Hello Everyone!

I know you missed us last week. In an effort to decrease the amount of clutter that comes through to you, we may skip a week if there are no new updates. This week we have a lot for you! We would like to let you know what we have been up to. School visits are continuing. So far we have had the pleasure of visiting Alliance High School, Choffin Career and Technical Center, Mahoning County Career Center, RG Drage Career Technical Center and Coshocton High School tomorrow! Thank you to all of these schools for hosting us! We are still accepting requests for visits in October and November. If you are interested, please email us at skillusaohiojw@gmail.com.

This week SkillsUSA Ohio attended the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Center's Fall Conference. This organization serves community colleges in manufacturing and workforce development. We are excited to attend this event and more events like this as we work to build our industry partnerships and grow our membership in Ohio!

We are getting close to the Deer Creek Advisor Training on October 11-12; registration will close October 1. As of Monday, we held an additional 20 rooms in the block and there are only 35 rooms total left in the lodge. So far we have 60+ registered to attend. Don't miss out on this exciting event!

Regional meetings have been held and our host sites are working hard to make sure we have a great Regional Contest Season.

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Jackie Walker
State Association Director

Registration is Open! Advisor Training 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 all there!

Registration details are on the website at www.ohioskillsusa.org/advisor-training.

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

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**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.

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=OmMETi2lBeA%3d

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

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**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.
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.

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.

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.

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 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. 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, 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 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
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.

Plan Now to Participate in Manufacturing Day

Manufacturing Day is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers. It 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. SkillsUSA chapters are asked to share Manufacturing Day photos and stories with communications specialist Hayley Uffelman at huffelman@skillsusa.org. For resources, or to find events in your area, go to: www.mfgday.com

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
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/

Need Help with Your Chapter or Registering Members? Call the SkillsUSA Membership Hotline Toll Free: 844-875-4557

Hotline operators are ready to answer your questions on how to start a new chapter, engage chapter members and strengthen an existing chapter - you name it, they are ready to tackle it! 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.

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.