

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.

ADVOCACY

Capitol Day: A successful CTE Day at the Capitol was held Tuesday, January 31 from 9:00 to 3:00 in the West and South wings of the Rotunda. All five IACTE divisions were represented with students from middle school through community college level! We had our best turnout yet with approximately 85 - 90 CTE representatives. The IHEA division included post-secondary health students from Med Lab Tech, Surgical Technology, Paramedic, and Medical Assistant. Students were able to speak with legislators about the importance of health education and the need for CTE in Iowa.



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. First place Iowa teams are eligible to advance to the International HOSA Conference June 21-24, 2017 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort - Orlando, Florida. Who doesn't want to go to Disney?

REGISTER NOW

IHEA Annual Conference June 29-30, 2017 at the Prairie Meadows Conference Center in Altoona, Iowa. The theme was "Reflections & Collaboration in Health Education: Inspiring a Changing Culture". We are pleased to bring Dr. Cindy Clark, national speaker, presenting on Civility in Education. 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.



School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) Conference is August 2 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Community choice Credit Union Convention Center, DM. IHEA is looking for students and instructor representative to attend at our booth. The school administrators love to hear from students and hear about your innovative projects and events. Please contact Kendra Ericson, IHEA President at kmericson@dmacc.edu if you are interested in bringing students.

IACTE Annual Conference: The IACTE Conference will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny on Sept 19th, 2017. Registration for conference is now open at <http://tinyurl.com/iacte-register> . Conference proposals can be submitted at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6KSTPHP> by April 28, 2017.

My 2017 challenge 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, I 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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