

New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 9/8/23

Message from the Desk of the State Director

Good afternoon, I hope all is well. I'm sure there are some questions in regards to last week's Friday Flash. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. Here are some important changes and information so that you can start planning:

- At our advisors meeting in October we should have all changes in place relocating some of the contests. We have already relocated one contest on April 20th. Our dates have not changed because of the bussing situation. I suggest you get an early start in acquiring transportation. Calendar
- We are reducing our state registration with an “early bird special” by \$5.00 it is now \$85.00. Late registration is now \$90.00, and the carpenters registration is \$120.00
- The April 28th Sunday Awards Ceremony will begin at 11am with a Career Fair and the presentation of the awards will start at 1pm. We encourage you to invite parents, alumni, friends, and students, as the arena has plenty of room for spectators. Concession stands will be open in the arena. **Please note: All medal winners will be announced at the Awards ceremony- no information on winners will be released beforehand. Prizes will also be given out at that time.*
- Please contact us directly if you know of anyone who would like to set up a booth at the career fair.
- Nationals Membership questions: please call the customer care service helpline at 844-875-4557 they can guide you through the membership process.
- NJ SKillsUSA Office Schedule Information: Sheila Rick will be in on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Courtney will be in Monday through Thursday. I will be here all week, unless I am traveling to facilities around the state.
- Please see email attachments for:
 - 2023-24 Calendar of Events
 - 2023-24 Tentative Competition Schedule
 - 2023 Fall Leadership Registration Form

Thank you for all your patience with the upcoming changes. As I've said, it is all for the improvement of NJ SkillsUSA. We must work together as a team to make it work!

Ralph Starace

News from the National Office

Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 11 for **Elevate**, SkillsUSA's nationally delivered virtual Chapter Officer Development Conference. After participating in **Elevate**, your chapter officers will be able to:

- Use Self-Motivation, Communication, Teamwork and Planning, Organizing and Management to serve and lead their chapter members.
- Lead chapter members in their development of Framework skills through intentional incorporation of the skills in chapter Program of Work activities.
- Implement a four-step process of planning high-quality and successful chapter activities that align with a Program of Work category and include goals, Essential Element instruction, a plan to achieve, and an evaluation.

Successful completion of this conference supports the quality of your local SkillsUSA programming and the individual growth of your members as it activates SkillsUSA's mission to empower members to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members.

For more information on **Elevate**, [click here](#) and register by Friday, September 22.