Hello Everyone! It's time for the weekly newsletter!

IMPORTANT - Please make sure multiple people from your school are signed up to receive this newsletter. All teachers with students in SkillsUSA should be receiving this.

I would like to thank all those that attended last week’s advisor training at Deer Creek State Park. A special thank you to George Arrants from ASE and Matt Jones from Crown Equipment for facilitating. We also want to give a special thank you to the Columbus Collision Education Group for sponsoring Thursday evening’s Teacher Networking Session. This morning you should have received an email from Tammy with the survey and all PowerPoints shared from the session. Please take a moment to give us your feedback and let us know how we can better serve you!

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

We are excited to announce we will again be hosting SkillsUSA Day with the Columbus Blue Jackets on December 4. Join us for an afternoon of behind the scenes at Nationwide Arena with the hockey game that evening. For information, please contact Tammy at tamyra.plotts@education.ohio.gov.
We are quickly drawing near to this year's Fall Leadership Conference. This is a great way to kick off your chapters, train local officers, or get your students excited about SkillsUSA. This year's conference is November 8-9 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Click here for the agenda. We hope to see everyone there! Help us make this year's conference the biggest and best ever!

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

Jackie Walker
State Association Director

**Fall Leadership Conference - Nov. 8-9**

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).

Click here for the Fall Conference Agenda.

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](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.
SkillsUSA Ohio Competition Intent Form - Due December 21, 2018

As we draw closer to competition season, please make sure you fill out the intent form to let us know what contests your school intends to compete in. This helps us determine what contests to hold at the Regional level and helps us with supply needs at the State level to provide the best experience for your students. Please complete no later than December 21, 2018.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QFBQQR5

Career Technical Education Professionals (CTEP) Fall Conference

As many of you know, SkillsUSA has a long standing partnership with CTEP and we would like to remind and invite all CTE administrators to attend this year's Fall Meeting. SkillsUSA Ohio will be doing an update on all things SkillsUSA. There will be many other great presenters to keep you in the loop about Career and Technical Education in Ohio. The meeting will be November 15-16, 2018, at the Embassy Suites, 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43231. Please refer to the following link for more information and registration.

http://ohioacte.org/event-2886663

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.

For more questions, please email Jackie Walker at skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com.

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.

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) 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.
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.

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/hBIvziHgYyg](https://youtu.be/hBIvziHgYyg)
- 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](https://careertech.org/recruitmentstrategies) 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/)

Help is Only a Call, Email or Chat Away!
Everyone needs a little help now and then. Let the SkillsUSA Membership Hotline operators help you solve your problems. Hotline operators are ready to answer your questions on how to start a new chapter, engage chapter members and strengthen an existing chapter. Operators are on call from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (Eastern) Tuesday and Thursday. Call the hotline toll free: **844-875-4557**.

Don’t have time to call? Send the operators an email at operators@skillsusa.org or chat with them online at the membership registration site.

**Attention Teachers and School Administrators!**

The American Bankers Association Foundation wants to encourage financial responsibility among your students. The "Lights, Camera, Save!" video contest calls on students to educate themselves and their peers about saving and using money wisely.

They're looking for creative, innovative concepts - your students’ imaginations are the only limit to coming up with unique savings scenarios. Winning videos will be posted on YouTube and viewed by people across the globe.

The contest is free and open to all students age 13-18, with the videos of local winners moving on to the national competition. The entry period is Oct. 1-Dec. 3. The top three national winners will receive awards of $1,000, $2,500 or $5,000 to fund their saving goals. Equally rewarding, if one of your students is a top-three national winner, your school will win a scholarship to attend the Jump$tart National Educator Conference. Winners will be announced in March.

Visit [www.LightsCameraSave.com](http://www.LightsCameraSave.com) for additional contest information and to locate a participating bank in your area.

**Free Occupational Safety Resources Available for Postsecondary Educators**
Every day, two to three workers die on construction sites in the United States. New and young workers are at high risk for injury. But through quality safety and health education, career and technical programs can help keep future workers safe.

Free resources are now available at: http://bit.ly/cte-guide. These will help postsecondary instructors and administrators to:

- Assess your program, using the online assessment tools, to determine how it's doing in the areas of Safety and Health Management Systems, Instructor Qualifications and Support, Effective Teaching and Learning, and Offsite Learning
• Learn how to better prepare your students to work safely in changing, hazard-filled environments

• Spread the news about these resources by downloading an informational handout that can be used at your meetings

SkillsUSA has advised and supported this effort, based on research conducted in 2015-16 by the University of California Berkeley's Labor Occupational Health Program and West Virginia University's Injury Control Research Center. Other supporters include the Association for Career and Technical Education, the Association for Skilled and Technical Sciences, and the National Council for Workforce Education. Funding came from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), through CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training.

Awards Showcase CTE Partnerships and Champions

Is your program successful in creating partnership with local business, industry or community groups? Or, is there an outspoken supporter in your community who's championed the value of modern, high-quality career and technical education? Receive the honor for this outstanding support and achievement through the Association for Career and Technical Education awards:

• ACTE Business-Education Partnership Award (see: https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/page/awards/national/partnership)
• ACTE Champion for CTE Award (see: https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/page/awards/national/champion)

All eligible nominations will be highlighted in a showcase of best practices and success stories.