What is HOSA?

- a national student led organization for pre-health majors
- a *career laboratory* where students commit significant time and effort to learning and practicing job-related knowledge and skills
- *competitive events* test students’ competencies and skills in their chosen health profession
- members attend conferences and workshops for leadership training

Tour of the Dermody Research Lab
Vanderbilt Medical Center
COMPETITIVE EVENTS

- Biotechnology
- Physical Therapy
- Medical Math
- Human Growth & Development
- Pathophysiology
- Pharmacology
- Nutrition
- CPR/First Aid
- Epidemiology

- Healthy Lifestyles
- Medical Photography
- Persuasive Speaking
- Extemporaneous Writing
- Forensic Medicine
- Biomedical Debate
- Medical Reading
- Health Education
- Outstanding HOSA Chapter
- National Service Project
- Barbara James Service Award
THE ROAD TO NATIONALS

Local HOSA Chapter
Members are chosen to represent their chapter in the Regional competitions

Regional Leadership Conference
Qualifying exams and competitors. Held in late January

State Leadership Conference
Qualifying exams and competitors. Held in late March in Orlando, FL

National Leadership Conference
Qualifying exams and competitors. Held in June in Anaheim, CA

Top 3 move on

NLC 2013 Opryland Hotel
Nashville, TN
2014 HOSA NATIONAL RESULTS

▲ Outstanding HOSA Chapter
▲ 2nd in Biotechnology
▲ 2nd in Physical Therapy
▲ 3rd in Healthy Lifestyle
▲ 3rd in Ext. Health Writing
▲ 3rd in Growth & Development
HOSA HIPs

- career laboratory
  - students develop workplace readiness skills
  - leadership development
  - significant commitment to learning and practicing job-related skills
  - “soft skills” in communication, teamwork, interpersonal skills, dependability and professional conduct

- community engagement is recognized at both the state and national levels
- students OWN this organization
- peer-to-peer mentoring
- the advisor provides one-on-one career intensive advising and mentoring
Wrap Up

The Kids are Alright

- top ranked MD/PHD, Dental, and MPH programs
- Health Science Supervisor for the State of Florida
- Army Medical Services Corps

Challenges

- time required by the advisor
- funding for tournament travel
- student recruitment