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Hometown: Born in La Palma, CA (March 12, 1993) - Moved to Las Vegas, NV (January 31, 1995)

Chapter: Rancho High School Medical Magnet Academy HOSA

HOSA Activities:

- Nevada HOSA State President
- RHS HOSA Associate's Committee Member
- RHS HOSA Fundraising Committee Member
- RHS HOSA Executive Board Member
- Nevada SLC/NLC HOSA Bowl Team

Favorite HOSA Memory: Other than becoming Nevada HOSA State President, one of the most memorable and calamitous events of my HOSA experience was preparing for my candidate speech for Nevada HOSA State Officer. It all began on the bus-ride from Las Vegas to Reno. I was relaxing in my seat, next to my friend JC, anxious for the SLC at UNR, but suddenly I realized that I had forgotten to compose a speech for my candidacy as a Nevada HOSA State Officer. Scrambling for a pencil and paper, I began to brainstorm for an inspirational and clinching topic for my paper. As I began to progress I found that many of my ideas were cliché and a tad monotonous. Hours had past and I found myself staring at a paper filled with jumbled phrases and scratched-out paragraphs. When we approached the hotel was when I really began to stress out so as soon as I got to my room I began to work on it on JC's laptop. The day had past and my speech began to take form, but I still needed to study for HOSA Bowl and finish an argument paper to send to my english teacher by Monday morning. Due to the number things need to be done during the conference on Sunday, I had gotten little done on my speech, but since I had a paper due the next day I spent the whole night finishing and sending my work to my english teacher. Before I left to UNR in the morning, I had finished my rough draft of my speech and saved it to my USB Drive, but I then realized that I need to find a way to print it! After immediately going to my Courtesy Corps event, I went to the computer lab of the student union building in UNR. They had informed me that I need to have a school account with "WolfBucks" to print anything on the campus, my hopes were destroyed. As I began to walk away defeated, a young student offered his account to print it. I suddenly felt there was hope. After he printed my speech I offered to reimburse him for the "WolfBucks" but he refused and gave a 'goodluck' for my speech. I could not thank him enough. With editing and many revisions from my peers, I had succeeded in finishing my speech ONE HOUR before I had to give it! Although the experience had many "twists and turns", I had learned one thing from it. Don't procrastinate and you will be a lot less stressed.

Hobbies:

- Volunteering at Hospitals
- Computer Electronics
- Puzzle Collecting
- Video Games

Future Goals:

- Acceptance into UC Berkeley, UCLA, UNR, or CalTech
- Become noted in textbooks for a major medical/scientific discover
- Become a Neurologist

- Have a family

What do you want to accomplish as a State Officer? I hope encourage a focus on contribution from our Nevada HOSA members to their chapters, community, and National HOSA. By doing this, Nevada HOSA can become a prominent contributor to the health care field and its benefits. I also want to commit a stronger tie between the Nevada HOSA Executive Board and the members of Nevada HOSA. United...we can make a difference.