nonprofit organization is **dedicated to saving lives through cell therapy** to eliminate childhood cancer by fast-tracking less toxic, more targeted treatments by partnering with 22 leading hospitals.
- [Watch the four general sessions](#) from the 2026 HOSA ILC or visit the [HOSA's ILC page](#).

Thank You

Thank you to everyone at the local schools for believing in and supporting our advisors and students as they made plans to attend the conference, the local communities for their support, families who cheered on the competitors, our fantastic local chapter advisors who with their dedication, desire and determination to help the student members become Champions of Change and ND HOSA-Future Health Professionals visible and interactive, and to anyone who made a difference in the life of a ND HOSA member!

Finally...

Attending HOSA's 50th International Leadership Conference gave our student members and advisors a wonderful and memorable opportunity to create a great ending to the 2025-2026 HOSA year. When our delegation left this year's conference they returned home as different people because of their networking with peers and like-minded people, participation in phenomenal educational workshops, the discovery of health-related products through interactive displays and by having fun. The goal of HOSA-Future Health Professionals is straightforward, to be recognized as the pipeline for future health professionals in the health industry. For young people who wish to prepare themselves for a career in the health industry, HOSA's goal is to provide them with integrated classroom experiences, projects and activities

that will enhance their personal, leadership and professional development and opportunities for recognition at the local, state and international levels.

Redefine the Standard, the 2026-2027 theme, will be supported by ND HOSA's goal of continuing to offer our members activities which provide opportunities not only for themselves but for the many individuals they will touch as HOSA members and as future health professionals!

At 376,458 members, HOSA-Future Health Professionals is among the largest CTSOs. More importantly, HOSA is providing a pipeline of future health professionals that is growing at the right time given the increasing shortages in physicians, nurses and allied health professionals.

Learn More

To learn more about HOSA-Future Health Professionals check out the following websites:

- www.ndhosa.org
- www.hosa.org

Contact the ND HOSA State Advisor, Brandy Madrigal at ndhosa@mayvillestate.edu



Pictured: Alena Rinas NDSU HOSA, 1st Place Job Seeking Skills at the 2026 International Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana