

## **New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 11/20/23**

### **Message from the Desk of the State Director**

Good morning,

I would like to congratulate the State Officer Team, as they had two successful Skills Days last week. One was at Payne Tech in Newark, and the other at Passaic Tech. Our State Officer Teams did fantastic jobs, getting compliments from the administrations from both schools, and making us all very proud of them.

Thank you to all schools that have been submitting their membership. Today we are at 2,100 Members and counting. Keep up the great work!

**Advisors:** please encourage your students to run for State Officer positions. Officer applications will be out in January.

**Chapter of Excellence:** We need to have an increase in the Chapter Of Excellence Program. I would like to see all of our Chapters surpass Level One and then move on to Level Two. If you have any questions, reach out to us and we will assist you in achieving your goal. Congratulations to Camden County Sicklerville for already achieving Level One!

**Advisor & Carpentry Meeting at the NJPSA:** Advisors, please have your Carpentry instructors sign up for our Construction Cluster Meeting on Jan 17th at the NJPSA center. We will be going over all of the Carpentry Competitions. If you need for us to resend the link for the Google form to sign up for the meeting, please email Courtney.

**News from the National Office** *(Check out some of these new and exciting opportunities for your students!)*

### **Help SkillsUSA Students “Prevail” This #GivingTuesday**

This #GivingTuesday (Nov. 28), we are asking our supporters to be a part of establishing the new SkillsUSA Prevail Scholarship Fund. This fund will provide scholarship awards to SkillsUSA high school juniors, seniors and college/postsecondary students in any pathway. The objective of this fund is to support SkillsUSA members by removing substantial financial barriers to attainment of education and career goals. [Help us jumpstart this fund by making a gift and become a founding donor of the Prevail Scholarship Fund.](#)

### **Win \$500 in Prizes Through SKILLS JAM Bingo**

To celebrate the release of the docuseries, the Skills Jam crew invites you to participate in SKILLS JAM BINGO! To sign up, simply [like this post on the SKILLS JAM Instagram page.](#)

Two challenges are released each week. Complete all challenges by Nov. 27 for a chance to win \$500 and other prizes!

### **Promote Your Chapter to Elected Officials and the Media**

The [SkillsUSA Advocacy Site](#) offers a free and easy way to contact your governor, state senators and representatives or members of Congress. Using the site can be a great chapter project or lesson plan that involves research, writing and advocating for SkillsUSA and career and technical education. You can also share SkillsUSA news with the local media and invite them to cover your events. To write to elected officials, use the “Compose Your Own Message” section. To email local newspapers or TV stations, choose the “Media” tab at the top of the webpage and send messages to six media outlets at a time.

### **The SkillsUSA Store Highlights Awards**

We encourage you to check out the [SkillsUSA Store](#) for purchasing awards at a discounted price. The incentive includes a “Buy 3, Get 1 Free” or a “Buy 6, Get 2 Free” offer on all awards. Giving awards to volunteers, school administrators, organizations, businesses or others celebrates their support and contribution to your school or chapter. Shop now for the best discount and be ready for SkillsUSA Week recognition or spring events.

### **Advisor Voices Needed to Shape New Career Clusters Framework**

The National Career Clusters Framework is undergoing [a modernization effort](#) led by Advance CTE, WestEd and Indigo Education Company to ensure it remains relevant for decades to come. Advisors, you can contribute to that effort by [taking this survey](#), which is open until Dec. 1. This 10-minute survey is open to all practitioners of the Career Clusters Framework across secondary and postsecondary levels. Topline findings and additional activities will be shared in early 2024.

### **Attend ACTE’s CareerTech VISION Conference**

There’s still time to register for [ACTE CareerTech VISION 2023](#). This year’s event is a hybrid conference, offering an in-person or virtual experience from the comfort and convenience of your school, office or home. The ACTE conference features enhanced programming and immersive professional development to address timely topics impacting career and technical education. Visit their site for keynote speakers and program details.