

Tips From The 2022-2023 State Officers On How To Maximize District Office:

1. Connect with as many people as possible. Over the course of your district officer year, you are going to meet hundreds of people, and it's important to be intentional with those connections.
2. Make the small moments count. Your year of service is going to fly by, so make sure to build meaningful relationships and make the most out of every opportunity.
3. Be vulnerable and just be yourself with members and your teammates, they can easily become your best friends.
4. One day you'll look back and realize that the 365 days you served flashed by in a single second. Always live in the now and appreciate every moment spent serving your home.
5. Don't try to fill the shoes of the person before you, instead make your own footprints. Use the mindset of "Don't try to be the next _____, be the first you."
6. You are in this position because someone put you there. Make their decision the right one.
7. It may be obvious to set goals during your year of service but ensure that these goals are attainable as they are lofty. Achieving these goals will validate your success and promote your desire to improve.
8. It's easy to get frustrated when things don't go as planned, but remember that leadership doesn't have to be perfect. Texas FFA defines leadership as influence, and as long as you are influencing others, you are doing your job.
9. Stay present with yourself, your team, and your district. Don't prioritize district office as a stepping stone to area office, serve intentionally while you have the opportunity to.
10. Be tenacious and always work to make an impact. Before you realize it, you will be retiring your jacket, making it so important to make your year as memorable as possible.
11. Take advantage of the small moments, as insignificant as they seem. Rather than waiting for the next big thing, capitalize on the next few minutes before you- Leadership is created in the ordinary.
12. In order to maximize your time as a district officer, you have to ensure you are setting an example for your district. Remember, as a leader of your district it is up to you to set the standard for how to act, dress, and speak. This role is an incredible opportunity that should not be taken lightly.