



CHAPTER 1

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA

History

Health Occupations Students of America is an organization which has evolved over a period of several years as a result of significant efforts and activities to establish a separate national vocational student organization for students enrolled in health occupations education programs. These include the following:

1972 - The National Advisory Council, VOCATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, identified the vocational student organizations as an "integral functional part of the curriculum" and recommended that all program areas support a student organization as part of the instruction.

1973 - The Health Occupations Education (HOE) Division of the American Vocational Association (AVA) voted to endorse establishment of a national Health Occupations Student Organization.

1974 - The National Task Force prepared a report which served as the preliminary steps in establishing the national organization.

1975 - The Planning Committee, appointed by the Vice-President of the HOE Division of AVA, completed plans for a Constitutional Convention that would formalize the development of a national organization.

1976 - The Constitutional Convention of the National Association, Health Occupations Students of America, was held in Arlington, Texas. Six states with established statewide organizations for health occupations students sent representatives to serve as delegates at the convention. The participating states were: Alabama, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and North Carolina. The National Health Occupations Students of America Bylaws were adopted for the new organization by the delegates at the convention.

Prior to that time, the health occupations education teachers in Florida who wished to provide experiences for their students in a vocational student organization had to affiliate either with the Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida or the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. Health Career Clubs were also sponsored by the Florida Medical Association Auxiliary.



A study conducted in 1975 and 1976 by the Florida Department of Education revealed that teachers and principals in the high schools were in strong agreement that an organization should be made available specifically for students enrolled in high school health occupations education programs. On May 10, 1976, Joe D. Mills, Director of the Division of Vocational Education, Florida Department of Education, appointed members to serve on the State Advisory Committee for the Health Occupations Student Organization to assist in developing an organization for HOE students. This committee recommended:

1. The target date of 1977 for finalizing the development of a statewide organization.
2. The membership be limited to students in high school health occupations education during the first phase of the organization.

The members of the Advisory Committee were:

Nicholas Borota, Principal
Miami Carol City Senior High School, Miami

Arlene Carta, Instructor
Nurse Aide Program
Orange County Vocational School, Orlando

Catherine J. DeVito
Florida Medical Association Auxiliary,
St. Augustine

Mary Nan Dixon, Supervisor
Health Occupations Education Programs
Orange County Schools, Orlando

Charlotte Dunn, Instructor
Cooperative Health Occupations Education
Chamberlain High School, Tampa

Betty Fields, Coordinator
Health Occupations Education Programs
Duval County Schools, Jacksonville

Debbie Long, Student
Health Service Aide Program
Colonial High School, Orlando

Bernard Minoque, Associate Dean
Health Related Technologies
Florida Junior College, Jacksonville



**Debbie Smith, Alumna
Practical Nursing Program
Lake County Area Vocational Center, Eustis**

**Ann Syfrett, Chairman
Associate Degree Nursing Program
Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City**

**Chris Wert, Student
Medical Laboratory Technician Program
Valencia Community College, Orlando**

The first meeting of the State Advisory Committee for the Health Occupations Student Organization was held September 22, 1976 in Orlando. Attending this meeting were committee members Borota, Carta, Dunn, Long, Minoque, Smith, Syfrett and Wert. Department of Education members attending were Betty Cannata, Willard Carlson, Louise Egan, Arthur Haseltine, Sarah Hurst, Harlan McCauslin, Etta McCulloch and Richard Ray.

Dr. Sarah Hurst, Consultant for Health Occupations Education, Department of Education, presented the committee with the results of a study conducted under her leadership to identify the need for an HOE student organization. Eighty-nine (89) percent of the respondents stated that the HOE student organization was needed.

On November 11-14, 1976, the American Health Occupations Education Student Organization (now HOSA), held its Constitutional Convention at Arlington, Texas. The first HOSA Bylaws were adopted at the convention. Attending from Florida were Dr. Sarah Hurst and Dr. Richard Ray.

1977 - Hazel Hogan, Health Occupations Teacher Educator at Florida Technological University (now the University of Central Florida), coordinated a workshop for the Department of Education in June, 1977 to develop a handbook for HOSA members and advisors. Dr. Elizabeth King, from the State University of New York at Buffalo was the principal resource person. Accomplishments of this workshop included the initial development of the handbook and the accompanying idea bank. The Workshop Director was Arlene Carta, Instructor, Nurse Aide Program, Orange County Vocational School, Orlando.



The teachers who attended were:

Lucille Alexander	Health Service Aide Program Godby High School Tallahassee
Joan M. Anderson	Cooperative Health Occupations Education Program Pahokee Junior-Senior High Pahokee
Rose P. Carpenter	Orientation to Health Occupa- tions Program Clewiston Middle School Clewiston
Vivian Ferderber	Health Service Aide Program Wymore Career Education Center Estonville
Betty Gaskin	Practical Nursing Program Haney Vocational-Technical Center Panama City
Evelyn J. Hillman	Health Service Aide Program Edward H. White High School Jacksonville
Patricia Lenz	Health Service Aide Program Ely High School Pompano Beach
Carol Macon	Cooperative Health Occupations Education Program Palm Beach Gardens High School Palm Beach Gardens
Dorothy A. Meeler	Health Service Aide Program Andrew Jackson High School Jacksonville
Joyce G. Megow	Health Service Aide Program Apoka High School Apoka
Britton Nelson	Health Service Aide Program Lake Brantley High School Forest City



Murrell Stephan

**Health Service Aide Program
South Plantation High School
Plantation**

Norma Walters

**Health Service Aide Program
Satellite High School
Satellite Beach**

On November 4-5, 1977, the Constitutional Convention of the Florida Association, Health Occupations Students of America was held in Orlando at the **Hilton Inn South**. The HOE instructor, one HOE student delegate, and one alternate were invited to attend from each high school HOE program in the state. The Florida Medical Association Auxiliary donated \$425.00 to the association to help defray the costs of the convention. The association bylaws were adopted at the convention under the able direction of Willabeth Jordan, Parliamentarian. Sarah Hurst served as Convention Coordinator.

Other organizations contributing funds at the time were the Florida Dental Association, \$50.00; Health Occupations Educators Association of Florida, \$200.00; Florida Technical Education Association, \$100.00; Florida Vocational Association, \$100.00; and Florida Hospital Association, \$150.00.

1977 - in December, 1977, the Florida Association, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), received its official charter from National HOSA. A Charter Plaque was presented to the Florida delegation at the Second National HOSA conference held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey on June 26th through July 1, 1979.

1979 - Several changes have been made in the Florida Association HOSA Bylaws since its inception. One particularly important change occurred when the bylaws were amended in 1979 to extend membership to students enrolled in postsecondary health occupations education programs. This change is consistent with the National Bylaws which provide for postsecondary membership and separate competitive events at the National conference.

The history of Florida Association, Health Occupations Students of America is summarized as:

1977 - Florida finalized development of a statewide organization and received official Charter from National HOSA.

1978 - Florida's Motto entry was adopted by National HOSA.

1979 - The Bylaws were amended to extend membership to postsecondary students. Received charter Plaque from National HOSA.



1980 - Florida's membership continued to grow.

1981 - The second revision of the HOSA Handbook was completed.

1982 - Florida students continue to participate in National events piloting a "Brain Bowl" event.

1983 - New publications are prepared to assist advisors in building HOSA Chapters.

1984 - Florida hosted the HOSA National Conference in Orlando. Florida members served on the National Board of Directors for the first time.

1985 - The Florida HOSA Foundation began.

1986 - Florida HOSA students won 53 Competitive Event awards from the National Conference. The Board of Director's representation was reorganized.

1987 - The Collegiate Division of HOSA was approved. Florida HOSA had the largest delegation attending the National Conference. Florida HOSA added an alumnae member to the Board of Directors.

1988 - Florida HOSA presented its first Honorary Lifetime membership to Dr. Etta Mc Culloch.

PHILOSOPHY OF HOSA

The vocational student organization is designed to assist students to understand and accept their abilities, aptitudes and interests. HOSA creates opportunities for the students to develop their interests and relate them to realistic goals in the health careers. HOSA activities are an integral part of the health occupations education program curriculum, providing leadership development opportunities for the student to:

- 1) improve interpersonal relations by practicing the communication skills;**
- 2) improve team membership skills and attitudes by learning to share, to give and to receive criticism, encouragement, or support;**
- 3) participate effectively in the democratic process both as a follower and as a leader;**



- 4) enhance self-concept as a helping person by learning to accept responsibility for and consequences of personal actions with relation to others, especially to those being provided health care;
- 5) prepare for membership and participation in the health professions and society; and
- 6) practice and improve their chosen health profession skills through competitive events.

Purposes of HOSA

The purposes of the Florida Association, HOSA are stated in Article II of the Bylaws (Appendix A). Each HOSA member should become familiar with the purposes of the organization.

HOSA Emblem

In 1978, each chartered state had the opportunity to submit a HOSA emblem to be presented at the First National HOSA Conference. The House of Delegates selected the emblem to represent the national organization at the First National HOSA Conference held April 27-30, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A HOSA Emblem Ceremony has been developed in Florida, utilizing the circle, the triangle and the hands, which are symbolized on the national emblem. The ceremony may be used at chapter, regional or state meetings and conferences.



HOSA EMBLEM*

The circle represents the continuity of health care



The triangle represents the three aspects of humankind well-being - social, physical and mental, and



The hands signify the caring of each HOSA member.



Colors: Background of outer circle - maroon
Letters in circle - medical white
Triangle - navy blue
Hands, figure, HOSA in triangle - medical white
Area around triangle - medical white
"founded in 1976" - navy blue

HOSA Motto

"THE HANDS OF HOSA MOLD THE HEALTH OF TOMORROW" is the HOSA motto. The original motto, "The Hands of Youth Mold the Health of Tomorrow" was presented by Florida and adopted at the First National HOSA Leadership Conference in 1978. Due to the inclusion of post-secondary students, the word "youth" was changed to "HOSA" in 1979 at the Second National HOSA Conference held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

- Adopted by the House of Delegates at the First National HOSA Conference held April 27-30, 1978 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.