Dear Hawaii HOSA,

Your 2019-2020 State Officers would like to congratulate our members on another remarkable year for Hawaii HOSA! We would like to extend our congratulations to all of our medallion winners that we know inside our hearts will represent Hawaii proudly in front of thousands of contemporaries. We are beyond proud of each and every one of your achievements this past year and the dedication you have shown towards this organization! It was an honor for all of us to have had the opportunity to serve you and witness each of you grow as a student, future health professional, and leader along the way.

We are so thankful to have been a part of your HOSA experience this past year. The HOSA values and spirit you all have consistently shown throughout every event and conference not only inspired your state officer team but the community around you! From 2019 International Leadership Academy to Washington Leadership Academy, NAMI Walk, Pediatric Oncology Awareness Week, Fall Leadership Workshop, and the Regional and State Leadership Conferences, we truly enjoyed each and every single second spent with all of you. Thank you all for inspiring us daily to be a better leader and a person. As you continue with your future endeavors, please remember that as future health professionals, we are the future of medicine, and we must do everything with a purpose and passion. We are thrilled to see the journey you all will embark on as you create your future, and keep working onwards and upwards. Like Oprah Winfrey once said, “No matter where you are on your journey, that’s exactly where you need to be. The next road is always ahead.”

With love,
Your 2019-2020 Hawaii HOSA State Executive Council
Dear Hawaii HOSA,

It's been 4 years since I've become a HOSA member. I joined HOSA as a freshman in high school. I wasn't entirely sure if healthcare was the right path for me, so I joined to test the waters. I remember going to my first fall leadership workshop and just being absolutely amazed by the state officer team. They held themselves with so much poise, confidence, and charisma — basically the polar opposite of who I was at the time. I told myself, "I'll probably never be able to do what they're doing." However, I found myself becoming more interested in the organization after that workshop. I wanted to help out, I wanted to be more involved. Going to that first leadership conference was eye-opening and helped me embark on a journey to step out of my comfort zone. I came into HOSA as an extremely shy and introverted person. I hated public speaking, had no self-confidence, and was afraid of making mistakes. Without HOSA, I can truly say that I wouldn't be the same person I am today. Although it wasn't a fast or easy process, I broke out of my shell because I wanted to help people. I realized that I couldn't reach my full potential if I didn't take risks. Slowly but surely, I gained confidence in myself and learned to embrace mistakes in order to grow from them.

I feel so honored to have been able to serve as both your State Secretary and State President for the past two years. Through HOSA, I've been able to meet and build relationships with amazing people. I am especially thankful for my officer team, teachers, and advisors. They're all incredibly kind, generous, and compassionate individuals that I've had the privilege to work with and get to know. I don't think they know how much of a positive impact they've had on my life. I don't know how I could have survived the years without them. I feel so fortunate to have been a part of such an amazing organization. Over the years, I've witnessed and constantly been in awe of Hawaii HOSA's power and aloha spirit. You all have this incredible drive to learn, boundless imagination, and endless generosity. Thank you for being the kindest people I've ever met.

You have an extremely dedicated and passionate new officer team. I have no doubt in my mind that they will do everything they can to make this coming year unforgettable. I'm so proud of all of them, and I'm excited to see what they have in store for you all. To the new and continuing Hawaii HOSA members, I hope you are able to find something that inspires you to continue working towards tomorrow. Step out of your comfort zone, meet new people, and connect with others. You'll be glad you did.

Although we may be separated during this quarantine, we're never truly alone. I know that many people are struggling in more ways than one, and that it's made a lot of things uncertain. Just know that this tough time will pass, and we'll go on to see a better tomorrow. A tomorrow where our innate human desire for connection can be freely exercised. A hopeful tomorrow that we'll get to experience together.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Joanne Chi
ONWARDS and UPWARDS

15TH ANNUAL HAWAII HOSA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 26-27, 2020 | HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER

From February 26 to the 27th, chapters across the state gathered together at the annual State Leadership Conference. Members of HOSA participated in competitive events ranging from Health Science Knowledge Tests, Health Profession events, and even Emergency Preparedness, Leadership, and Teamwork events. These various competitive events allowed students to further enhance their knowledge of the medical field. Besides competitions, there were also many valuable learning opportunities such as the variety of educational symposiums and round tables, which gave us all useful information and further insight into the healthcare field through real-life stories. Following a busy day, members were able to relax with the dance, game room, and movie, where Coco was played. During these activities, students were able to interact with other Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) members from DECA, FCCLA, and SkillsUSA.

On February 27, at the Recognition Session, we celebrated Hawaii HOSA’s 15th year anniversary! At this year’s SLC, members were given drawstring backpacks, pens, and stickers to celebrate this huge milestone in Hawaii HOSA! During the awards banquet, members were recognized for their hard work and diligence in executing their event. Through these two days, numerous memorable things occurred. Members were able to compete in their events and learn about the experiences of current health care professionals, the 2019-2020 state officers concluded their term, and the new state officers were duly elected and inaugurated. Through all these experiences, Hawaii HOSA was able to come together as a state, and members were able to develop their presentation and event skills, becoming better prepared for their future as healthcare professionals.
HOSA HOLDS ITS FIRST VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
JUNE 24-27, 2020

Due to the evolving Coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns, on March 11, 2020, the Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) decided to cancel all school-related travel to the U.S. mainland and international destinations for the remainder of the school year to ensure the health and well-being of our students. As a result, Hawaii HOSA announced that we will not be attending this year’s 43rd Annual International Leadership Conference in Houston, Texas in June.

However, as this pandemic continues to spread nation and worldwide, National HOSA on April 7 officially announced that this year’s ILC will be taking place virtually, which means our Hawaii HOSA medallion winners will now have the opportunity to represent Hawaii at this year’s ILC. We look forward to this opportunity HOSA has created for all of us to share and continue to grow as future health professionals; and foremost, keeping all of us safe from this pandemic. We are ecstatic to see our members represent Hawaii proudly this summer. For more information, please ask your advisors, or visit ilc.hosa.org!

TO LEAD IS TO SERVE
2020-2021 STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

On February 27, 2020, at the 15th Annual Hawaii HOSA State Leadership Conference: "Onwards and Upwards," the 2020-2021 Hawaii HOSA State Executive Council was duly elected and installed. The state officers candidates presented a two-minute creative speech by comparing themselves to an object, conducted a two-minute leadership activity, and answered one impromptu question at the Election Session on February 26, 2020. These newly elected state officers have begun working together, planning for a spectacular year. They are looking forward to meeting and working with all of our members as we "Live in the Light" together this upcoming year!
2020 - 2021 Hawai'i HOSA Bucket List

- Meeting and building long-lasting relationships with other HOSA members
- Friday Feelin’ with Hawai'i HOSA
- Monthly Executive Council Meetings
- NAMI Walk
- Fall Leadership Workshop (FLW)
- Regional Leadership Conference

State Leadership Conference (SLC)
Hawaii HOSA newsletters
Meeting our Middle School Division
New Service Projects
Movie Events

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Hawaii HOSA website: HAWAIIHOSA.ORG

Connect With Us!

Next newsletter will be released in mid-August!

Learn about our past state officers and the legacies they left behind.

Everything you need to be successful this HOSA year is all here: newsletters, event informations, flyers... and so much more!

Check here for a complete list of events and guidelines. Hawaii HOSA offers at our state leadership conference!

Questions or concerns? Click here for contact information from our state advisor Mrs. Toyama and your state officers.

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Learn more about your state officers by reading their biographies.

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