

Commitment and the All-Important Local HOSA Advisor

The local advisor is vital to the success of a local HOSA chapter. The advisor needs to be aware of the responsibilities this entails, and become familiar with the local, regional, state and national structure of HOSA. Satisfaction is guaranteed as students grow and develop competence to perform through the integrated and enriching experiences of HOSA membership.

The advisor is a teacher, a guide/mentor, and a resource who assists HOSA members in relating chapter activities to their health science education or other program curriculum and to a future health career.

The attitude, interest, enthusiasm, and commitment exhibited by the local HOSA chapter advisor will be crucial as he/she conveys the values of HOSA in the educational program in secondary, adult, postsecondary and collegiate health science education related programs.

The advisor, individually and with HOSA chapter members, must establish and maintain contacts with a variety of individuals and groups in publicizing and securing resources and support. Some contacts are:

- Local school personnel, including fellow teachers, guidance counselors, administration and other student organizations – for support, to share in project ideas, joint scheduling and coordination of activities.
- The State Education Agency – for direction relative to state and

national association affiliations, planning, state and national programs of work, and activities.

- Community leaders – for additional support, resources and assistance to HOSA chapter members and projects.

The local advisor's tasks are many, particularly relating to serving as the motivating force, and may be grouped generally under the following categories:

- Securing administrative support
- Organizing the local HOSA chapter
- Assuring HOSA concepts and activities are an integral part of the classroom
- Serving as a resource/facilitator for HOSA student member's planning of program of work and implementation of activities
- Effecting leadership development
- Introducing HOSA early in the school year

