



MN HOSA Newsletter

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New Website

On **August 1st**, we officially **launched** our new website! Utilizing new software, our state directors worked to make this site **comprehensive, easy to navigate, and aesthetically pleasing**. Our website serves as a central hub for information about upcoming events, running a chapter, volunteer and job opportunities, contact information, and more.

If you have any question, your **first point of reference** should be the website—you will most likely find your answer there. Additionally, **you can point others to this resource** to learn more about the HOSA's history, purpose, values, and offerings. **The website is useful to any and all**. Make sure to check it out!



Officer Request Form

Do you have an **activities fair coming up**? A **first meeting** with your local chapter? Do you need some **guidance** from a current state officer? Look no further than our officer request form, which is entirely self-explanatory. If you **submit a request**, one of our **state officers** will coordinate a time to **come to your school** and assist with activities or help you relay information about HOSA. To fill out the form, **scan the QR code above!**

2023-24 State Officer Team Introduction

At the end of July, our 23-24 State Officer team went through their training and **officially began their term**. They are **ecstatic to serve** Minnesota HOSA for the next year, and already have many **ideas brewing**. Here are a few **highlights!**





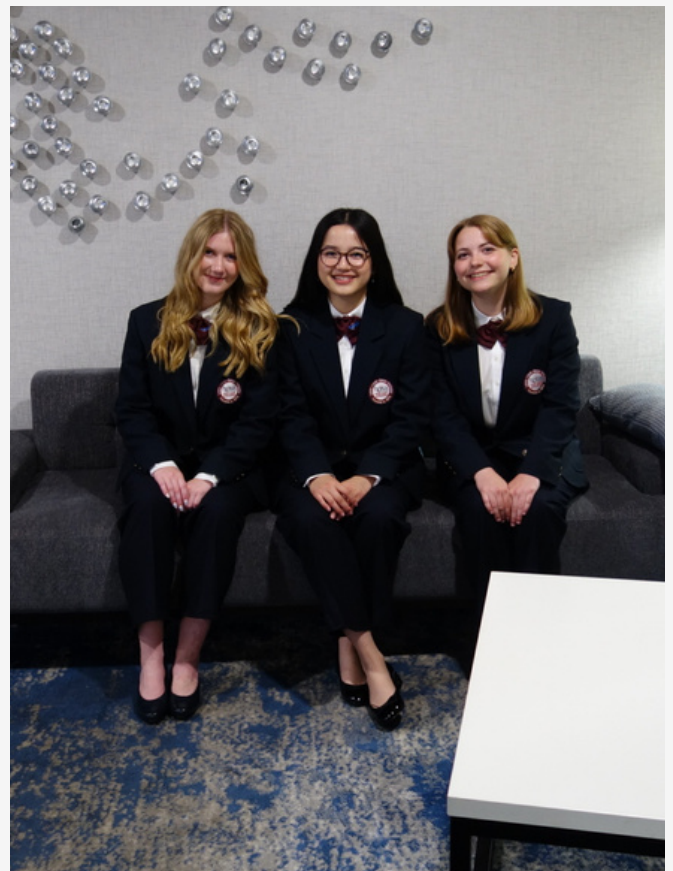
Chapter Management Guide

This summer, the 22-23 and 23-24 State Officer teams worked together to create the Chapter Management Guide (CMG): a comprehensive resource for effectively leading new and established chapters. Here, you can access a bounty of resources to use as a guide for starting, expanding, and strengthening your local chapter. It includes segments about almost everything you may endeavor (e.g. meetings, fundraising, conferences, elections), so it is worthwhile to use throughout the year.

CMG Sections

The CMG includes 6 primary sections, each containing 6-10 documents covering different topics. Each section is listed below:

1. General + Table of Contents
2. Local Officers
3. Local Advisors and Registration
4. New Chapters
5. Current Chapters
6. Conferences



Tips for New and Established Chapters

As the school year begins, there are many things to keep track of in order to ensure that your chapter is successful throughout the year. Here are a couple tips to employ:

1. **Use a shared scheduling system**, such as Google Calendar. This should be shared between your local advisors and chapter officers (leadership team). To keep it simple, you can **share this calendar with your members** as well. On it, you can list dates of meetings, conferences, guest speakers, and other chapter events. A shared calendar ensures that everyone is on the same page, which **simplifies organization and facilitates participation**.
2. **Promote your chapter!!** Register for a booth at your school's **activities fair**, print out **posters**, tell your friends to tell their friends, and **promote it on social media**. This is key to increasing and maintaining **engagement**.
3. **Plan meetings ahead of time**. The school year gets super busy, so the sooner you plan your activities for the upcoming or following month, the smoother they will run. This **saves you a lot of time** and allows you to **give members advance notice** about events.
4. **Keep in contact with your administration**. When it comes to registration, transportation, funding, and approval for certain events, your school's administration is likely involved. Maintaining a **positive relationship** with them will **help you navigate these tasks with more ease in the future**.
5. **Communicate!** Always keep your **members updated** on what is happening. This can be during meetings, but is just as important **before meetings**—you want people to show up! Additionally, **discussing your goals** and plans with your advisors is crucial so you figure out logistical issues before it's too late. Clear, consistent communication **sets the foundation** for your chapter to thrive.





Officer Story of the Month

Our Activities Coordinator, Ken Pham, has a scar on their forehead. Here's their account of how they got it:

"When I was about nine, I traveled overseas, leaving the United States and returning back to my roots in Vietnam. The air was moist and time moved in a melody. I had just woken up on a visit to my great-grandmother's house, in which two of my cousins also lived. As children, we decided to have a PILLOW FIGHT on my great-grandmother's bed. The thing to know is that she had a window adjacent to her bed with exposed rigid bricks. As the pillow fight was happening, I got combo-wombed by my cousin, pushing my forehead into the sharp brick. I shrieked like I had been stabbed, and when I lifted my hand off the spot, there was waterfall blood. Painted half my face red! So my mother gave me a napkin and threw me on the back of the moped. We drove to a nursing clinic, where I passed out as they stitched me up. That's the story of how I got my forehead scar."

Advisor Updates

Though HOSA is primarily student-led, our advisors play a crucial role in guiding us throughout the year and supporting our chapters in both successes and setbacks.

At the beginning of the year, the **main focus** for advisors is **working with their local officers** to get their chapter going for the year. This includes **establishing a plan of work** (a realistic timeline for achieving goals), **acquainting students and parents with HOSA**, and assisting officers in **conducting initial meetings**. It is also important to **stay on top of registration** as the year begins. In order to participate in conferences, members **must be affiliated** with national HOSA. Details about affiliation can be found on the MN HOSA website. Additionally, look out for updates from MN State Director Summer Hagy. There is always new information to learn about and share with your local officers and members.

