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May 10 is quickly approaching, and with it comes the deadline to complete ILC registration and submit all required paperwork. Please make plans now to ensure everything is finalized by that date.

As you prepare, be sure to **complete ALL forms** included in the OKHOSA ILC Advisor Guide: [OKHOSA ILC Advisor Guide](#)

- If you have not yet received your specific hotel assignment but do have a confirmation from Citywide Housing Solutions, simply indicate that on the form for now and update it once details are finalized.
 - Every advisor/chaperone attending ILC is expected to serve in a volunteer role. There are still a few highlighted openings within the competitive event assignments that need to be filled. Advisors not assigned to competitive events will be placed in essential roles such as session entry/dress code, courtesy corps, dance supervision, and other conference support areas.
 - For those working competitive events, please plan to wear your gold SLC OKHOSA shirt while serving in that role so you can be easily identified by team leads.
 - Please also take time to review dress code expectations with your students prior to arrival. Details matter at ILC, and even something as simple as incorrect shoes can result in a student being denied entry to a session. A little preparation on the front end helps students feel confident and successful throughout the conference.
- ❖ Along those same lines, we ask that Oklahoma chapters approach all general sessions with professionalism and respect. Our expectation is that students attend and remain for the full duration of sessions. This not only honors the speakers and the organization, but also reinforces the professional standards we want our students to carry into their future careers. Your leadership in setting that expectation makes a meaningful difference.

If you have students who are interested in attending ILC and would like to be considered for the ILC bump-up list, please reach out to me directly. While not all events report additional openings, I am happy to check into specific events and advocate where possible so that students have every opportunity available to them.

- ❖ Additionally, I have had *SEVERAL* parents and students reach out regarding attendance when school-based travel is not approved. I completely understand that districts must make decisions based on their own policies and circumstances. At the same time, if there are situations where a student has qualified and a parent is willing to attend, register, and assume responsibility for their student, I encourage thoughtful consideration of those requests when possible. These experiences can be incredibly impactful for students, and when appropriate, finding a way to support their participation can make a lasting difference.
- Don't forget to register students for all applicable recognition and participation opportunities, including Barbara James Service Award, Hilarity for Charity, HOSA History, HOSA Happenings,

and others. Please note that recognition items will be distributed during designated receptions at ILC—not during general sessions. Be sure to review those schedules so your students don't miss their moment.

- ILC offers over 100 workshops, and I strongly encourage you to have students attend at least one. These sessions provide valuable learning experiences that extend far beyond competition. Additionally, event showcases (such as PA Medical Case Challenge, Health Career Display, Research Poster, and others) are excellent opportunities for students to explore events and better prepare for future participation.

ILC is an incredible experience, full of energy, connection, and memorable moments. At the same time, it is a professional conference designed to grow students as future health professionals. Encouraging them to fully engage in all aspects of the conference will ensure they leave not only with great memories, but with meaningful growth.

Thank you for the time, preparation, and care you invest in making this experience successful for your students. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions as you finalize your plans.

Until next time,

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