

HOSA AND YOUR CAREER

A note for Postsecondary/Collegiate Members on how involvement in HOSA can help your career.

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“I would like to be more involved with HOSA, but I just don’t have time with all I do at work, school, and everything going on at home!”

This is one of the more common statements I hear when speaking with Postsecondary/Collegiate Members. Believe me, I understand. However, I’d like to take a few minutes and share some of the reasons how being an active HOSA member can benefit you when you finish school and begin your career.

You’ve all seen the ads that say “Supervisory experience preferred”, “Good interpersonal skills required”, or “Leadership skills a must”. If you are like most new graduates, and I suspect you are, you will need to skip right over those ads, knowing you are just not qualified, and therefore miss out on some of the better jobs on the market.

What if I told you that your participation in HOSA can actually qualify you for those jobs? It’s true. Upon graduation, I applied for one of them and was hired **BECAUSE** of my experiences with HOSA.

If you think about it, some of the most important skills that are sought after by employers are taught

in HOSA. Skills such as interpersonal relationships, leadership, honesty, integrity, reliability, communication and confidence in yourself. HOSA also allows you the opportunity to refine your job skills by offering competitive events. The more involved you choose to be in HOSA, the more experience you’ll receive. HOSA is also a great way to meet new people and begin a “networking” system that will last a lifetime.

Many members also don’t realize that HOSA experiences can be used to enhance your resume. Many employers in the healthcare field are familiar with HOSA and all that we stand for, and most employers who are not familiar with HOSA are willing to listen.

So consider this before you decide how actively involved you want to become with HOSA. Being an active member of this organization is truly a wonderful experience that will benefit you as you prepare to enter your new career. **Yes, it does take some of your personal time, but it is time well spent!**

