

Board Meeting Recognitions Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Southwest High School Hunter Douglass
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Southwest High School and the Career and Technical Education Department are proud to recognize an outstanding student, Hunter Douglass, a rising 11th-grade student, who has achieved remarkable success in HOSA – Future Health Professionals. This organization prepares students for careers in the health sciences.

Earlier this year, Hunter competed in the Area HOSA Competition held at Steele High School, where he earned 1st place in his event, *Life Support Skills*. This victory automatically qualified him for the State Competition—an exciting and unprecedented step for our HOSA chapter.

At the State HOSA Conference, held at Kalahari Resorts in Round Rock, Texas, Hunter once again proved his exceptional capabilities by taking 1st place, making him eligible for the prestigious International Leadership Conference (ILC).

Representing Southwest High School on the national stage, Hunter traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, where he competed against over 30 of the nation's top students in the Life Support Skills event. We are thrilled to announce that Hunter earned a place as a Top 10 Finalist—and ultimately placed in the Top 5 in the entire nation.

The Life Support Skills event is one of the most demanding in HOSA. It challenges students to respond to real-life medical emergencies using Basic Life Support and First Aid techniques. Competitors are evaluated on their performance in adult and infant CPR—both with and without an AED—as well as on their ability to manage severe bleeding, choking, burns, heat-related emergencies, and the administration of epinephrine and naloxone.

Hunter's success marks a historic milestone for Southwest High School—it is the first time any of our students in HOSA have advanced beyond the Area level, let alone achieved top national honors. This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and support of those who guided him along the way. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Mrs. Erica Adames and Mr. Anthony Garrity for their unwavering mentorship, encouragement throughout Hunter's journey.