

Indiana HOSA

SUCCESS STORY

Jason Huff was a member of Indiana HOSA from 1992 to 1995. His local chapter was Evansville North, and Jason was very involved as a HOSA member. During his first year in the Health Occupations program, he served as the Junior Representative on the local HOSA Executive Council. As a member of the Executive Council, Jason attended the Indiana State Leadership Conference. After this experience he decided to run for a state office position. In October 1993, he was elected Indiana HOSA President. It was during this time that the current Indiana Bylaws were written. He also was instrumental in helping the new State Advisor understand how beneficial HOSA is for the Health Occupations students in Indiana.

While serving as Indiana HOSA President, Jason decided he wanted to advance to a national officer position. In June 1994, Jason was a candidate for national office. After passing the officer exam, he was slated as Secondary Member-at-Large. He had two opponents for this office. Jason and his fellow HOSA members at Evansville North led a good campaign, but when the ballots were cast, there was a tie and the voting delegates had to re-vote for the position. When the new officers were announced, Jason had won the vote. It was an amazing experience for him and a great accomplishment for Indiana. As a national officer, Jason served as Secretary of the National Executive Council and on the HOSA, Inc. Board of Directors. In 1995, Jason along with the other members of the National Executive Council presided over the NLC in Louisville, Kentucky.

During his tenure as Secondary Member-At-Large, he was a student in the nursing program at IVY Tech State College and the University of Southern Indiana. He says that, "my involvement in HOSA and Health Science Education have helped shape who I am today." This experience has helped him succeed in his nursing career. By being able to use the basic patient care skills, medical terminology, and professionalism learned in the high school program, he was already ahead of his peers. After obtaining his RN, he put to use his leadership skills learned in HOSA. These skills helped him move up the ladder quickly at Heritage Health Care. Starting out as a staff nurse, he moved on to nurse manager of the Skilled Care Unit. At the present time Jason is Assistant Director of Nursing.

Although he is a busy person, Jason continues his involvement today as a member of the Local Advisory Committee for Health Science Education and HOSA. Jason has also served on the State Advisory Board for HOSA as an Alumni member, and he provides clinical sites for students enrolled in Health Science Education at Evansville North.

As you can see, Jason's involvement in HOSA and Health Science Education helped him succeed in his career. And by being a mentor to current and future students in the Health Science Education Program, he will be helping many students make good decisions about their future.

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