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Subject: HOSA Happenings- 1/7/26- Competitive Events at a Glance, Industry Judge Form

You know it's a busy HOSA season when you hear from me twice in a short span — consider this a sign that I care about you AND that I'm trying to answer the 1,000 questions before they even get asked (but rest assured that you are always welcome to ask questions!). Thanks for hanging in there with me as we keep all the moving pieces moving!

I have TWO big things for you today:

1. OKHOSA Competitive Events — "At a Glance" Sheet
I heard your requests loud and clear, so I built something I truly think you're going to love.
Here is the brand-new OKHOSA Events at a Glance Sheet

This document pulls together, in one place, what you need to know about the competitive events being offered. It's a LOT of information — because HOSA is a big, beautiful, complex machine. If you notice anything that needs to be corrected, clarified, or updated, please reach out and let me know. I am very human, and sometimes my coffee (or Dr. Pepper!) runs out before my tabs do. Your eyes and feedback are always appreciated.

2. Submitting Industry Judges for Star Chapter Recognition
We are increasing our focus on industry judges this year, and I am thrilled about the direction we are heading.
Here is the judge submission form and process: OKHOSA Industry Partner Judge Interest Form

Why industry judges?

- This aligns with International HOSA's standards
- It allows healthcare partners to see firsthand just how incredible your students are
- It reduces the number of advisors who need to judge
- It strengthens relationships that benefit programs, students, and the healthcare pipeline

My goal is to transition primarily to industry judges, while still providing plenty of other meaningful ways for advisors to volunteer — and I WILL need you in other roles. Even if your chapter isn't applying for Star Chapter awards (which you SHOULD — nudge, nudge ⭐), you are still encouraged to share this opportunity widely.
Potential judges can include:

- advisory board members
- healthcare professionals you know
- industry partners
- parents/guardians who work in healthcare

(They just won't be allowed to judge their own child or student, for obvious reasons.)

Sample invitation language you can copy/paste to partners
Feel free to use or adapt the wording below when inviting industry professionals:

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer your time to invest in the future of healthcare by judging a competitive event for HOSA–Future Health Professionals! You play a vital role in our industry, and we are grateful for you. The competitive events portion of our State Leadership Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites in Norman on April 6–7. Additionally, all industry partners who serve are invited (but not required) to attend our Appreciation Banquet for Sponsors and Alumni on the evening of April 7 as we celebrate HOSA's 50th Anniversary.

The purpose of this form is to identify your availability and area of interest. Once this is established, you will receive an email from Oklahoma HOSA with specific event choices so you can select the event you feel most drawn to help score. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact amy.warner@careertech.ok.gov.

Thank you again for all you do for Oklahoma HOSA and the students you serve. Your leadership, patience, and humor make this work a joy — even on the "two-email week" kind of days!

Until next time,

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