

HOSA's Annual Event of the Year goes VIRTUAL – announcing the **HOSA 2021 Virtual International Leadership Conference, June 23-26!**

HOSA is pleased to share that we have been released from the over \$2.4 million in-person contract with Disney with no penalties. A special thanks to Patti Long and other friends at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and the long-time relationship that HOSA built as we were able to walk away from the contract with a handshake – no lawyers, no penalties no battle, and no extra expended anxiety. It just took time to get everything in place to make this extraordinary arrangement to happen. HOSA feels extremely relieved and honored to have such special friends at Disney!

Drumroll please HOSA-Future Health Professionals is pleased to announce the **2021 International Leadership Conference** will be held **virtually, June 23-26**, for the following reasons:

- State and school district travel restrictions for staff and students due to COVID
- Inability of Disney's Coronado Springs Resort to accommodate safely the number of delegates anticipated to attend the 2021 ILC. HOSA was released from \$2.4 million in contracts with no penalties.
- CDC recommends postponing large group gatherings (50 or more) as a best way to protect ourselves from COVID.
- Our highest priority: The health, safety, and well-being of everyone involved in conducting and attending the ILC even beyond the 12,000 delegates as well as judges, competitive event site personnel, volunteers, bus transportation personnel, exhibitors, sponsors, guests, family members and friends.

Since the start of the pandemic, health professionals across the nation have been exceptional role models representing the profession extraordinarily – leading the way AND HOSA-Future Health Professionals is doing just that at this year's *Virtual ILC!* As a student organization, even though we would prefer an in-person conference, we certainly understand the “right” thing to do in promoting healthy behaviors that help reduce the spread of COVID and, potentially, save lives.

*You will want to stay tuned
as HOSA is leading the way with an
abundance of unique opportunities available
to ALL HOSA members at this year's
Virtual ILC, June 23-26!*

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Tightly secured behind HOSA's vault doors lies information to shed light on HOSA's **2021 Virtual International Leadership Conference**. HOSA's "informational vault" is unlike any other – it holds **HOSA's VILC information for Success!** Within is new and exciting information about VILC that will be shared in a timely manner. You will want to follow vault releases on ILC.hosa.org and social media (#HOSAVault) as HOSA News Blasts, best practices for advisors, tips for student success in competitions and other conference announcements will be released regularly. *Unlock Your Potential* and be ready for 2021 VILC!



Opening General Session and Live Workshops: The Virtual ILC Speaker will be revealed through HOSA's ILC Vault in the upcoming weeks. You will not want to miss this announcement.

The more than 24 **live, interactive workshops** will be made available as they are finalized on HOSA's website, along with 50-plus additional workshops available for HOSA members!

Competitive Events: Even with a transition to a Virtual ILC, HOSA is not "skimping" when it comes to competitive events! In fact, a majority of what we are offering virtually **is comparable to competitors' experiences during an in-person setting**. HOSA is not reducing the quality of the competitive event experience, and in many ways, competitors will receive new added value through virtual opportunities. There are advantages in offering competitive events virtually.

Competition Dates: Competitors will compete **Wednesday, June 23** through **Friday, June 25th** (all rounds, all components).

Event Numbers and Overview:

HOSA is providing the same level of competition that competitors receive in-person at HOSA's 2021 VILC:

- 82 unique HOSA competitive events will be offered at HOSA's 2021 VILC
- 32 **test-only** events
- 22 **ADDITIONAL** events have a test component for the **ROUND ONE** competitor. (Note: This year in the virtual setting, HOSA is not simply offering a round one test only. All 22 events will have a round two component.)
- Pre-Submitted Content will remain the same as if we were live.
- 19 **LIVE** presentation/speech/interview events
- 8 unique **LIVE** events with very creative setup such as a spelldown or debate.
- 16 **LIVE** Skill Events. HOSA is creating our own simulated skill environments online. Numerous new and existing HOSA partners are helping contribute to the simulated environments by contributing dynamic content.

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A sample video is being created to share online with competitors to give information and context for the clinical skill event portions at VILC.

Creating our own simulated environment allows HOSA to align to the HOSA skill event guidelines and provides an equal platform for all – while still testing knowledge and skills and ultimately will be able to determine International Winners in a fair and equitable manner.

- 13 CE Virtual Event Displays
- 2 CE Meet and Greet Events
- 5 Events in CE Recognition Hall

Staffing Needs: WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP TO ENSURE SUCCESS!

Each live event component will require staff from the National CE Team (group of 23 volunteers) as well as volunteers from each Chartered Association. We typically need 1,200 event personnel from Chartered Associations to help us manage events in-person. Our initial estimation is 700 volunteers for VILC from Chartered Associations. This information will be forthcoming.

Another Virtual Opportunity – Judge Teaching Moments:

During an in-person conference it becomes nearly impossible to offer feedback to competitors due to the logistics. In a virtual setting, we are not confined by limitations and so there is additional flexibility after an event concludes to poll judges. After judging this year, judges will be asked a series of questions to highlight what went well in the event and areas that competitors seemed to miss the mark. Comments will be collected via video and edits will be made after VILC to share. The videos created can be used for reflection by VILC 2021 competitors and by prospective event competitors for future years. Final number of videos to produce is still TBD.

Additional VILC Opportunities resulting from Competitive Events

Numerous VILC experiences have been developed as a result of conversations with new and existing partners as a way to engage ALL HOSA members in this year's VILC!

**Get Ready to Explore!
Introducing the MindTap Simulation Center
At HOSA's Virtual ILC!**

National Geographic Learning/Cengage is hosting a 3-day hands-on simulation experience across Health Science Careers with the exploration of scenarios, skills, and procedures. VILC delegates will be able to explore over 190 simulations and practice real-world skills, while at the same time be able to compete in a Scavenger Hunt Challenge with the opportunity to win scholarship money. Information will be released on the VILC website soon.



Reminder: Have your members to register for the National Geographic Learning Academic Testing Center for Future Health Professionals – one ACT test is available with each registration fee. Additional ATC tests are charged at a cost of **\$20** per test with a maximum of **four** ATC tests. They will compete against hundreds of HOSA members in academic tests across 15 topics that are crucial for professional success in health care. You will want to ensure all HOSA members participate!

New Demonstration with Anatomage.

HOSA is partnering with Anatomage to demonstrate anatomy using Anatomage's digital human cadaver platform. Teams will be tested on knowledge of anatomy, anatomical systems like muscular, digestive, respiratory, skeletal bones, and the heart.

- **HOSA Member Anatomage Team Tournament**
(Two divisions: (1) Middle School Division
(2) Secondary and Postsecondary/Collegiate Division)
- **HOSA Advisor Anatomage Team Tournament**
- **Anatomage Championship Round**

Each chartered association will be able to enter competition teams to compete in each division category to become the Anatomage Champions!

*Will the **Anatomage champions** be middle school, secondary, postsecondary, collegiate or advisors?
(watch for additional details!)*

Body Interact Virtual Patient Challenge.

This is another opportunity for our members to compete in teams with other schools for the opportunity to showcase knowledge about clinical patient cases. The Virtual Patient Challenge will present simulated patients that interact with participants and respond in real-time to interventions and treatments. Teams will problem solve and discuss potential case diagnosis as they work through real-life patient examples in a unique simulation.

2021 VILC Registration Fee.

The 2021 VILC registration fee will be **\$60** for all delegates compared to the in-person fee of \$90 plus travel, lodging, and meals. This year's registration includes **one ATC test**. Additional ATC tests are charged at a cost of **\$20** per test with a maximum of **four** ATC tests.

The State Advisors VILC Guide and other pertinent VILC information will be forthcoming in the next few days as there is even more!

Watch for the next HOSA update. Thank you for believing in HOSA-Future Health Professionals and that the *best is yet to be!*