



# Leadership Opportunities for Idaho HOSA

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John Maxwell once said, “Becoming an effective leader requires principles and skills to lead the people above, beside, and below you in the organization. Improve your leadership, and you can impact your organization. You can change people’s lives. You can be someone who adds value to and influences people at every level of the organization.”

These basic concepts, combined with HOSA, have a huge impact on developing future health care leaders. I have witnessed amazing student leaders involved in the HOSA organization in the state of Idaho. As their State Advisor, I have the honor of supporting these student leaders in their many leadership training events. Among these are the traditional HOSA Conferences, both State and National. Idaho’s Fall Leadership Conference, in October, and the State Leadership Conference, in April, showcase our students’ confidence in coordinating guest speakers, judges, equipment and prizes for this event.

Each year in August, our State Officers plan for the Joint Student Leadership (JSL) Conference held in Boise, Idaho. JSL is a three-day event, bringing all Idaho Student Organization State Officers (FFA, BPA, DECA, HOSA, SkillsUSA, FCCLA, and TSA) together to learn teambuilding and leadership skills. It’s also a time for HOSA Officers to create their Strategic Plan.

The Legislative Luncheon, in January, is another opportunity for the State Officers from all student organizations to share with industry and State Representatives, the importance of Professional/Career and Technical Education to their future success.

These events are the culmination of many conference calls, weekend meetings and lots of hard work. As the Idaho State HOSA Advisor, I believe it is my responsibility to provide our HOSA students the skills and confidence to develop the “leader within,” giving them an opportunity to lead at an even higher level in the future.



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