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To: Members of the Sophomore Class

From: Mrs. Kellerhouse, Guidance Counselor

**Re: HOBY State Leadership Seminar Opportunity for Sophomores
05/31/2019 - 06/02/2019 at SUNY Oneonta**

Represent your high school and discover your leadership talents at the State Leadership Seminar!

3-4 DAYS of fun, interactive leadership training, meeting state leaders, and making new friends:

- EXPERIENCE life on a UNIVERSITY CAMPUS and living in dorms
- Learn about yourself and how you can be an IMPACTFUL YOUTH LEADER
- DISCOVER how personal, group, and societal leadership lead to SOCIAL CHANGE
- Return from the seminar with SKILLS and INSPIRATION to lead change
- State Leadership Seminars are for high school SOPHOMORES ONLY so don't miss out!

Hoosic Valley will be paying for 1 sophomore to go to the State Leadership Program sponsored by HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership). For more information regarding HOBY please visit their website: <http://www.hoby.org>

Please stop in Guidance by Monday, October 29th if you are interested and available to attend - final selection will be made by November 2nd.

TO PROVIDE OUR LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAM TO MORE STUDENTS, starting January 2018, HOBY will accept registrations from parents seeking the HOBY experience for their children. These "direct registrations" will be self-paid. Schools are not required to pay for students they do not select and register. Please send an email to registration@hoby.org with further questions. The cost is \$395.00.



SELECT & REGISTER A SOPHOMORE FOR THE STATE LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

LEADERS ARE NOT SIMPLY BORN. THEY'RE CHOSEN, NURTURED, AND DEVELOPED.

HOBY's flagship program, the State Leadership Seminar (LS), is designed to empower high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, and community. Your high school's selected student attends our three- or four-day seminar to participate in hands-on leadership activities, meet leaders in your state, and explore personal leadership skills, while learning how to lead others and make a positive impact in the community.

Every spring, nearly 10,000 high school sophomores from across the country are chosen to represent their high schools in HOBY State Leadership Seminars. Your student will have a life-changing experience and develop leadership skills which will serve him/her long into the future!

ABILITY EXHIBITING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING TRAITS:

- Outstanding oral and/or written communication skills
- Critical and/or creative thinking
- Creative problem solving
- Strong decision-making skills
- Sensitivity to the needs or concerns of others
- Charismatic personality (others gravitate towards him or her)
- Courage to speak out for one's beliefs
- Courage to challenge authority
- Participation and/or interest in community service activities