



To all South Carolina HOSA - Future Health Professionals members, chapter officers, and advisors:

I am honored to have the privilege to welcome you back to a new year with South Carolina HOSA! Reflecting back on the 2020-2021 year, we had our fair share of challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted us as HOSA members in many ways. We were forced to isolate from one another, adapt to virtual conferences, and compete in our events in ways we never have before. Despite what you faced, you lifted each other up, maintained and strengthened your HOSA spirit, and made the best of such a unique situation. I am truly inspired by your resilience against these challenges and commitment to the values of our organization, and nothing makes me prouder than to see all that you have accomplished!

Your state officer team and advisors have come together to set three main goals to build upon for the upcoming year. We are confident that pursuing these goals will not only enhance your HOSA experience but allow you to further connect with us in ways you never have before! Our 2021-2022 goals are as follows:

1. Provide resources and connections to increase South Carolina HOSA membership.
2. Further Connect with local officers and members by providing accessible opportunities for State Officer chapter visits.
3. Encourage community service involvement and fundraising for our national service project: Be The Match.

We are excited to see how each and every one of you embrace these goals and implement them into your chapters' program of work, and can't wait to see what you will accomplish during the upcoming year! Here is some advice on how to get started!

- Did your HOSA chapter have to disband during the 2020-2021 year? We would love to assist you in rechartering your chapter and bringing the HOSA experience back to your students! **Reach out to your State Officers (State Officers emails located here: <http://www.schosa.org/students-3/>) for more information.**
- Recruit new members! Use social media and other public platforms to spread the message of all that HOSA has to offer! You can reach students in your school through interest meetings, fundraising events, and fun activities!
Recruitment ideas can be found here: <http://www.schosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/HOSA-Creative-Recruitment1.pdf>
Promotional videos are located here: <https://hosa.org/video-resources/>.

- Invite State Officers to visit your chapter! Whether virtually or in-person, we would love to have the opportunity to speak to your students about membership, leadership, or even something unique! **Request a chapter visit here: <https://forms.gle/XpHvgvrM3Y4wZaVv9>.**
- Share your chapter's events and accomplishments with us on social media and other platforms! Reach out on **Instagram (@sc_hosa)**, through **Facebook and Twitter (@SC_HOSA)**, and through **email (State Officers emails located here: <http://www.schosa.org/students-3/>)**.
- Encourage your chapter members and community to donate to Be The Match, HOSA's 2020-2022 national service project! Through fun events and other initiatives, your chapter can contribute to this wonderful cause! **Sample fundraising events are located here: https://hosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2014-Fundraising_0.pdf.**
Learn more about Be The Match here: <https://www.bethematchhosa.org>.

More than anything, do not hesitate to reach out to your State Officers! We are here to serve YOU and would love to answer any questions, visit your chapter, or just get to know you better!

We are excited to announce that we will return to **in-person conferences** for the 2021-2022 year! Our **2021 Fall Leadership Conference** will be held at Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina on October 7th. During this conference, you will gain valuable leadership skills, explore HOSA and health science through our interactive sessions, and network with HOSA members from across the state! Your State Officers on Team 44 are working tirelessly to make our return to in-person conferences the best it can be. You won't want to miss out on this unique event and the opportunity to enliven your HOSA experience!

Your State Officers on Team 44 are excited for all that this year with South Carolina HOSA will bring! As we return to in-person events we hope to "Shatter Your Expectations" and empower you to grow as respected, knowledgeable, and skilled future health professionals. I hope that this year fosters your compassion for others and enriches your life with new experiences. I can't wait to get to know each and every one of you better over the coming year and nothing makes me prouder than to serve you!



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