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WHY I WANT TO BE A HOSA OFFICER

The notion of "walking through an open door" to unlock new experiences was never a reality for me before joining HOSA. The sheer number of doors that HOSA has opened for me, in both my personal and professional pathways, still awes me to this day. Upon entering HOSA as a nervous freshman, I never would have imagined the trajectory to success that this incredible organization has guided me toward. From meeting the most loving people to working with prestigious medical experts to collaborating on the next big HOSA project to scrambling to perfect a speech the night before SLC, HOSA has granted me the privilege of discovering my full potential. The empowerment and motivation that transformed a timid student into a confident leader are what I hope to instill in the rising generation of healthcare professionals. It has been my honor to witness these eye-opening moments as a chapter and state officer helping students step into their role as a contributor to the medical field, and it would bring me inexpressible joy to continue to help HOSA members discover their potential as an IEC member. Just as HOSA has opened numerous doors for me, it is my goal to demonstrate how many more doors can be opened for the vast HOSA community.

HOSA ACHIEVEMENTS

Leadership Positions

- WA HOSA State Officer | Region #4 Vice President 2021-22
- Advocacy Day of 2022
- Washington Leadership Academy of 2021
- State Officer Leadership Training of 2021
- Juanita High School HOSA Board Member | Secretary 2021-22

Accolades

- **WA HOSA 1st in 2022**: Gold medalist for the Barbara James Service Award for 300+ hours of service
- **WA HOSA State 1st in 2022**: Community Awareness
  - This TB awareness project was promoted by King 5 News and I continue to serve on the STOP TB USA media board to hold advocacy training to raise awareness on medical issues
- **WA HOSA State 2nd in 2022**: Health Career Photography
- **ILC 1st in 2021**: Research Poster ($1,500 Scholarship)
  - Research findings were promoted by Seattle T2P2: Improving the Menstrual Health of Women in Shelters — (seattlet2p2.org) | I am now working with them to provide menstrual products to all the shelters I interviewed as part of my research project
- **WA HOSA State 1st in 2021**: Research Poster
- **WA HOSA State Top 10 in 2020**: Medical Innovation
  - As I've continued to work on this medical innovation (rapid Tuberculosis (TB) diagnostic test), my team has been awarded: a $1000 grant from CUNY I-Corps, a trip to T-Mobile Headquarters after being named a Changemaker Challenge Winner of 2021 to pitch this medical innovation to experts for $5000 in seed funding, and a $7,750 fund from the Diamond Challenge of 2022 after earning 2nd place in the world for the Social Innovation Track

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Leadership Positions

- **Founder & Director** of the TRIO Youth Ambassadorship for Organ & Tissue Donation Awareness
  - Collaborating with the Issaquah and Snoqualmie school districts to implement organ donation into education
  - Hosting a community awareness competition
  - Certified ambassador with the MOHAN (Multi Organ Harvesting Aid Network) Foundation
- **Vice President (2021) & President (2022)** | Acts of Random Kindness Club of Juanita High School (JHS)
- **Member of the Student Advisory Board** | Lake Washington School District
- Nominated & sponsored to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference of 2021
- **Co-founder & Director of Outreach** | MedOVate Hackathon
- Founded the first National Science Bowl Team at JHS

Volunteering & Internship Experience

- **Junior Health Scholar** at Swedish Medical | 260+ hours
- **Ambassador Award** for the 2020-22 National Community Service Award | 700+ hours
- **Tier 1 & 2 Systems Thinker** in STEM Ambassador at the Institute for Systems Biology
- Advanced Public Health & Medicine Intern & International **Public Health Intern** at Leadership Initiatives (created a campaign to improve menstrual health in Nigeria)
- **Digital Trials Center Champion** | Scripps Research Translational Institute
- **Manager of Career In STEM** (created interactive STEM curricula used by middle schoolers throughout the nation)

Education: Cambridge Program

- Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards USA
- Student speaker at the Washington State School Directors Association conference on enhancing classroom instruction & global perspectives
- 35 ACT | 4.0 GPA