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Eleven years ago I had no idea that I would become

a classroom teacher. I had a career that I loved, and had worked 21 years serving patients in need. I graduated from Emory University and began a fulfilling career as a radiologic technologist. I specialized in CT scanning. I was fortunate in that I enjoyed my career. I worked with wonderful administrators and coworkers. I enjoyed the challenges I had with the technology of CT scanning and loved the necessity of learning technological advances in this medical imaging modality area.

However, when a close friend suggested that I apply for the HO, now HSTE, position at the new high school, I began praying for direction. I did apply and when I interviewed, I told my now program director and the superintendent that I loved my job, and was fortunate in

because I had always enjoyed working in my chosen field. Once given this new teaching position, I was concerned that I might have jumped into a HOT GREASE FIRE, since I had no experience in teaching 8 hours a day. I had taught Continuing Education and Enrichment classes through the junior college in Tifton, and I had taught CT Applications with General Electric, but not high school students on a daily schedule.

Teaching for me has been such a rewarding profession. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to work in two careers that have given me an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. I love watching young adults meet the challenges of becoming successful citizens after high school.

HSTEA is a wonderful, professional association. If you are not a member, **join today**. The network of HSTE teachers you will meet are the best in the state...world! I invite you to check our webpage out at <http://www.gahstea.com>. We

post updates and informative information on this website. Our contact information is listed on the website. If you are a new teacher and would like to have a **mentor** please contact Sharon Pye at spye@bulloch.k12.ga.us or 912-842-2131. Sharon works diligently to help new teachers.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this Winter Conference a success! Pat Rape and Phyllis Johnson have donated their time and expertise to this conference. I appreciate such a great group of officers that make this association successful.

Also, PLEASE decide to join us this summer for our annual GACTE Summer Conference. Mark your calendars now: JULY 19-22. Go to <http://www.gacte.org> for additional information and the tentative agenda. It is always a Sensational conference!

One last thing...PLEASE go to the Georgia Department of Education website often: <http://www.gadoe.org>. The website has valuable information for every educator.

HSTEA Purpose

(from By-Laws at http://gahstea.com/_wsn/page2.html)

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To promote the professional growth of the members of the association.
2. To develop, promote, and support technical careers in the healthcare science technology education field for interested and qualified individuals in Georgia.
3. To participate in evaluation

and re-commendation of standards for healthcare science technology education.

4. To foster a better understanding of the technical careers within this association.

TECHNOLOGY

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<http://www.salary.com/>
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>
<http://www.nchste.org.national-standards>
<http://explorer.dol.state.ga.us/>
www.occsupplydemand.org

<http://www.georgiactae.org/index.html> (**lesson plans**)

Information about CNA Train the Trainer www.ghp.ga.gov click provider information tab, go to Medicaid Provider Manuals and click on View Full List scroll Down to choose NATP Manual (Nurse Aide Training Program Manual)

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 7
HOSA State Officer candidate Interviews FFA Camp

Feb. 12
CTSO Legislative Breakfast

March 5-7 State Leadership Conference HOSA

March 12
GPS Roll Out Diagnostic Pathway

March 24
GPS Roll Out Biotechnology Pathway

CTAE

Announcement

HSTEA is excited to welcome Gary Steppe as Director of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education. Please check the DOE web site for his contact phone numbers and address.

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Phyllis Johnson, HSTE Program Specialist, pjohnson@doe.k12.ga.us

It has been an honor to work for you as your program specialist at the DOE this year. My favorite part of the job has been visiting you and your programs. I have seen some fantastic teaching going on in your programs. I visited Jama Wilbanks at Centennial HS, during her very successful blood drive. Her students were actively involved and keeping their eyes on their “patients” looking for potential “fainters.” At Hart County HS, Pat Rutherford had her students working on their HOSA presentations and contests. One of her students had been recognized along with Pat (as her teacher) as the Rotary Student of the month. Kellie Seawright asked me to speak to her students and we discussed health careers and electronic portfolios. She was busy trying to arrange a trip to see “The Bodies” which is back in Atlanta. At Atlantic Station. I have known Peggy Snyder at Stephens County HS for a long time, but have never gotten to visit until recently. She has created a career tech wall in the hallway which honors all CTAE students (with plaques) who have excelled in their respective CTSO’s. It is awesome. I wish I had taken a picture. I also met a new teacher (2nd year) at Pike County HS, Erin Isom. She is enthusiastic and grateful for any “sharing” you are willing to do. She has worked with some teachers in Clayton County who have been a great resource for her. “Sharing” with each other is a good thing!! Another focus I have this year is publicizing our programs (including HOSA and HSTEA) in the community. We need to let our community members know what great things are going on in our programs. It is important to also gain support from business and industry in your community.

HOSA HEADLINES by **Allen O. Seigler, III**, Executive Director, Georgia HOSA, www.georgiahosa.org

I have to start by saying what a wonderful year it has been! Georgia HOSA has broken records that we have only dreamed of touching this year. Last year, Georgia HOSA ended with 5,860 members and had a goal to increase our membership by 10% which would put us at 6,446 members. How great would it be to even that out this year with 6500 members? Well even better, as of this moment, we boast 7,042 HOSA members!

This year was another beginning of something new for us, region competitions. We started our region competitive events program this year and had over 1,040 students participate. This was a great experience for them to strengthen their skills learned in the classroom as well as qualify them for the State Leadership Conference March 5-7, 2009. Out of the HOSA members who competed at the region level, roughly 841 qualified to compete against the top in the state at the State Leadership Conference.

The State Leadership Conference (SLC) is also quickly approaching; please remember the deadline for registration is February 2nd. The SLC will be held in Athens, GA at the Classic Center for the next three years and we are excited about our partnership with Athens Technical College. Athens Tech is allowing us to use their facilities for several of our competitive events which will give the HOSA members a real-life setting for their events. We are excited to congratulate our top 3 winners in each event from the SLC as they will have the chance to compete against the top in the nation at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN.

As we come to an end of this year, I have to thank each and every HOSA advisor for their tremendous support of our organization. The students run the organization but only by the guidance of you, the advisor. Without your support, wisdom and guidance, the students would not have the chance to learn today and lead tomorrow. We always see on the news, television and even worse, our own communities about what teenagers are doing wrong and bad. To see this and know that we are making a collective positive impact on over 7,000 young individuals in the state of Georgia makes me feel good and appreciate everything you do even more. Keep motivating, smiling and encouraging!

Thanks,
Allen Seigler

HAVING A SUCCESSFUL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Charles Backes from Valdosta State University has written a great article on Advisory Committees. It was published in the August 2000 edition of TechDirections—*Linking Education to Careers*. In the article Dr. Backes stresses not only the importance of having Advisory committees, but the importance of “using” them as well. He stresses that even a carefully selected committee that has a good understanding of Career Technical Education, may not be effective if they don’t understand their purpose. He makes several key points that we should remember when working with advisory committees: 1) Clarify the purpose and mission of the committee, 2) Cooperatively set goals for the committee. These may be long and/or short term goals. The group should have input on goal selection, and 3) Meet regularly with your committee. The number of meetings will be determined by the mission and goals the committee has set.