Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program

Awarded Robert Bundy as Scholarship Recipient

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program has announced that Robert Bundy, Dental Technologies Instructor, Clay High School, Oregon, Ohio, has been notified that he is the recipient of the JFMF Scholarship. This program allows distinguished primary and secondary school educators in the U.S. to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

This summer, Bob will join 200 educators from all over the United States and they will begin their visit in Tokyo with a practical orientation on Japanese life and culture. Meetings with Japanese government officials and educators are also scheduled. Besides learning about the educational system of Japan, part of Bob’s trip will be dedicated to investigating cultural diversity in healthcare.

They will then travel in groups of 20 to selected host cities where they will have direct contact with Japanese teachers and students during visits to primary and secondary schools as well as a teacher’s college. They also will visit cultural sites and local industries in addition to a brief homestay with a Japanese family.

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund, based in Tokyo, oversees all aspects of the Teacher Program. The program is sponsored by the Government of Japan and was launched in 1997 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the U.S. on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research. The Institute of International Education acts as the agency for the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund to coordinate the recruitment and pre-departure activities of the Teacher Program in the United States. Teachers of all disciplines, including art, physical education, English, ESL, history, geography, math, science, and special education, from every region of the United States, will participate.

Upon Bob’s return, he along with the other program participants, will share what they have learned about Japan with their students and communities through a variety of outreach projects.

Bob Bundy has been a HOSA advisor for two years, and was part of the group of state health science leaders who brought HOSA to Ohio in 2006. In addition to his active role in Ohio HOSA, Bob serves as Board Treasurer, attended the HOSA Washington Leadership Academy in September 2007 with several of his students and serves as a member of the National HOSA Competitive Events staff as a Lieutenant with the Health Professions events.
National Officer Speaks at CTE Public Hearing

On September 25, 2007, there was a Career and Technical Education forum, public hearing, held in Memphis, Tennessee. At this hearing, I was asked to speak from personal experience on the importance of career and technical classes within the secondary level. There was a diverse group of individuals attending the forum. The attendees included individuals who are involved in Career and Technical Education, representatives from secondary and technical education, and representatives from industry. I was invited so that they might see how these classes affect students in high schools who want to pursue careers that deal with career and technical classes.

I was the last asked to speak and I addressed the Health Science aspect of Career and Technical Education. I had prepared an outline and knew exactly what I was going to say. I explained the importance of these classes, and I think I did just that. Some of the information I presented included:

1. Provides students with information concerning the multitude of careers offered in the healthcare industry
2. Helps students to develop their individual interests.
3. Teaches students interpersonal skills.
4. Provides students with the opportunity to become active in a professional organization, Health Occupations Students of America
5. Allows students to articulate with local colleges and earn college credit while in high school at no cost to the student

I expounded on the above points and explained how these classes and HOSA have brought me to where I am today. Without the knowledge, leadership training, and networking I could not have spoken to them with the confidence and poise I was able to convey.

I concluded my speech by stating that Career and Technical Education has played a very important part in my education process. Because of the classes that were offered in high school, I entered college with specific goals that were devised from the information I gained in Health Science classes in high school.

Puerto Rico HOSA State Leadership Conference

Being part of the State Leadership Conference is such a great experience. The experience of being with most of the HOSA members and getting to know them and how they work together, plus the experience of interacting with people from other places that probably you have never been to, and getting to know their culture and their tradition. And, most of all, we get to put our own leadership in action with our state partners and the other HOSA members.

At the State Leadership Conference, I was able to put my leadership to work with my parents and interact with other HOSA members.

I recommend attending next year’s State Leadership Conference so we can all test our leadership and our skills as leaders and professionals of the health care field. Maybe there are people that tell us not to get involved because it is too hard to reach your goals but I know they are wrong. If a person does his/her best, he/she can reach their career goals and can reach even higher than ever dreamed.

Everyone at the State Leadership Conference has the same beliefs, interests and dreams for success so it is easy to get excited about being with our comrades working together for achievement. Is a state conference really a good experience for a member of HOSA? Guess that you will have to attend yourself to see that it really does make a difference!
**Mississippi HOSA News**

In November of 2007, Mississippi HOSA hosted Fall Leadership Conference. At this conference, HOSA members went to various workshops to find information about different competitive events. State conference t-shirt and lapel pin designs were voted on. HOSA members learned about the new competitive events. State officers, Hanh Duong and Lakan Broadhead, showed how to perform CERT skills.

Mississippi HOSA held our State Conference on April 10th-12th. There were over 1,000 secondary and post secondary students competing at this event. We also had a HOSA pageant to raise money for our national service project - Autism Speaks. HOSA members enjoyed meeting people from other schools.

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**New Jersey is Conference-Ready!**

In preparation for the 2008 NJ HOSA State Leadership Conference, the Executive Council has been hard at work. Preparations include matters such as finalizing the production of the NJ HOSA Pin; selecting the NJ HOSA T-shirt Finalists and NJ HOSA’s Theme Submissions; ordering our conference judges’ gifts; acquiring sponsorships and exhibitors, as well as preparing for the upcoming State Officer elections.

In the past few months, the state officer team has been working diligently on our conference agenda to ensure that we provide the most educational opportunities for our NJ HOSA competitors and attendees throughout the two-day conference. Our agenda will include two speakers, Tom Loglisci, Jr. - Author and Motivational Speaker and Dr. Todd G. Bonsall, D.C. - Chiropractor and Principal; and exhibitors such as Rue Education, ARMY ROTC, DeVry University, Cooper Heart Institute, and Society of Nuclear Medicine. We have inspired interest in sponsorships and advertising support from Jefferson College of Health Professions, Salem Community College, and Drew & Rogers. Through it all, the NJ HOSA State Executive Council is ready and looking forward to a very successful State Leadership Conference.
Kentucky HOSA Celebrates Its 30th Anniversary

Since the beginning of Kentucky HOSA, thirty years ago, there has been tremendous growth and advancement. This was further proven true at the 2008 Spring Leadership Conference when approximately nine hundred HOSA members attended. The conference theme was "Kentucky HOSA's 30th Birthday" where we celebrated thirty years of Kentucky HOSA.

Members were offered opportunities to enhance their education by attending a variety of educational symposiums which included: University of Louisville Trauma Team, U of K Trauma Team, Meth Watch Program and tours of the University of Louisville Medical Center. Kentucky HOSA also incorporated the new competitive events such as Forensic Medicine, Community Awareness and Creative Problem Solving. Each event being recently recognized by Kentucky HOSA had a huge turnout and was a great success at this year’s State Competition.

To kick off the celebration, Kentucky HOSA Advisors participated in and sponsored events such as Kentucky HOSA Idol, Deal or No Deal, Line Dancing and KY HOSA Bingo.

Since the 2008 Kentucky HOSA Spring Leadership Conference, the Kentucky HOSA Officers along with the Kentucky HOSA Executive Council have been busy planning for the 2008 National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas. The new officer team has been having many bonding experiences. The Executive Council is extremely excited about the upcoming year with many new events to continue the growth of HOSA.

First HOSA National Leadership Conference

IN WASHINGTON DC
September 22 – 25, 2007

In 2007, the first National HOSA Washington Leadership Academy was conducted. It was held September 22-25 in Washington D.C. Emily-Kate Cardwell, Kentucky HOSA President, and her advisor, Carla Wallace attended the Conference. Emily-Kate networked with other state officers from all over the nation and participated in leadership training. The final day, Emily-Kate and Mrs. Wallace were joined by Kentucky HOSA’s State Advisor, Elizabeth Bullock. The three met with U.S. Congressman Ed Whitfield, Congressman Ron Lewis, Congressman John Yarmuth and representatives of other Congressman and Senators. Emily-Kate and Mrs. Wallace toured the Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, and many other national sites.

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