Hello Everyone!

We are trying a new day for the newsletter. I know by the end of the week we are burnt crispy and the last thing we want to do is open and read a newsletter. As this is the main way for us to keep you in the loop, we are going to try Monday!

As a reminder, today is the last day to register for our Advisor Training at Deer Creek. There are still a few rooms left. So far we have 80 registered to attend. Don't miss out on this exciting event! We have attached a new agenda to this newsletter for you to review. This conference is a great way for new advisors to get off to a strong start and for experienced advisors to network for new ideas. This year we will have business partners present to talk about training your students, how to form successful advisory committees, how to engage business and industry in your classrooms, and much more!

As a reminder for anyone interested in running regional officers or those that have students interested in running for regional officer, please make sure to request the testing code from Tammy by October 9. This deadline is fast approaching.

We are still accepting requests for school visits in October and November. If you are interested, please email me at skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com.

This past week, SkillsUSA Ohio attended the Washington Leadership Training Institute in Washington, DC with Gaven Traylor, our State President, and Dalton Hoover, our State Vice President. Both officers participated in a full week of activities and legislative visits and earned their prestigious Statesman Award. Congratulations to them both! Take a look at their journey on our Facebook page.

We are excited to announce we will be hosting SkillsUSA Day again this year with the Columbus Blue Jackets. Join us for a day of behind the scenes at Nationwide Arena and the hockey game that evening on December 4, 2018. For more information, please contact Tammy at tamyra.plotts@education.ohio.gov or follow the link in this newsletter below.
We are constantly updating our website. Take a look at our newest page under the "Staff" tab and get to know our Board of Directors!

Thank you for your continued support of SkillsUSA Ohio and the great work you do with our students. Have a great week!

Jackie

Jackie Walker
State Association Director

Advisor Training at Deer Creek

Today is the last day to register for the Advisor Training at Deer Creek State Park. Registration is open! This event will be held October 11-12, 2018. Registration closes October 1. Make sure you get a room booked soon as there are a limited number left. We have heard you! We have taken your feedback and created the curriculum and needs for this year's event. Please join us for new and exciting ideas about how to be a SkillsUSA Advisor, new ideas for classroom integration, new curriculum and a voucher for the NEW SkillsUSA Career Essentials Suite! For the first time ever, we will have some of our industry partners on site to give presentations and they will be sponsoring a networking event on Thursday evening to encourage the exchange of ideas. We hope to see you there!

Registration details can be found here.

Agenda

For those attending, please bring a computer with you to experience the new Career Essentials curriculum.

Fall Leadership Conference - Nov. 8-9

Advisors of Regional Officer Candidates: Please make sure to request the test code by October 9 from Tammy at tamyra.plotts@education.ohio.gov.

Registration is open for Fall Leadership Conference. This year's theme is SkillsUSA Champions at Work: Career Ready Starts Here! This is a great way to get your students excited about SkillsUSA while getting a chance to meet and network with their peers across Ohio. After a great success last year with giving students a chance to choose their sessions, we will be continuing that model this year. We will have industry panels to give students a chance to interact with our business and industry partners, leadership sessions facilitated by the Ohio Army
National Guard, SkillsUSA 101, Framework Sessions, Chapter Excellence Sessions, Chapter Planning Sessions and much more. Students will get a chance to develop a chapter while on site. Registration is open and more details are available on the website at www.ohioskillsusa.org/fall-leadership-conference.

Regional Officer Candidate Information is also available on the website. Please make sure to refer to the instructor's guide for specific details.

The Hyatt is our official SkillsUSA Ohio hotel this year. Make sure to mention SkillsUSA Ohio when you book to receive special rates.

Change for 2018: Parking Passes will need to be reserved as they were with last year's State Championships. The link to purchase bus passes is:

https://parking.columbusconventions.com/Onlinetickets/index.aspx?qs=OmMETi2IBeA%3d

Parking passes will go quickly. Overflow parking will be available. These are first come first serve.

School Visits

Have questions? Want to give your school a great kick-off for your SkillsUSA year? We have dates available to come and meet with your school, students, administration etc. If you are interested in a time, please email me at skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com. These will be first come first serve and we will accommodate as many as possible. We also have State Advisors in every Region to assist with any of these needs as well.

SkillsUSA Ohio and the Columbus Blue Jackets

You are invited to attend the SkillsUSA Day with the Blue Jackets on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. The event will run from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and will include a ticket to that evening's hockey game. Our format this year will include a Hockey 101 lesson, an on-ice skate, and a Q&A with a panel of professionals. The first ten schools to register get to select two students to high-five the players as they take the ice.

The cost is $29 per person and the deadline to register is November 20. For more information and to order your tickets, click here.

State Advisor Program

Want to be more involved with SkillsUSA? Would you like to gain the skills to facilitate SkillsUSA Sessions in other schools as well as your
own? Do you really enjoy chapter development and you want to pass on your knowledge to help developing chapters? This position is for you! The State Advisor Program is an integral part of our success; they play leadership roles in every event. The State Advisor Program has recently been upgraded and we have a need for 5-6 advisors in each region. This year we are proud to announce Crown Equipment will be sponsoring this program and each State Advisor, after going through training, will receive SkillsUSA Ohio Professional Dress sponsored by Crown. Thank you to this new partner!

If this sounds like you, please visit the link below and fill out the application.

More details can be found on our website at [www.ohioskillsusa.org/becoming-a-state-advisor](http://www.ohioskillsusa.org/becoming-a-state-advisor).

For more questions, please email Jackie Walker at [skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com](mailto:skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com).

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### SkillsUSA Ohio Website

We hope you have noticed that the website has undergone a major overhaul in the last year. This will continue as we add pages and make design updates. Please use the website as your number one source of information along with these newsletters throughout the year.

### Sponsors and New Industry Partners

As we grow, there is continued need for new and involved industry partners; many of you have them sitting right in front of you on Advisory Committees. If you know of a contact or have someone you would like us to meet with, please email Jackie Walker at [skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com](mailto:skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com).

### SkillsUSA Ohio Calendar of Events

We have worked very hard to have all contracts signed and all dates secured for this academic year. The Calendar of Events is posted on the website at [www.ohioskillsusa.org/2017-2018-calendar-of-events](http://www.ohioskillsusa.org/2017-2018-calendar-of-events).

### SkillsUSA Membership

We encourage everyone to try and take advantage of the November Early-Bird Deadline for membership.

We do have some changes. For those of you that have visited the Website, you will notice some membership deadlines that were not previously there. These were enacted to make sure that we are serving the students of SkillsUSA Ohio to the best of our ability by providing high quality contests.
So, that being said, the membership deadline for ALL CONTESTANTS competing at the REGIONAL LEVEL is January 28, 2019.

Straight to State Competitors will still have until the March 1 Deadline.

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**Career-Based Intervention (CBI) and Middle School Membership**

Last year the CBI Board in conjunction with SkillsUSA Ohio voted to abolish the affiliation program.

For more information about the new program for CBI students and Middle School students, please email Jackie at skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com.

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**Regulatory Documents/Policies**

During this time of transition, we have been reviewing all of our regulatory and procedural documents. You will see new Guidelines books posted for all levels of our membership (High School, Post-Secondary and Middle School). Be on the look-out for these documents as they will be your guide for the SkillsUSA Ohio Program.

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**State Championships Contest Changes**

*This year we will be looking into the following contest changes for the State Championships:*

**Demo Contests:** Broadcast News, Cyber-Security, Maintenance and Light Repair (MLR) - We are looking for coordinators and sponsors for all three of these contests. These will only be demo contests if all needs are met. Please contact Jackie Walker at skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com if you have anyone that may be interested in coordinating or sponsoring one of these contests.

**Demo Contests advancing to full contests:** Screen Printing and Computerized Collision Appraisal

**Discontinued Contests:** Chapter Business Procedure - We are sad to see this go but due to lack of teams over the last 5 years, we cannot support this contest any longer.

**We need your help!** We recently had vacancies in the Coordinator Positions for Team Works, Basic Healthcare, Building Maintenance, Prepared Speech and Extemporaneous Speaking. We are looking for industry partners willing to coordinate these contests. Please contact
Jackie Walker at skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com if you have anyone that may be interested.

**National Conference Hotels**

We have secured new hotels!! Details will be coming once contracts are finalized. The rates will be increasing, but we felt this was a necessary move to due to the decreasing quality and complaints over the last two years. We will keep you updated as details become available.

**Summer Leadership Camp**

We have hosted our Summer Leadership Camp at Hocking College for the last 12 years and we think it may be time to put a fresh spin on this event. We are looking for new venues. Again, we will keep you in the loop as we have more information.

**Chapter Excellence Program**

Please make sure you are starting your SkillsUSA Chapters off on the right foot by completing the Chapter Excellence Program and using as your guide to have your students take the lead in your activities throughout the year. More information about this program can be found at:

https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/chapter-excellence-program/

**Registration is Open - Enjoy the Benefits of Professional Membership**

The SkillsUSA registration site is officially open for the new school year. If you need assistance with SkillsUSA membership or registration, hotline operators are ready to answer questions about starting a new chapter, ways to engage chapter members or strategies to strengthen an existing chapter. Operators are on call 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday (Easter time). To reach the hotline, call 844-875-4557 or email operators@skillsusa.org. You can also chat online on the membership registration site.

Professional members receive these great benefits:

- **2018-19 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards.** The latest edition will be available by Oct. 1. The official competition guide for the SkillsUSA Championships contains rules for all national competitive events, including an overview, lists of technical skills and knowledge required, clothing requirements, eligibility and equipment lists. Note:
Because of the constant need for updates, both the latest SkillsUSA Championships contest updates and the official SkillsUSA Championships scorecards are located online here.

- **Jump into STEM!** Curriculum includes middle-school and elementary-school STEM career exploration activities that can be taught by high-school members. This is a great opportunity to expose students to STEM careers and recruit for career and technical education programs as well as SkillsUSA.

- **SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Foundations.** This complete curriculum includes 29 lesson plans that support the SkillsUSA Framework and prepare students for workplace success. *Career Essentials: Foundations* is the first building block in the suite of products offered through the *SkillsUSA Career Essentials*.

SkillsUSA professional members receive all of these materials when they submit membership along with a valid email address. The 2018-19 *SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards* and other materials are provided through a digital delivery system. National dues for professional members are $20 plus state dues, which vary. The complete listing of 2018-19 state dues and deadlines is online or in the mailed membership kits.

Becoming a professional member of SkillsUSA is one of the best ways to demonstrate to students the importance of joining a professional organization and the opportunities that membership will provide.

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## Check Out New Educational Resources

The 2018-2019 *SkillsUSA Educational Resources Catalog* has been mailed. No additional catalogs will be mailed during the 2018-19 school year. To shop online, go to: [www.skillsusa.org/store/](http://www.skillsusa.org/store/)


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## Resources for New Perkins Law Available

President Trump recently signed into law H.R. 2353, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, the bill that reauthorizes the 2006 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. We now have a new law governing the federal investment in CTE. Our friends at the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and Advance CTE have done a great job of sharing information and resources as the new legislation moved forward.
Now that the dust is settling, you may wonder what is different. ACTE has provided the following resources for Perkins, including a recorded webinar that highlights changes from prior legislation, definitions of key terms, accountability indicators, state and local planning, and more. ACTE resources are at these links:

- Perkins V recorded webinar Aug. 2: [https://youtu.be/hBIvziHqYyg](https://youtu.be/hBIvziHqYyg)
- Perkins V resources can be found on Advance CTE’s Perkins webpage: [https://careertech.org/Perkins](https://careertech.org/Perkins)
- Career and technical education communications tools and resources can be found on Advance CTE’s website here: [https://careertech.org/recruitmentstrategies](https://careertech.org/recruitmentstrategies)

If you have questions on the new law after viewing these materials, email publicpolicy@acteonline.org with the subject line “Perkins V Question.”

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**Do You Have a Constitution?**

Make the 2018-2019 school year the year for creating a chapter that's built on a rock-solid foundation. Whether you've had an active chapter for years or your chapter is just developing, now is the time to ensure success!

To do that, take a look at the steps below to apply for a chapter charter and create a chapter constitution. Even if you have been operating as a chapter for a number of years, it's not too late to create your constitution and formalize your structure. Don't delay on this step, and be sure to get your members involved in the process. It is a great way to learn about the organization.

- If you are a new chapter, it is imperative that you submit a local constitution and chapter charter to your state SkillsUSA director. Once the state SkillsUSA director has accepted your local constitution and chapter charter, your school will be included among the registered users on the SkillsUSA registration site.
- All chapters must have a constitution. Use the Suggested Local Constitution as a guideline, and ensure that you update it with school-specific information. Your chapter can always amend the constitution in the future if there is ever a need.
- Your chapter is official once your state SkillsUSA director has accepted your charter and constitution. You are ready to
move forward to take advantage of local, state and national opportunities that await you and your students.

**Posters, Brochures, Lesson Plans and More - Get Your Membership Kits!**

Get outfitted for a new school year with posters, brochures, lesson plans and whole lot more that comes packed into your SkillsUSA membership kit. Kits have been mailed to all chapters that affiliated with SkillsUSA last year, but if you haven't received yours, then call toll-free 844-875-4557 to request a copy.

There are three unique membership kits, each designed for a specific market: middle school, high school or college/postsecondary. Each kit contains three posters, a brochure, membership cards and a chapter management guide. The guide is key to your success and includes information on establishing a chapter, engaging students in chapter activities, tools for recruitment, lesson plans, programs, scholarship and recognition opportunities, and information on educational resources.

All of the membership materials can also be downloaded at: [www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/advisors/membership-kit/](http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/advisors/membership-kit/)

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**Plan to Participate in Manufacturing Day**

Manufacturing Day is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers. Manufacturing Day occurs on the first Friday in October. While Manufacturing Day is officially Oct. 5, SkillsUSA chapters can plan events on any date in October that works best. Events for students can include a plant tour, a virtual tour, an event on your campus that highlights manufacturing, and more.