

New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 2/10/23

Message from the Desk of the State Director

Good afternoon! Our first competition is rapidly approaching with the March 1st Atlantic City Boat Show, the Marine Technology Contest. Thank you to OCVTS and GCIT for their continued support of this contest. All advisors: please encourage your top students to run for a state office. We can have two candidates per school, but please go over the qualifications and requirements with them first in order to ensure that they can fulfill all aspects of their job. Also there are still a few open invoices for the Fall Leadership Conference, so please send those out asap. I would like to say that without the hard work of all of our incredible advisors, NJ SkillsUSA would not be successful. Thanks for all of your help in making NJ SkillsUSA a fantastic association.

I want to share an amazing and noteworthy letter with all of you that I received today from the National Director of SkillsUSA. I could not have done it without you:

February 9, 2023

Dear Ralph,

Congratulations on surpassing your SkillsUSA New Jersey membership from last year! Your dedication to SkillsUSA has a direct impact on the lives of CTE students in your state. Your ongoing efforts to engage students and teachers helps provide them with many opportunities and benefits that come with being a member. Ultimately, you are delivering career-ready graduates who are skillfully prepared for further education or the workforce.

SkillsUSA's mission is to improve the quality of our nation's future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills that include Personal, Workplace and Technical Skills and you are helping us deliver on that mission. I want to personally thank you for this ongoing dedication and steadfast support. Your hard work is truly appreciated and has resulted in this extraordinary achievement.

With gratitude,

Chelle Travis

Executive Director

Date Change for Kick-Off to Atlanta

The date of the Forest Lodge Kick-Off Conference has been rescheduled for May 18. Please adjust your calendars.

Pin Design Update Alert

It has come to our attention that the size of the small state pin design rendering as stated in our state information is different from the details needed for the national contest. We have edited that detail in the contest update. Please refer to the revised info posted for the Pin Design in the Contest Updates section of our website.

American Spirit & Occ. Health & Safety Notebooks Update Alert

American Spirit and Occ. Health & Safety Notebooks will be collected at the April 01 contest at Somerset Co. Vo-Tech. They are not due beforehand.

March 18 Contest Info

- Schools competing at the NE Carpenters Training Center, 75 Fieldcrest Avenue, Edison, NJ, are welcome to drop off tools and equipment on Friday, March 17 between 9AM and 3PM.
- Remind your students to bring hard hats and safety glasses.
- Nail guns are permitted for Finish Carpentry competitors only. Nail Guns are not permitted for any other contest that day.

Contest Clothing Clarification

Students competing in the New Jersey Championships are **not** required to wear the Official SkillsUSA work shirt. Competitors should wear any color matching work shirt and work pants. NOTE: Students moving on to national competition in June will need the Official SkillsUSA attire.

Advisor/Chaperone Required Paperwork

SkillsUSA requires all advisors and/or chaperones attending the State Conference to complete and return the Statement of Assurances. Please print, complete and return to our office my March 01.

https://www.nj-skillsusa.org/files/ugd/de360a_033088c4c65843a09d0c2bd9c5d86990.pdf

News from the National Office

Happy SkillsUSA Week!

Cheers to a great 2023 SkillsUSA Week! In the past few days, chapters across the country engaged in experiences that honored their community supporters, connected with local business and industry professionals and shared SkillsUSA with their administrators. We encourage you to [share your SkillsUSA Week stories, photos or links with the SkillsUSA headquarters](#) and we just may feature your chapter on the [SkillsUSA Champions digital hub](#) or on our social media. Thanks for being an advocate for SkillsUSA and career and technical education.

A reminder that the [SkillsUSA Advocacy Site](#) has a template for you to use to send stories directly to your local media. The template is editable, so personalize your message with details about your school, training programs and SkillsUSA Week activities.

Are You a “Maker and Fixer?” Snap-on Wants to Spotlight and Reward You

SkillsUSA industry partner Snap-on is shining a spotlight on the [Makers and Fixers](#) who keep the world moving. They seek stories about skilled people who work with their hands in the essential industries that focus on transportation — in the air, in the automotive shops or on the roads and rails. Future, past or present Makers and Fixers are invited to share their personal stories or nominate someone they admire. To share your story, visit the [Share Your Story](#) page, write about yourself and upload a few photos of you working on a project. Follow [@MakersandFixers](#) to see if your story is shared. All eligible stories are entered into a drawing, and two stories are picked each month to win a prize valued up to \$600. If you don't win, don't worry — your entry in the giveaway gets carried over each month. Visit the [official rules](#) for more information.

Learn to Leverage “The SkillsUSA Advantage” Report

Join other advisors and stakeholders on March 21 at 3:30 p.m. for a webinar on the [new “SkillsUSA Advantage” report](#) and learn how to articulate how SkillsUSA experiences help create purpose, passion and skill in every student. SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis and Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Ricardo Romanillos will review “The SkillsUSA Advantage” report recently released by the Student Research Foundation and discuss how SkillsUSA members consistently outperform peers who are not enrolled in career and technical student organizations (CTSOs). Attendees will receive resources including two digital reports plus a PowerPoint deck so you can use this information with school administrators, community leaders and others as you advocate for SkillsUSA and career and technical education. [Register by March 19](#) and participate in the session to be eligible for door prizes.

Take Up the Challenge! National Conference Pin and T-shirt Design

SkillsUSA is offering the 2023 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) Pin and T-shirt Design Challenge to all students who are registered as members by March 1. The winning designs will become the official T-shirt and pin design for the 2023 NLSC. Entries are due by March 3 at 12 a.m. ET, and winners will be announced on March 10. [Rules and submission links can be found on the SkillsUSA website.](#)

Earn Recognition and Presidential Honors

At the 2023 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC), SkillsUSA will recognize advisors, students and registered alumni for their community service through the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). To qualify, SkillsUSA members must submit a record of their service hours. With SkillsUSA's focus on community service, you may have already met the

requirements. For details on how to apply, [visit the website](#). Applications must be received by April 1 for recognition at the 2023 NLSC.