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Subject: HOSA Happenings- 2/12/26- SLC Registration Closes tomorrow- You don't want to miss out!

 **This is your final boarding call for the Oklahoma HOSA State Leadership Conference.** Registration closes **TOMORROW at 5:00 PM**, and I don't want a single chapter wishing they had jumped in when the doors close.

SLC is more than competition—it's leadership, recognition, celebration, and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for your students. Let's make sure they're part of it.

A Few Critical Reminders (your quick checklist!)

I've attached a **SLC Cheat Sheet** with all important dates—please keep it handy as you finalize registrations.

HOSA Service – NMDP Recognition

Be sure to register at least one student (typically your chapter president or treasurer) for HOSA Service so your chapter can be officially recognized for your NMDP donations.

HOSA Happenings Recognition

If your chapter produces a newsletter, don't forget to register your reporters so they can submit for HOSA Happenings recognition.

NEW THIS YEAR: A FULL TUESDAY Evening General Recognition Session

This year, recognition gets the spotlight it deserves with a dedicated Tuesday evening General Recognition Session that all registered members are encouraged to attend.

 Featuring world-renowned entertainers Kyle Dillingham & Peter Markes

These incredible musicians have performed at the Grand Ole Opry and now they'll be performing for HOSA.

 Many chapter awards will be presented during this session, allowing us to truly celebrate excellence.

 Important: Awards will be divided between

- Monday Evening Opening General Session
- Tuesday Evening General Recognition Session

You will want your students present for BOTH this year.

Recognition Session Entertainment



Kyle Dillingham has electrified and energized audiences in over 40 countries. He is Oklahoma Magazine's 2022 Oklahoman of the Year and is the youngest recipient of the Governor's Arts Award. Songs from his newly released album, Homa, have garnered top honors in the prestigious International Songwriting Competition. He's also a two-time winner of the International Acoustic Music Awards and the Indie Music Channel Awards.

Peter Markes is the 2014 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year and has over fifteen years of experience in the string orchestra classroom. He has taken student groups to perform at Carnegie Hall and the prestigious Midwest Clinic in Chicago. He is currently the director of music education at Oklahoma City University and a member of the National Association for Music Education and the American String Teachers Association.

As a band, they have opened for the Oakridge Boys, the Charlie Daniels Band, Asleep at the Wheel, Michael Martin Murphy, and Lee Greenwood, and have performed throughout the world from audiences of just a few royalty to crowds of over 15,000. In 2019, they made history at the Grand Ole Opry with an unprecedented debut performance on a Dolly Parton skateboard.

Speaking of the Opening Session... Who remembers Dr. David Kelly?



We are thrilled to welcome Dr. David Kelly as our Opening Session speaker.

David joined HOSA–Future Health Professionals as a sophomore in high school in 2009, served as Oklahoma HOSA State President, and went on to become National HOSA President (2012–2013). As an alumnus, he has continued advancing HOSA’s mission through leadership, conference delivery, and advocacy for more than a decade.

He has:

- Served on ILC and WLA conference staff for over 10 years
- Helped develop HOSA’s current mission statement
- Received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award
- Been elected to the HOSA Hall of Fame

Now a physician and ASOPRS Fellow in Oculofacial Plastic Surgery at UCSF, Dr. Kelly understands both the challenges facing healthcare today and the power of HOSA to recruit, retain, and prepare the next generation of compassionate health leaders. This is a true full-circle HOSA moment.

Celebrating 50 Years of HOSA – Invite Your VIPs!

As we celebrate HOSA’s 50th year, we would love for administrators and distinguished alumni to be part of this historic moment and see firsthand what our students experience at SLC.

♥ Ideally, VIP guests would:

- Register for conference
- Wear the HOSA polo
- Attend workshops and sessions
- Judge competitive events and witness the excellence of our students

We also understand that schedules can be demanding.

✨ **If they cannot attend the full conference**, we warmly invite them as VIP guests to our:

VIP Reception

 Tuesday, April 7

 6:00 PM

They are also encouraged to attend the Tuesday Evening General Recognition Session, though seating cannot be guaranteed.

Important Safety Reminder:

All VIP guests must:

- Check in at HQ
- Receive a conference pass

Safety is our priority. We must account for and vet all guests—no unidentified individuals may be present around students, even if personally known.

👉 **To recommend administrators or distinguished alumni for VIP invitations**, please submit their names and email addresses here:



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOAEmgvw0jS3kLJ0dBQSTYGsKNX0FoURNgZR3Mfv0jVOsIIg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Invitations will be sent as space allows. If we receive an overwhelming response, we may need to limit attendance, though this is not our desire.

Industry Judges = Star Chapter Credit!

Don’t forget to submit your industry judge contacts.

They do not need to confirm—you only need to submit their information.

★ This credit will be applied toward your Star Chapter Award once judges are placed.

🔗 Industry Judge Submission Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdd5Nx21Q5otflbPr-WbVqSsuevE2p6wtGYkMBdYCrL1VXypA/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=100754514770335742463>

🔗 Quick Access: Major SLC Documents

(All are available at www.okhosa.com)

- General Rules & Regulations (GRRs)
- Tentative Competitive Event Times
- Activities at a Glance
- Star Chapter Awards Application
- Code of Conduct
- Anatomage Information

Downloading Invoices

Remember, you can download your own invoices. When you go to your conference registration in the CMS, look at the dark bar in the bottom left corner that says “Reports”, Then you can click Generate Invoice.

🕒 Final reminder:

SLC Registration closes TOMORROW at 5:00 PM.

Let’s bring the hype.

Let’s celebrate 50 years.

And let’s give our students the full HOSA experience they’ve worked toward all year.

With excitement and gratitude,

Until next time,

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