Trade and Industrial Education Newsletter

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SkillsUSA Welcome

Welcome Back! I'm sure you are all busy and excited to kick off this year's school year!
This year we will be releasing the Newsletter (with the exception of this one) every Thursday. Please make sure that all of the advisors and teachers involved with SkillsUSA sign up for this important communication tool.
Big things are happening in Ohio this year! SkillsUSA Ohio and the Board of Directors have been busy over the summer! We are proud to tell you what we have been up to!
First, our Board of Directors has transitioned to a governing board rather than an advisory board; this gives them a much larger role in the organization and helps us better serve you!
Second, with the Board of Director's and The Ohio Department of Education's approval and support, Jackie Walker has been named the SkillsUSA Ohio State Director and Frits Rizor the Assistant Director of Trade and Industrial Education with the Ohio Department of Education will serve as the SkillsUSA Ohio Corporate Member and Board of Directors President. We are so excited about this new leadership model! We all look forward to new and exciting opportunities for SkillsUSA Ohio!
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SkillsUSA Theme

This year's theme is:

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.

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](http://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=OmMETi21BeA%253d](https://parking.columbusconventions.com/Onlinetickets/index.aspx?qs=OmMETi21BeA%253d)

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 or tamyra.plotts@education.ohio.gov. Jackie will be in the Northeast and North Central Regions the second/third weeks of September. 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.

State Advisor Program

Want to be more involved with SkillsUSA? Would you like to gain the skills to facilitate SkillsUSA Sessions 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].

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.

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 [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.

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.

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.

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.

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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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ODE Position Opening

Join the Ohio Department of Education to create career pathways that generate an Ohio workforce responsive to current and emerging employer demands positioning the state as a leader in workforce quality and availability. ODE is looking for a talented individual with proven expertise in trade and industrial education and/or career fields such as Manufacturing, Engineering, Construction, Transportation, Cosmetology, Health, Law and Public Safety and related fields. For additional information on this position, please click here [http://files.constantcontact.com/e8122ee5501/1611883d-c4d1-43ef-9242-e52eaa66e1b.pdf].
