

New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 1/26/24

PLEASE READ THIS FRIDAY FLASH- SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE

Message from the Desk of the State Director

I hope you all had a fantastic week! I want to let you know this office receives changes every day from the National Office, and our various state competition sites. We are forced to implement some of these changes, so please try to be patient and be respectful when you ask about some of the situations that are always arising. Throughout registration times, sometimes tempers are short and people get angry. We are here to help as much as possible, and we will try to get you the correct and timely responses in regards to your concerns.

Notable Changes:

1. We only have one Job Interview contest now, and all contestants have to be at SCVTS April 13th. South and North Job interviews have been canceled
2. Power equipment has been moved to SCVTS from Lincoln Tech April 13th
3. Chapter Business Procedure has been moved to SCVTS April 13th
4. Drywall is a team of two
5. Criminal Justice is now accepting two competitors per school
6. Welding has been moved to GCIT on March 23rd. Welding Fabrication moved to Cumberland County Educational Center April 20th. These were both moved from Lincoln Tech
7. The Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl Study Guide is on the State Website under the Advisor tab, for you to share with your students

Registering Students for Competitions

We have many schools who completed their National membership, but have yet to register any students from competitions. The deadline is January 30th, so please get any remaining students registered. Our state registration is at 934 students. We are 900 short of last year's number of 1806 competitors. Please help us increase this number.

Advisor Shirt Orders

I would like to apologize for the problems we are having with the advisor shirt order. We have ordered the shirts that they have in stock, which should be in by next week. There were many colors and styles that we initially believed were available, just to discover that they were not through our current vendor.

T-Shirt Sizes

Advisors: when you get your state invoice, please send a list with names and t-shirt sizes. Total all shirt sizes, as this will expedite organizing and distributing them. For example: 10 medium, 20 large, 3 XXL, 40 small. Total= 73

Hotel Information

New contact for Hampton Inn Deptford NJ is now Nicole Heaton 856-403 6997- Direct email nheaton@titanhotelgroup.com. She has twenty rooms set aside for advisors and students for NJ SkillsUSA.

Baking & Pastry Arts Powerpoint for Culinary Students and Advisors

Please see:  Preparing for Skills 2024

Culinary Quiz Bowl Update

Please see:  culinaryquizbowlupdate

Have a great weekend!

Ralph Starace

An important note from Janet Cantore-Watson: SKILLED NEW JERSEY STUDENTS TO COMPETE FOR GOLD

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, leaders and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student to excel. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations including health occupations and for further education.

This year hundreds of talented New Jersey students will compete for the opportunity to represent their school as the official gold medalists from our Garden State. Those medalists will move on to compete against students from across the USA and territories for the top spot as the best of the best in our nation!

The FIRST Competition; Marine Service Technology, will be held at the Atlantic City Boat Show at the AC Convention Center on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Over 80 contests for the SkillsUSA New Jersey State Championships* will be hosted at various County Vocational & Technical Schools throughout the month of March and April culminating in an Awards Ceremony and Trades Expo at the Cure Insurance Arena on April 28, 2024.

For more information on becoming an Industry Partner and exhibiting at the Awards Ceremony contact RStarace@scvts.net or call (908)526-8900 x7231. If you know anyone interested in

becoming an industry partner, please give out this Google Form link to help contribute, or secure a booth at our Career Fair before our Awards Ceremony: <https://forms.gle/PiTigeV5d6BTkiA6>

**Competitions include: Automotive & Marine Service Technology, Cosmetology, Welding Sculpture, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Baking, Health & Medical Fields, Quiz Bowl, Electrical Construction, Carpentry, Robotics... (just to name a few!)*

Visit <https://www.nj-skillsusa.org/> for more detailed information, times, dates and descriptions. Follow SkillsUSA New Jersey on social media.

News from the National Office

SkillsUSA Advisor and Student Feedback Needed

SkillsUSA is eager to hear advisor and student feedback to assess their needs and preferences. We have prepared a [brief survey for advisors](#) to assess your needs at the local level. Your opinions will be instrumental in shaping the future initiatives of our organization and ensuring that we provide the best possible support for our members.

SkillsUSA has also prepared a [brief survey for your students](#). Given the importance of representing the diverse perspectives of our members across different states, we kindly request your assistance in distributing this survey to your student members if your local policies allow. Student input will significantly contribute to our understanding of regional variations and enhance the overall effectiveness of our initiatives.

The surveys should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Your support is highly valuable to us, and we sincerely thank you in advance for your collaboration. Responses will remain confidential, and the information collected will be used solely for the purpose of enhancing our organization's offerings. We appreciate your commitment to SkillsUSA and look forward to hearing your valuable feedback.

Register Members by March 1 to Claim Big Benefits

The national SkillsUSA membership deadline is March 1. Student members must meet both state and national membership deadlines to be eligible for national competitions; serve as voting delegates; run for national office; or apply for national scholarships, awards and honors. Check out the [complete listing of state dues and deadlines](#) and learn how to join as a professional member and access your professional membership benefits in this [video tutorial](#).

Presidential Honors for Selfless Service

At the 2024 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 March 31, for recognition at the 2024 NLSC.

Create a Business Partner Pipeline with the Framework Integration Toolkit

The Framework Integration Toolkit has everything you need to ensure career readiness within your classroom, training program and chapter. Getting connected with business and industry partners is made easier with the Business Partner Outreach and Preparation Guide. The 24-page guide assists with business partner outreach and includes resources for preparation, student activities and exercises and evaluation for measuring student growth. Professional members can access the Toolkit in [SkillsUSA Absorb](#).

Share Your Success with SkillsUSA

The [SkillsUSA Champions digital hub](#) provides members with new content frequently, from inspiring features to stories about the great work chapters and partners are doing. If your students need ideas for new chapter activities, the online magazine is a great resource for your officer team. To submit a story idea, send us the details through our "[Submit a Story](#)" link.