



The Rising Star of Collegiate HOSA

*Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is
no path and leave a trail. Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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Enthusiastic, motivated, successful—these are just a few of the words used to describe the members found within the collegiate chapter of HOSA at Western Kentucky University. Just recently re-formed, WKU HOSA has begun to set the standard for other collegiate chapters nationwide. After two years of being inactive, WKU HOSA has been brought back by the enthusiasm and passion of students present on campus. The group has members from dental hygiene, nursing, social work, psychology, pre-med, healthcare administration, undeclared, and many other majors offered within the university setting.

The HOSA chapter at Western Kentucky University has numerous goals for the upcoming year and its members are looking to exceed its potential. The chapter has many community service opportunities planned, fundraisers, speakers from healthcare agencies, social events with other organizations on campus, homecoming festivities, and plans to form partnerships with local healthcare organizations. This December, WKU HOSA will be sponsoring a campus wide tree decorating contest in the university's student center. Canned food items will be brought to a HOSA booth to vote for different trees throughout the event, with all can food items being donated to local charities and food banks for the holiday season.

The chapter members attended the Kentucky HOSA State Leadership Conference where they not only received recognition but also celebrated many competitive event award winners. Recently, WKU attended the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta where several members placed within the top five of their events.

WKU HOSA is proudly sponsored by South Central AHEC (Area Health Education Center) at Western Kentucky University. The contributions and support received from AHEC have enabled quality programming, as well as provided financial support for students to be able to attend conferences. HOSA at WKU has been able to flourish through the leadership roles that the students have taken on.

