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State Controller Nancy Wyman supports Central's HOSA

Financial contribution to help defray costs of trip to Orlando for National Conference

Bridgeport, CT – June 8, 2007 – State Controller Nancy Wyman will present a check to Central High School's Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) chapter on Monday, June 11 at 1:30 p.m. This contribution will help defray the costs of the team's trip as they travel to Orlando, Fla. to compete at the National HOSA Conference, which is being held from June 21 to 23.

"These students are outstanding representatives of not only Central High School but also the state of Connecticut, as our students were elected as state representatives for the conference," Shaun Smith, HOSA Chapter Advisor and Assistant Principal of Central, said. "We are proud of our students and we are grateful for the donation from the State Controller's office."

Central's HOSA recently attended the State Leadership Conference at Southern Connecticut State University. Students competed and won medals in various events, including medical terminology, research persuasive speaking, CPR/First Aid, creative problem solving, and medical spelling, and outstanding chapter. Seven Central students

will attend the National Conference. Central's newly elected HOSA President Amy Tran and Vice President Reina Lartey will serve as state representatives at the conference.

The team has been fundraising for the Orlando trip throughout the school year. The contribution from Wyman is the result of a letter written by student Doris Addison requesting financial assistance.

HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) is a national student organization whose mission is "...to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science technology education students, therefore, helping students to meet the needs of the health care community." (www.HOSA.org)

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