

EXTEMPORANEOUS WRITING

PSC First Place

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HOSA chapters from across the nation are all the best chapters in the world. Their members are training to be our future of health care. The students at the Postsecondary and Secondary level are striving to be their best every day. My idea of the absolute best chapter in the world takes into consideration the factors of what a great chapter needs, the student's needs, and the passion of the entire chapter combined.

As health care professionals, one of the most important qualities we need is passion. As a HOSA member, our hearts and minds burn with the passion we have for caring for others. The best chapter in the world has a delegation that is overflowing with passion and is willing to give without wanting anything in return. The passion of all those members gives them a drive to take what they love and pursue it with a reason.

The best chapter would also consider factors that play a big role in their delegation. Leaders would stay updated with the most current social networking sites to keep their members up to date. Social networking advances every day and the best chapter in the world would be able to adapt to the new changes. Another factor would be being considerate of other members' schedules and availability. We may not be able to get every member to attend every meeting, but by taking schedules into consideration, member attendance would soar to an all time high. One more factor the best chapter would consider would be having strong leaders. Strong leaders inspire, motivate, and appreciate the members. With strong leaders the chapters would be able to do things they thought weren't possible. For example, this year is the first year my chapter has come to Nationals because we are a new chapter. With my leadership and the passion of my members, our members went to the state conference, seven qualified for Nationals, and six are here at Nationals this year competing. It was the inspiration, motivation, and appreciation that got us all here.

Since HOSA is a student-led organization, the members need skills that will make them successful. The best chapter would recognize these needs and make sure that their needs are met. Three key qualities our members need are leadership, professionalism, and confidence. These three components make a chapter strong. Leadership will help members to take risks, such as running for state and national office. Professionalism will help them in not only dressing appropriately, but also with professional behavior, such as dress code for events and enthusiastic behavior during award sessions. Both leadership and professionalism bring out the

confidence in a delegate, and once they have that confidence, they become a whole new person.

Though every HOSA chapter is the best in their own way, these would be components of the absolute best chapter in the world. The chapter would learn, grow and become the best they can be together, and focus on one of the most important ideas I have learned from HOSA. With passion, patience and perseverance, anything is possible.