

HOSA STUDENTS LEAVE CROCKETT'S MARK AT STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Above: The school chapter was honored as a group with two commendations. Displaying the awards are Eva Burleson with the designation as a bronze school by American Blood Centers, honoring HOSA's annual blood drive, and Ella Emison with the HOSA Happenings honor for overall involvement. (Photo courtesy of HOSA)

Miles McCarter captured first place in the state for the competition in Sports Medicine, in his very first time advancing to the state conference stage. Lane Hamilton and Sadiyah Little placed fourth among all competitors in CERT (Critical Emergency Response Team) Skills. Katherine West finished fifth out of 66 state-wide entrants in the category of Job-Seeking Skills.

According to Crockett HOSA advisors Gayla Mayfield, Cindi Thompson, and Candy Stallings, 16 different Cavalier students competed in various categories, and 14 qualified in the top ten of their divisions.

"Saying we are proud of our CCHS HOSA competitors is an understatement," Mayfield said. "So many were first-time competitors and they knocked it out of the park. Congratulations to all of them; their dedication, medals or not, is something special and we're forever grateful for each of them. We love watching them step out of their comfort zone and grow. What an honor to work with our future health care professionals."

Avery Bowling advanced from regionals to state in Human Growth and Development; Presley Williams, Lexus Copeland, and Kendall Ward competed in Community Awareness, focused on "Dangers of Body Art at Unlicensed Facilities"; Darcy Puffer and McKinley Conrad competed in Health Career Display, with "pharmacist" as their career choice; Harmony Walker made the top ten in Biotechnology; Eva Burleson competed as a freshman in Phlebotomy, also making the top ten; Lily Faught competed in Health Career Photography; Nathan Cates competed in Family Medicine Physician; and Scarlett Wood competed in Medical Reading.

Each student or team competed against a minimum of 25 (and often exceeding 30+) from across the state.

The school chapter was recognized as a bronze school by America Blood Centers for its sponsored annual blood drive, and in the "HOSA Happenings" segment for its overall involvement.

HOSA is a global student-led organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services and several federal and state agencies. HOSA's mission is to empower future health professionals to become leaders in the global health community through education, collaboration, and experience. HOSA actively promotes career opportunities in the health industry and enhancing the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA's goal is to encourage all health science instructors and students to affiliate and be actively involved in the HSE-HOSA Partnership.

HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, middle school, adult, and collegiate students enrolled in health science education and biomedical science programs or have interest in pursuing careers in health professions.



Above: Miles McCarter placed first in the state in his competition category, Sports Medicine. (Photo courtesy of HOSA)

By Ron Barry

Perhaps it was no surprise earlier this week hearing about Crockett County High School's success at the FFA State Convention, considering that the county's land is approximately 90% agricultural.

But it may be surprising to learn that another group of Cavalier students left a definitive mark on a different student organization conference also held in Tennessee over the spring break.

Crockett students consistently made outstanding presentations in Chattanooga at the Tennessee State HOSA Leadership Conference - HOSA stands for Health Occupations Students of America - and even came away with the West Tennessee Division Vice President in their midst.

Zoey Burleson was elected as the West TN Vice President at the meeting, headlining a slate of successes accomplished by Crockett students at the conference.



Above: Crockett County's HOSA group at the State Leadership Conference in Chattanooga. (Photo courtesy of HOSA)



Above: The new West Tennessee Division HOSA Vice President is Crockett's Zoey Burleson, flanked by advisors Gayla Mayfield (left) and Cindi Thompson (right). (Photo courtesy of HOSA)



Above: Lane Hamilton and Sadiyah Little placed fourth in the category of CERT (Critical Emergency Response Team) Skills. (Photo courtesy of HOSA)



Above: Crockett's HOSA chapter at the Chattanooga Convention Center. (Photo courtesy of HOSA)



Above: Katherine West (third from left) finished fifth out of 66 competitors in the category of Job-Seeking Skills. (Photo courtesy of HOSA)