

Hannah Woodruff

Summary:

A front-line, servant leader, Hannah Woodruff prioritizes individual people. Representing Colorado HOSA has been her priority for the past four years, and with the incoming college life, Hannah hopes to continue her HOSA experience in the state of Arizona. Hannah's vast leadership experience leaves her in a perfect position to continue leading in her incoming college years.

Experience:

I have been a HOSA member since my freshman year of highschool (four years) and have served as a local officer for three of them. I worked my way up from events-coordinator, to vice president, and finally the president of my local chapter this year. I have also committed time to state leadership in the last year as the Vice President of Membership in the state of Colorado

HOSA Opportunities:

Over these past years, HOSA has become an integral part of my life. HOSA has provided me the opportunity to become an intern at Peak Vista Health Centers, a health center in Colorado dedicated to creating a safe space for lower income people to receive whole body care. This internship allowed me to shadow doctors, medical assistants and even dentists. HOSA has also given me opportunities to explore the health field by attending pharmacy days at UC Anschutz, as well as allowed me to volunteer, and view surgeries in the operating room. I have become notorious for taking every opportunity HOSA has to offer, and I don't plan to stop in college. I also became an advocate to my local office and my state to pursue the opportunities HOSA offers, and I have even coordinated and assisted in a few of these opportunities myself.

HOSA Leadership:

My HOSA leadership began the moment I started attending local chapter meetings. My freshman year I was trapped sitting in a meeting that was incredibly boring, and I watched as many of my friends stopped attending. I knew that my sophomore year would be one where I would change what was happening, and I did. Over the course of my three years in office as a local officer, I have created meetings that keep members engaged, I provide resources and things for non-competing members to engage in, I have implemented a goal keeping system within the local chapter, and I have created an environment that I know the officers after me will strive to keep.

When it comes to my state office, Colorado HOSA has been through a lot this past year. Colorado's original state advisor left the program in October, leaving our CTE director in charge of us, none of the officers knew what to do or how to do it, but we maintained monthly meeting with local officers to keep them informed, we made ideas for state conference, and did our best to stay connected with members. I was the only state officer from Colorado to attend Washington Leadership Academy. I took the things I had learned, not only from conference, but also from the people I had met, and shared it with my team, as well as my local chapter. The action of attending a conference alone, and then sharing what I experienced speaks volumes to my leadership capabilities.

While managing both local and state offices, I also managed a multitude of college level and AP level classes. I am leaving highschool with half the credits I need for an associates degree, as well as both a nursing assistant certificate, and the education needed to work as an emergency medical technician. I also won a scholarship from HOSA, the essay I wrote explains my entire HOSA experience. It is titled [The Catalyst to Change.](#)