August 31, 2018

SkillsUSA Welcome

Welcome to Week 2! We know you are getting off to a great start! Our team has been working diligently to get everything in line for the upcoming events. Regional Meetings have begun, and planning is well underway for the State Advisor Training on September 8, Deer Creek Advisor Training on October 11-12, and Fall Leadership Conference on November 8-9. I have received five school visit requests so far and I would like to finalize plans for the Northeast and North Central Regions by early next week. If you have not requested a visit yet and would like one the week of September 10-14, please let me know no later than next Tuesday. I will be available for school visits in other regions the last week of September and the first week of October; we will start taking those requests after Tuesday, September 4. Please see the section on School Visits for more information. We are actively seeking additional State Advisors and State Staff. Please consider becoming a member of the SkillsUSA Ohio Leadership Team. Details on how to become a state advisor are located on the website. If you are interested in learning more about their position, please email me at skillsusaohiow@gmail.com.

Please take note of the new deadlines for competitions and membership on our website. Our annual intent form will be coming out soon. Please take the time to complete this as accurately as possible as this is how we decide what contests to run at the Regional Level and also what supplies we need to order for both Regional and State Competitions.

We look forward to a great year. As always, thank you for what you do!

Jackie Walker
State Association Director

SkillsUSA Theme

This year's theme is:
National Banners

SkillsUSA is offering National Banners to provide school pride! Banners can be purchased from the following link: https://skillsusabannerstore.mybrightsites.com/

Orders for the National Champion Banners will be accepted until September 15, 2018, when the window closes. Finished banners will begin to ship from the factory in late October 2018. Banners will be customized with the competition name, NLSC year, and place (gold, silver or bronze). The price shown includes shipping and handling.

1 Banner - $40 each
2-3 Banners - $35 each-5 Banners - $30 each
6-9 Banners - $25 each
10+ Banners - $22 each

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 this 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/

Advisor Training at Deer Creek

Registration is Open! Advisor Training will be held October 11-12, 2018. Make sure you get a room booked early as the lodge fills fast! 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 all there! (Registration details are on the website at www.ohioskillsusa.org/advisor-training)
Fall Leadership Conference

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. You may use this link to book directly under our block for the special rate: https://book.passkey.com/go/SkillsUSANov

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=OmMETi21BeA%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 us at skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com
[mailto:skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com] or tamyra.plotts@education.ohio.gov
[mailto:tamyra.plotts@education.ohio.gov].
Please let us know the nature of the visit and what group we will be meeting with
and what time and date works for you. I will be in the Northeast and North Central
Regions the week of September 10-14. 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.
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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.
The first training for this year is September 8, 2018.
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. We will continue to add pages and make design updates. Please use the
website as your number one source of information along with these newsletter throughout
the year.
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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 your Advisory Committees. If you know of a contact or have someone you would like us to meet, please email Jackie Walker at 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.

Career-Based Intervention (CBI)

Last year the CBI Board in conjunction with SkillsUSA Ohio voted to abolish the affiliation program. We are working on a new membership for these students and middle school students for a membership fee that includes the SkillsUSA Career Essentials Suite. We should have this finalized by next week.

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 lookout for these documents as they will be your guide for the SkillsUSA Ohio Program.

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.
Please contact Jackie Walker at Skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com if you have anyone that may be interested.

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, and Building Maintenance. 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.

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