

Alabama Officers

BLAST OFF

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On June 24-27, 2009, Alabama hosted the 2009 BLAST OFF State Officer Training program at the Drury Inn and Suites in Montgomery. The three-day program provided training for the new state officers in life management, presentations, social skills, personal goals and assessment. The officers came from a number of different student organizations in Alabama.

The 2009-10 HOSA Executive Council attended BLAST OFF and prepared for their upcoming duties and service. Along with acquiring and honing the necessary skills for the forthcoming year, the Alabama HOSA officers also got to know each other and come together as a team.

This September, the Renaissance Hotel and Spa located in Montgomery, Alabama, accommodated the 2009 Joint Leadership Development Conference (JLDC) which was held on September 29 – 30. Over 3,000 members and advisors from Alabama student organizations arrived for the conference. HOSA had over 200 members and advisors in attendance. The keynote speaker at the conference was Ben Glenn, “The Chalk Guy”, who taught the importance of motivating yourself to succeed. Over 20 workshops, led by state officer teams from each student organization, were offered to the conference attendees, providing them with an opportunity to learn about team-building, personal finance, career preparation, and leadership. The 2009 Alabama HOSA Executive Council prepared and administered a successful and engaging team-building themed workshop for members and advisors.



Teams work together to build the tallest structure using a Styrofoam cup, tooth picks, and marshmallows.



Brandon Hancock, AL HOSA Southern Region VP, explains activity instructions to workshop participants.



Kristin Montgomery, AL HOSA President, and Ragan Haymon, AL HOSA Northern Region VP, try to decide the winning team after a photo finish.