Hello Everyone!
We hope you had a great holiday and are gearing up for the next portion of the school year! Fall Leadership Conference was a great success and we hope those of you that attended enjoyed the new programming and that new awesome stage set!

We would like to hear from you as to what you and your students thought of this year's Fall Leadership Conference. Please follow the link and let us know what we did great and what we can improve on for next year.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LjwYaS05k9h94XOvlboZa7-y-o9yg_powLzagPY35W/edit?usp=sharing

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As mentioned previously, our website is ever evolving. Please make sure to check frequently for updates and news. Some new additions - We have updated our home page and added some additional opportunities for students and advisors. We will be keeping this updated as a quick reference.

We are continuing our search for State Advisors and State Staff. If you are interested in one of these positions, please see the website for more information. These dedicated individuals are crucial to the success of our program. We are also still looking for Contest Coordinators for Basic Health Care Skills, Nurse Assisting, Building Maintenance, Internetworking and Maintenance & Light Repair. Please contact me if you know someone who may be interested.
Competition Season is right around the corner and we hope you are ready! Regional pages will be coming live on the website soon! We want to make the registration process as clear and easy as possible. In trying to accomplish this, we have created a quick reference guide (located on the home page of the website) for registering students for contests. We also want everyone to pay close attention to deadlines, the calendar, and the program guidelines as all of these will be enforced this year. 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. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the following survey to complete the form: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QFBQQR5
This survey form is due no later than December 21, 2018.

We are starting to look for Courtesy Corps for set up and tear down of the SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships. This year we are looking for a specific crew of Masonry students for Monday and Tuesday. Please email me at skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com if you would like to participate or would like more details.

Thank you for your continued support of SkillsUSA Ohio and the great work you do with your students! Have a great week and we will see you soon!

Jackie
Jackie Walker
State Association Director

Upcoming Event - Transportation Career Fair -
December 6, 2018 - Fort Hayes Career Center
Pin, T-Shirt and Banner Design Contests

Please make sure to have your students participate in this exciting event. As mentioned last year, there are now two parts to these contests. All designs are to be submitted by January 9. Designs will be reviewed by our Regional Officer Team and a Pin, T-Shirt and Banner design will be chosen to be our official State Championships Designs available at the 2019 SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships. The Banner winner's design will represent SkillsUSA Ohio during the National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference in June. Students that submit Pin and T-Shirt designs will then be eligible to compete at the SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships in April for the possibility of being chosen for the SkillsUSA Ohio National Pin or T-Shirt Design to be traded in Louisville in June.

Pin Design Rules
T-Shirt Design Rules
Banner Design Rules

Advisor of the Year Contest
Is there an amazing SkillsUSA Advisor who truly makes a difference in his or her classroom, school and within your state association? Applications are being accepted for the 2018-19 SkillsUSA National Advisor of the Year Program. This is SkillsUSA's teacher honor bestowed annually and one of the most exciting announcements at the national conference each year. Please submit your applications no later than January 9 to tamyra.plotts@education.ohio.gov.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Cd_W1h_rZnxURVnV1toDHb4oCV4L8pW1/view?usp=sharing

SkillsUSA Lifetime Achievement Award

Do you know someone who has made an impact on SkillsUSA Ohio over the years? Consider submitting them for recognition of their achievements and contributions. The purpose of this program is to recognize those who have served SkillsUSA in a significant way for an extended period of their career beyond being a school advisor. These individuals have been involved with making major strides in the organization in order to insure student success and have truly embodied the SkillsUSA core beliefs and values. An individual's contributions may fall in one or more of the following areas:

a. advancement in the organization
b. development of student programs
c. success and innovation of state conference/competitions
d. increasing industry partnerships in the organization
e. service to the organization
f. advancement of the status or visibility of the field

Please follow this link for program description and nomination form:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rB-ScA2ZA3cDcTY3h0BCNqJY6387Jpxd?usp=sharing

Performing Arts and Graphic Arts

We have not forgotten you and we are in the process of designing a new state only art show contest. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Kris Vigneron at kristopher.vigneron@education.ohio.gov.

We will also be reviewing the Graphic Communications contest. Please watch for communications on a state-wide meeting for this event.

State Advisors

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 https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/becoming-a-state-advisor

If you have any questions, please email Jackie Walker at skillsusaohiojw@gmail.com.

Website
We hope you have noticed that the website has undergone a major overhaul in the last year. This will continue as we continue to add pages and make design updates. Please use the website as your number 1 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 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

**Calendar of Events**

We have worked very hard to have all contracts signed and all dates secured for you this academic year, the Calendar of Events is posted on the website at www.ohioskillsusa.org/2017-2018-calendar-of-events

**Membership**

We do have some changes regarding membership. For those of you that have visited our website, you will notice some membership deadlines that were not previously there. These deadlines were enacted to make sure that we are serving the students of SkillsUSA Ohio to the best of our ability by providing by quality contests.

That being said, the membership deadline for ALL CONTESTANTS competing at the REGIONAL LEVEL is January 25, 2019.

Straight to state competitors will still have the March 1 deadline.

**Regulatory Document/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 have vacancies in the Coordinator Positions for Basic Healthcare, Building Maintenance, Internetworking and Nurse Assisting, . 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 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/

SkillsUSA Ohio Intent Form

Remember to fill out the following intent form per school by December 21 to help us in competition planning for the regional and state levels.

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

Seeking Talented Singers to Open Conference

SkillsUSA is seeking talented student or adult performers to sing the national anthem at the Opening Ceremony for the 2019 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. Audition videos can be submitted via: https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/national-anthem-auditions/ and must be the singing of the national anthem.

Auditions must be received by Feb. 4. SkillsUSA does not pay any travel expenses for the selected singer to attend the national conference. Questions may be directed to Heidi Walsh at 703-737-0615 or hwalsh@skillsusa.org.

Use the latest SkillsUSA Champions Magazine in Your Classroom

Each issue of SkillsUSA Champions magazine provides various opportunities to build essential SkillsUSA Framework skills with your students. Using their electronic devices, student members can access the issue in responsive digital format at this link: https://read.nxtbook.com/mercury/skillsusa/champions_fall_2018/fall_2018_cover.html

A lesson plan for the Fall issue can be downloaded from the SkillsUSA home page or directly at: https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Lesson-Plan-Fall-2018.pdf

The lesson plan includes guided-reading questions and activities to help students apply the articles to their SkillsUSA experience. Have students check out the story "Taking a Road Less Traveled" in this issue of the magazine and discover how Rohini Dhand went from a shy "new student" to SkillsUSA leader and eventually co-founder of an organization helping others.

"Taking a Road Less Traveled"

Content Discussion Questions
1. Have you ever been "new" somewhere? How did you feel?
2. How do you welcome others at home? In school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?
3. How do you make decisions at home? In school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?
4. When have you taken the road less traveled? What happened?
5. When have you decided against taking the road less traveled? How did you feel?

In-Class Activity, 15 minutes

Workplace Skills: Teamwork, Respect and support my team members
Materials needed: None
Divide students into groups of four. Give these instructions:

1. Think back over your school career.
2. Identify a moment when everything was great about yourself and you were operating in high gear.
3. Perhaps it was a spelling-bee performance that you crushed, team science-fair project, or reward for improving a class grade.
4. Whatever the circumstances, identify the moment that you believe you were performing at your best.

Pause for students to think, then ask them to: Share this moment with your group with as much vivid detail as you can remember. Allow about 10 minutes for discussions. Bring students back together. Facilitate a discussion by asking questions including:

- What themes did you notice as the stories were shared?
- How can we create a classroom in which more of these themes occur more often?
- How can you create a workplace in which more of these themes occur often?
- How does support from others help you perform at your best?
- How do you respect and support your peers in school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?

Extended Learning Activity
Workplace Skills: Decision Making, Determine the best outcome
Read Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Traveled," which can easily be found online. As a class, discuss the poem and the decision-making process that the man goes through: The first stanza sets up the conflict. In the second stanza, the speaker chooses a road. In the third, the speaker decides to travel the other road another day, knowing that this may or may not happen. Finally, in the last stanza, the speaker knows that regardless, the story will be great to share with others and show the importance of making a decision and how it affected his life.

Skilled Trade Students Can Apply to Study in Germany
Open your door to the world while developing your skills! A unique full-ride scholarship allows graduating high school seniors pursuing careers in the skilled trades the opportunity to spend a gap year in Germany living with a host family, participating in a school or training program, and getting hands-on work experience through internships with German companies. No prior German language study is required. The Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. For more information, please see the Nacel Open Door website: www.nacelopendoor.org.

Take Up the Challenge! National Conference Pin and T-Shirt Design
Feb. 5 is the deadline for entries to be received (not postmarked) for the SkillsUSA National Conference Pin and T-shirt Design Challenge. This event is open to all paid student members of SkillsUSA. This is a great way to have a student and advisor from your state recognized. Rules are posted on the SkillsUSA website at: www.skillsusa.org/competitions/pin-design-challenge/. Questions may be directed to Heidi Walsh at 703-737-0615 or hwalsh@skillsusa.org.

Free Safety Resources Available for Post-secondary Educators
Statistics indicate that every day, two to three workers die on construction sites in the United States. New and young workers are at highest risk for injury. But through safety education, career and technical programs can help keep future workers safe. Free resources are available to help postsecondary instructors and administrators:

- 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 prepare students to work safely in hazard-filled environments
Download and share handouts that can be used at your meetings


SkillsUSA has 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.

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.

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