

A HOSA *Thank you!*

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HOSA has grown significantly since its establishment in 1976. Here we are in the year 2009, 33 years later, with 47 affiliated states and well over 106,500 members nationwide. It is extraordinarily impressive how Health Science Education students across our nation come together each year with the purpose of making a difference in the lives of others. This is evident in our commitment in delivering compassionate, quality health care as current and future health care providers. HOSA members nationwide maintain the passion of the health care profession - growing stronger year after year.

All these accomplishments are beyond praiseworthy for a strong and continually growing national organization. However, where would we be without the support, dedication, and encouragement of our HOSA advisors? Although HOSA has grown and strengthened in carrying out our mission, we could not have done it without the outstanding devotion of our advisors!

With my experiences as a chapter, state, and national officer, I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with advisors at all levels in HOSA. It is remarkable how HOSA advisors are committed to seeing their students succeed. All advisors are unique but carry one common character trait. This trait is the ability to encourage us, as students, to be our personal best!

From arranging meetings and coordinating fundraisers to planning conferences and judging competitive events, HOSA advisors play a pinnacle role in the success of our organization. They do an incredible amount of work while having encouraging smiles and loving spirits. Undoubtedly, it is through the continued support of our advisors that each HOSA member is instilled with compassion and determination in order to make a difference in our communities.



Next time you meet with your advisor or advisors, take the time to thank them for all of their support. Without their sparks of encouragement, dedication, and compassion, the HOSA flame would not burn as strong brightly as it does today!

To all the HOSA advisors: THANK YOU!!!

