

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



IHEA is proud of all our educators for preparing students for the workforce in various health care fields. Our work as health educators is important so that we can guide our students to explore, experiment, and dedicate themselves to meaningful work. IHEA had another successful year of providing quality education and activities for healthcare educators and students across the state.

Capitol Day: A CTE Day at the Capitol will be held Tuesday, February 7th from 9:00 to 3:00 in the West and South wings of the Rotunda.

Registration is: NOW OPEN!

Closes: January 31, 2018 at 11:59 P.M.

Cost: \$10.00 per participant

HOSA has continued to expand in Iowa, enrollment is the highest ever. Drake University has added a chapter. The *State HOSA Conference Competition* just completed with 100 secondary students competing at the spring conference. There is a spring leadership conference held on March 11-13, 2018 at Holiday Inn at Mercy, DesMoines, Iowa.

IHEA Annual Conference May 31-June 1, 2018 at the Prairie Meadows Conference Center in Altoona, Iowa. The theme is "Health Educators Making Connections". We are pleased to bring three different tracks to meet the needs of all entities of health educators. The tracks are health education, leadership and simulation. We are working collaborately with Iowa Community College Simulation Committee. Registration and conference titles are available at www.iowahealthed.org/

IHEA Awards and Scholarships available at www.iowahealthed.org/. Take a moment to nominate an outstanding health educator or student to receive a \$500 scholarship. We want to recognize the innovative work of our teachers and financially support secondary or post-secondary health students.

IACTE Annual Conference: The IACTE Conference will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny in September 17, 2018.

Our goal for IHEA is to continue to increase membership. Help IHEA board members by reaching out to potential members from all health disciplines, from all academic levels of health education. We want to see more high school, health facility educators and 4-year (and beyond) health educators join us and reap the benefits to being an IHEA member! Thank you for all you do for the future healthcare workforce in Iowa. Through collaboration and organization, we believe together we can make IHEA a platform for all of us to be better educators for our students and the communities we serve. Have a happy and healthy year!

Sincerely,

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