

Texas HOSA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

MARCH 24-26, 2026

Conference Site:

Hilliard Center
1901 N. Shoreline Blvd
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

General Sessions Site:

Hilliard Center

Opening:	March 24, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
Business:	March 25, 2026 @ 4:00 PM
Recognition Session:	March 25, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
Closing:	March 26, 2026 @ 11:00 AM Post Secondary
Closing:	March 26, 2026 @ 1:00 PM Secondary & Middle School

Bus and Parking Information : Buses in Lot 5 and 10
Cars and Vans in Lot 2 and 3
See map at end of memo

Registration Deadline: March 6, 2026

Registration Link: <https://apps.hosa.org/>

Conference Fees:

Students: \$90.00

Advisors & Chaperones: \$45.00

- **Midnight CST of the stated conference registration deadline is the final deadline.** Chapters will be responsible for registration fees for all members/chaperones/advisors in the conference management system after the final deadline.
- **No PO's will be accepted.**
- If paying by school check, **include your chapter number** on the check and mail to:



**Texas HOSA
201 W. Hillside Road Suite 26
Laredo, Texas 78041**



- **New W 9 Form** please share with your bookkeeper.

Generating your Invoice:

The invoice will not be automatically emailed to the advisor. Advisors should log in and print their own invoice. On the bottom left of your page you will see 2 options “View” and “Reports” click on “Reports” then click on “Generate Invoice for Recent Registrations”. Please see the image below. If more students are added to the initial conference registration, at a different time or date, the system will generate an updated invoice.

The screenshot displays the 'Registration Summary' page. At the top, there is a table with columns: Attendees, Options/Activities, Events, Amount Due, Amount Paid, and Balance. The data row shows 1 attendee, 0 options, 0 events, \$0.00 due, \$0.00 paid, and a \$0.00 balance. Below this is the 'Registrations' section, which contains a table with columns: ID, Name, Type, Registration Details and Fees, and Total Fee. A red circle highlights the first registration entry with ID 1844035, Name Villarreal, Janet, Type SS, and Secondary Registration. Below the registrations is the 'Payments' section, which is currently empty. At the bottom left, there is a button labeled 'Generate Invoice for Recent Registrations' and a 'View - Reports -' dropdown menu. At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Register Members' and 'Register Family/Guest/Other'.

Student to Advisor/Chaperone ratio:

15:1 ratio, be sure your students are adequately chaperoned.

There will be NO BUS Shuttles running- students and Advisors are responsible for traveling back and forth to the Hilliard for ALL events.

Onsite Check-In:

Hilliard Center- 100 Series Hallway Lower-Level Lobby

Early Bird Check-In: March 23, 2026, from 07:00 PM – 08:30 PM

Regular Check-In: March 24, 2026, from 08:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Late Check-In: Not available

Only Advisors are allowed in the Hilliard Center Lobby for Onsite Check-in.

Medical Liability and Code of Conduct Forms:

Please have all attendees complete the following forms prior to arriving at the conference. Paper copies will not be accepted.

Students: [Medical Liability, Photo Released & Code of Conduct Verification Form](#)

Advisor/Chaperone: [HOSA Advisor/Chaperone Code of Ethics](#)

Forms to Turn In at Onsite Check-In:

Please have these forms printed out prior to check-in. Copies can be found on the Texas HOSA website under the State Conference button.

[*No Show/Substitution Form Verification form](#)

Not Attending State Conference

If you have an area winner that will not be attending the state conference, please email texashosa@texashosa.org on or before March 6, 2026. We will move the next winner up.



Advisor Orientation Luncheon

Hilliard Convention Center - Henry Garret Ballroom A&B from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM.

Advisor Assignment

Texas HOSA's Competitive Event Program could not be a success without the support from the Advisors. Please [click here](#) to sign up for your advisor assignment. All Advisors are expected to help with running events.

Courtesy Corp

All those registered to volunteer for Courtesy Corps will assist their advisor in running the competitive event the advisor is helping to manage. Each chapter may register 2 students for Courtesy Corp. Advisors who are helping to manage online testing will not be able to bring their students to assist. Only ASSIGNED Advisors/students (Courtesy Corp/Ambassadors) are allowed to event rooms during competition.

Voting Delegates

Each school may register 1 voting delegate. Voting delegates must attend the business session. Members of HOSA, TA shall be represented through their duly selected delegates from their respective chapters. Each voting delegate shall be entitled to one vote; a voting delegate must be registered, present, and sit in the Designated area during the business session meeting to cast a vote.

Organizational Leadership

Each chapter is allowed to register two students to take the Organization Leadership Exam. Top Finalists become voting delegates for 2026 ILC. With the purpose of representing the membership of Texas HOSA to conduct business on behalf of the organization, and to elect the Executive Council.

Digital Upload Deadline and Instructions:

March 6, 2026
is the deadline for all events requiring an upload.

Secondary, Postsecondary and Middle School will follow the same directions for uploading projects.

State Conference Deadline. If you advance from the Area Conference you must again upload your project for the State Conference. (Please check the Texas HOSA guidelines for your event on the Texas HOSA Website.) Appointment times to present in front of judges will be given to each individual/team that uploads.

The following competitive events require competitors to upload digital materials for Texas HOSA:

- **Post Secondary and IEC Endorsement Candidate Applications**
- **Community Awareness- upload required**
- **Exploring Medical Innovations- Middle School upload required**
- **First Steps Career- Middle School upload required**
- **Health Career Display- upload required for ALL levels- Middle/Secondary/Post Secondary**
- **Health Career Photography-upload required**
- **Health Career Prep- Middle School- upload required**
- **Health Education- upload required for ALL levels- Middle/Secondary/Post Secondary**
- **Interviewing Skills- upload required**
- **Job Seeking Skills-upload required**
- **Medical Innovation- upload required**
- **Mental Health Promotion- upload required**
- **MRC Partnership- upload required**
- **Public Health- upload required for ALL levels- Middle/Secondary/Post Secondary**
- **Public Service Announcement- upload required**
- **Research Persuasive Writing and Speaking- upload required**
- **Research Poster -upload required**

- ***Clinical Specialty*** -No upload-must bring 2 stapled copies of required paperwork to the State Conference.

- ***Family Medicine*** -No upload-must bring a copy of their “Interview Verification Form” to the State Conference.

- *Extemporaneous Writing students- Devices without a USB port (such as cloud-based writing media or devices such as Chromebooks) will not be able to save the essay to a HOSA flash drive, therefore, cannot be used.*

Round 2 Appointment Times

Round 2 appointment times will be posted **March 17th, 2026** on the Texas HOSA website (updates) and on the Texas State HOSA App. (Check the Texas HOSA website State Conference Memo at a later date for updates on downloading the app.)

Texas State HOSA App: [click here](#)

General Conference Schedule:

[Click here](#) to view the General Schedule, it can also be found on the Texas HOSA website under the State Leadership Conference button.

Competitive Event Schedule:

[Click here](#) to view the Competitive Event Schedule, it can also be found on the Texas HOSA website under State Leadership Conference button

New HOSA Show Case:

Our Texas HOSA Student Organization is made up of some of the best and brightest students in Texas and we want to showcase some of their hard work this year at our state conference. This year we are asking students in the following events to showcase their projects to students and advisors in Exhibit Hall A at the following dates and time:

Tuesday (set-up 15 minutes prior to showcase time)

Research Poster- 2:00- 2:45 pm

Medical Art Poster- 3:00- 3:45 pm

PSA- 4:00-4:45 pm

Wednesday (set-up 15 minutes prior to showcase time)

Health Career Display- 10:00-10:45 am

Health Career Photography- 11:00- 11:45 am

Exploring Medical Innovations- 1:15-2:00 pm

Medical Innovations- 2:15-3:00 pm

HOSA Officer Leadership Academy

[Click here](#) for information concerning the leadership development training for newly elected officers and state officer candidates. **This academy is only open to the 2026-2027 Area Officer Elects and Post Secondary Officer Candidates.** There is no extra charge, but 2026-2027 Area Officer Elects and Post Secondary Officer Candidates must be registered for the training through the conference registration system. The registration link can be found under Options/Activities-Leadership Academy.

Barbara James Service Award & National Service Project:

- Activities from June 1, 2025, through March 6, 2026.
- Activities must be entered and APPROVED by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity Tracking System by midnight on **March 6, 2026.**
- The number of approved hours in the system is what will be used to identify recognition levels at the State Leadership Conference.
- For Activity Tracking System Instructions, go to HATS Instructions at www.hosa.org under the Competition tab in “Competitive Event Useful Tools”. All competitors seeking recognition must be registered for the conference.

HOSA Happenings

All competitors to be able to upload project students must be registered for the conference. The submission for this event is the State Conference Registration Deadline **March 6, 2026.** Competitors must submit projects in the HOSA Digital Upload System.

HOSA Service Project Event

The State Officer Team will be announcing the winners of our NMDP Challenge, One Vision, One Match to benefit NMDP at the State Leadership Conference. Getting started is easy—visit fundraise.nmdp.org/hosa, register your chapter, customize your page, and begin sharing your link to raise funds.

The top-fundraising chapter in each division—middle school, secondary, and postsecondary—will receive a special gift basket from the State Officer Team. Additionally, for every \$25 raised, schools earn an entry into a door prize drawing.

Share your chapter's creative fundraising events using #OneVisionOneMatch. Together, we can help more patients find their life-saving match!

Additionally, you can support NMDP at the conference by purchasing the 50th Anniversary 2026 Texas HOSA State Leadership Conference pin for \$2.00. Proceeds will benefit NMDP. Be sure to bring these pins to boost your pin exchange at the International Leadership Conference!

Scholarships

All members must be registered for the "Theodora J. Scholarship" to be able to upload Application. All scholarship applications must be uploaded to HOSA Digital System by **March 1, 2026**. This includes the "Karen Batechelor's Outstanding State Officer" application for **current State Officers**. Winners will be announced on the Texas HOSA website.

Outstanding Texas HOSA Advisor

Applications accepted until the conference registration deadline **March 6, 2026**. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Texas HOSA Blood Drive

Submissions for this award must be emailed: texashosa@texashosa.org on or before **March 6, 2026**.

Post Secondary Testing and IEC Endorsement Officer Candidate Interviews

Testing: Hilliard Center
Monday March 23, 2026 @ 7:00pm in Room C 106

Interviews: Hilliard Center
Tuesday March 24, 2026 @ 8:00am in the Room C106

All Post-Secondary and IEC Endorsement officer applications & forms must be uploaded on or before the March 6, 2026 deadline.

(Secondary IEC Endorsement Candidates do not test at the State Leadership Conference)

https://texashosa.formstack.com/forms/texas_hosa_officer_application

All PS officer candidates and IEC endorsement candidates must be registered for the conference.

IEP Events

Verification and Accommodation: This [form](#) was completed and saved in the system before the Area Spring Conference. *You do NOT need to resubmit for State.*

Online Testing Rules

- Students are **not allowed** to use any outside materials like textbooks, notes, or other reference sources during the exam, requiring you to rely solely on your memory to answer the questions;
- No other electronics allowed: no cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, audio devices, or any other electronic devices are allowed in the room or test area except for the device used to take the test.
- Clear environment: the surface where your device is placed must be entirely clear of anything other than the test device. Books, papers, electronics, and any other objects are not allowed.
- Take the exam independently: no one else is permitted in the test room or surrounding area.
- No communication: no communicating with other individuals, whether verbal, non-verbal, or electronic.
- One screen only: only one screen is permitted during the test; using any other screens, monitors, or display devices is strictly prohibited.
- No other browsers or unauthorized software: Using any other browsers, software, browsers, applications, artificial intelligence, and technologies is not allowed.

National Geographic Academic Testing

The following events will be offered at the State Leadership Conference. **There is a \$10.00 charge to take each test and each participant is limited to 2 tests.** All students registered for the state conference are eligible to participate. Winners will be recognized during the **“Recognition Session”** on Wednesday Evening from 7:00- 8:30 PM.

Allied Health Statics	Anatomy & Physiology
Biochemistry	Biology
Career Development	Organic Chemistry
Human Heredity	Math for Health Professionals
Microbiology	General Chemistry
Physics College	AAFP Family Medicine Career Test
Leadership Test	Occupational Health and Safety Test
Environmental Health	

Specific guidelines for each test can be found at the HOSA website (www.hosa.org) under the Competition Tab. Click on “Guidelines.”

The goal of the National Geographic Learning (NGL) Academic Testing Center – CERI sponsored event is to provide as many HOSA Members at both the Texas State Leadership Conference and the International Leadership Conference as possible with the opportunity to demonstrate their basic knowledge in preparation to become future health professionals. The series of events in the NGL Academic Testing Center (ATC) are written tests based on items from the identified text specific to each event. Competitors will recognize, identify, define, interpret, and apply knowledge in a 50-item multiple choice test with a tiebreaker question. The written test will measure knowledge and understanding at the recall, application, and analysis levels. Higher-order thinking skills will be incorporated.

Social

Hilliard Center
March 24, 2026
8:30 PM - 10:30 PM

The State Team invites you to attend the conference social and dance, where you can network with members from across the state, compete in fun games, enjoy refreshments, and create lifelong memories. We Hope to see you there!

Hotel Information

See Texas HOSA website under state conference for hotel information.

Important Reminders:

There will be ***NO BUS Shuttles running***- students and Advisors are responsible for traveling back and forth to the Hilliard for ALL events.

For onsite assistance and directions, look for the **HOSA Student Ambassadors in the Lime Green shirts.**

Remind students to review the Texas HOSA Guidelines for their event prior to the conference. There will be no event orientation given at the conference. Texas HOSA Guidelines can be found at [Texas HOSA Competition | Texas HOSA](#)

★ **Remember- We're all here to have fun!!**

★ Your actions & words should align with our shared values.

★ **Be considerate of others**

A zero-tolerance policy

Including - but not limited to - violence, racism, theft, drug possession, alcohol abuse, possession of weapons of any kind.

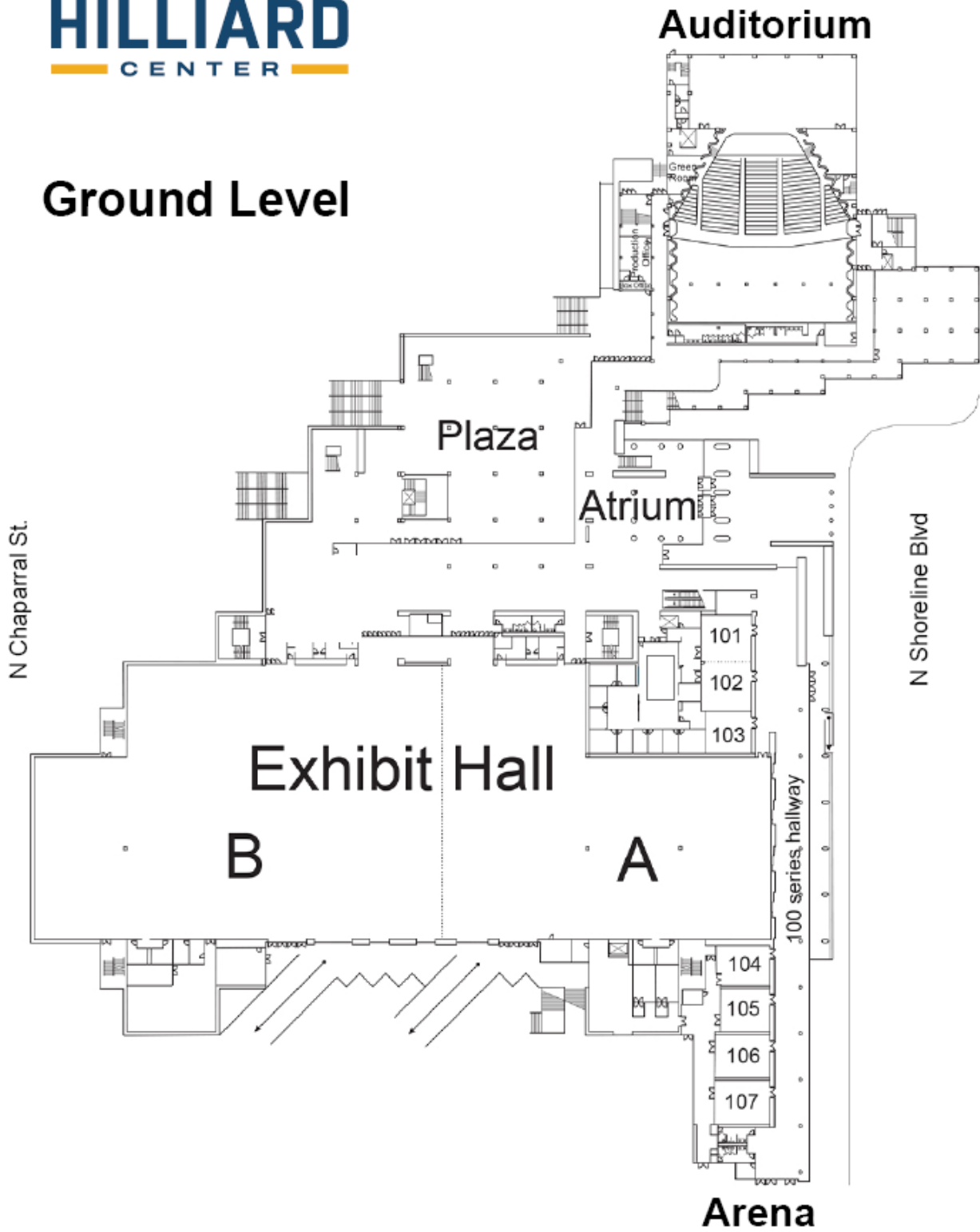
★ **We're in it together**

Your safety & security is our #1 priority. We go above and beyond to ensure this common goal is met.

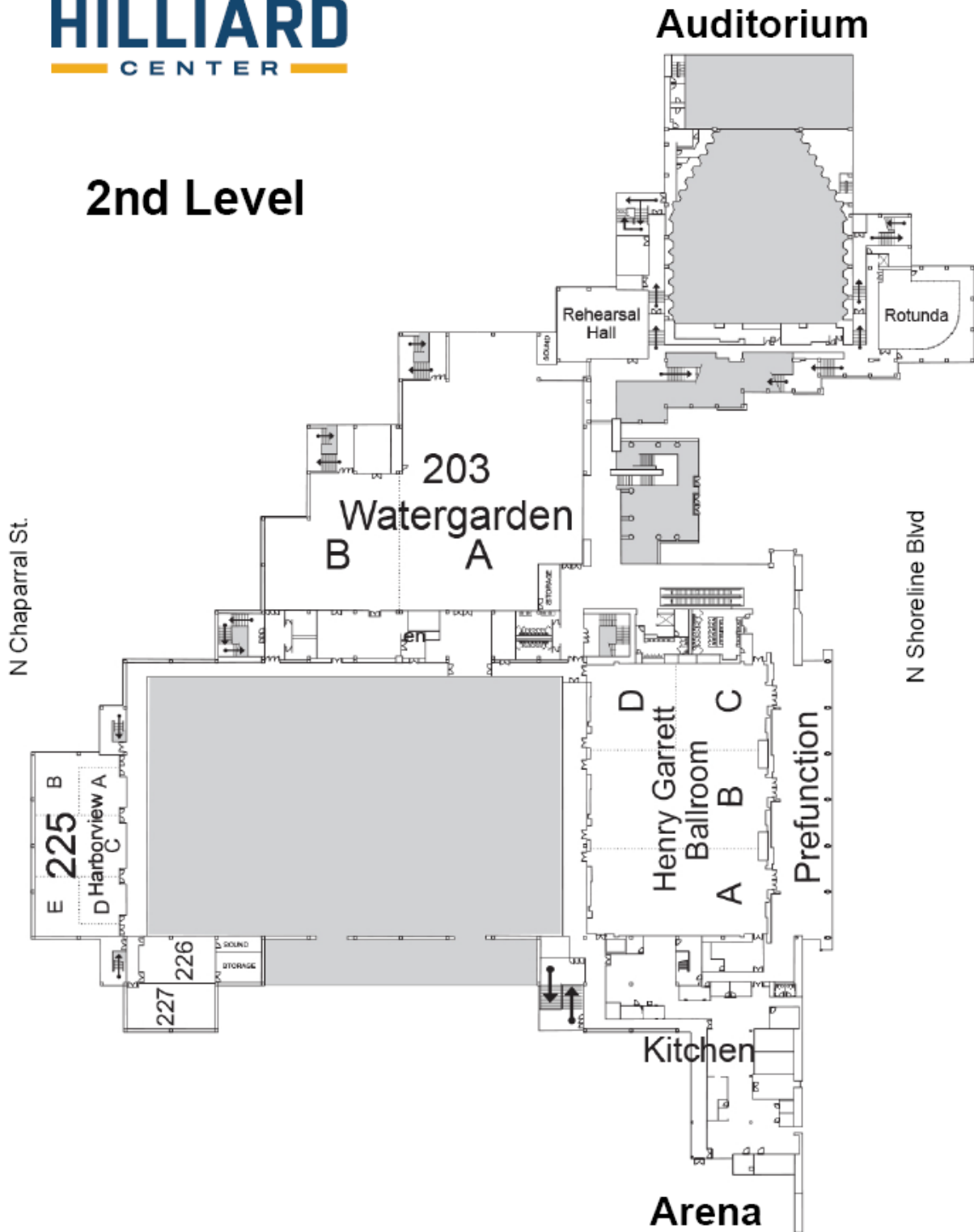
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Ground Level



2nd Level



HILLIARD CENTER VENUE GUIDE



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- VENUE PARKING LOTS
- PARKMOBILE
- ADA PARKING
- PARKING GARAGE
- MAIN BOX OFFICE
- VENUE ENTRANCE
- ICERAYS MAIN OFFICE
- MAIN LOBBY & SECURITY
- AUDITORIUM BOX OFFICE
- LOADING DOCK
- ELEVATOR



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