America's Blood Centers (ABC) is the national trade association for community blood centers in the U.S. and Canada. These community blood centers serve more than 150 million people, collect approximately 60% of the U.S. blood supply and operate more than 600 donation sites across the United States and Canada.

The ABC/HOSA partnership includes:

Recognition of Excellence in Blood Donation

As part of this partnership, ABC will recognize the HOSA state associations that have reported the highest number of blood donations collected at HOSA-chapter blood drives the preceding year. Special recognition will be given to HOSA chapters that (1) exceed expectations in organizing and executing

successful blood drives and (2) demonstrate exceptional efforts in raising awareness about the need for a strong blood supply. The recognition event will occur annually at the HOSA International Leadership Conference. ABC's member blood centers nationwide have the opportunity to also recognize HOSA chapters at state association meetings.

HOSA chapter leaders will report information on each blood drive through ABC's website at <u>americasblood.org/HOSA</u> after data is provided by their local blood center. A form certifying the data must be uploaded as part of this process.



Promoting Careers at Community Blood Centers

HOSA chapters have access to the groundbreaking education program, <u>Vein to Vein: The Science of Blood Donation.</u> This educator-crafted resource includes lessons that develop student leadership skills and information about pursuing rewarding careers in the blood community that can help save lives and sets the foundation for understanding the importance of being a life-long blood donor.

America's Blood Centers' career center, featuring links to job postings

at community blood centers across the country, has been integrated into HOSA's career information and job bank webpage to provide an additional resource for students interested in pursuing a career in this important field.

Together, we will build the next generation healthcare workforce that will save lives.



Interested in holding a blood drive? Find your local ABC member blood center.

> Interested in connecting with your local HOSA leaders? Find your HOSA chartered state association.

