

## New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 1/20/23

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

Numbers are up, so thank you to all advisors for your hard work! Advisors: if you are going to run any students for a state office you are allowed to run two students, make sure you go over these points with them in regards to the commitment involved:

- If your student can not make meetings and there will be about three in-person meetings next year (not counting skillsusa days which they will be facilitating) please don't encourage them to run.
- They have to be able to attend ALL functions, WLTI , the Awards Ceremony, the nationals in Atlanta, and one summer weekend Friday night until Sunday afternoon training for the upcoming SkillsUSA—the days are tba. If they are in college programs at their local college, they still have to attend their meetings. Time management is so important in anything they do.

Thank you to our state officer team for their participation at our state officer meeting yesterday at Passaic Tech! Thank you to Passaic Tech for hosting a great meeting and serving us a tremendous lunch. I would also like to thank our host advisors from Passaic and their administration, all officers, and advisors who attended the meeting. I was very proud of our state office team for doing a great job at their first meeting together.

### **Updated Contest Information**

- Enrollment has been changed to allow 2 competitors per chapter at the request of the contest coordinators for the following 5 contests: Criminal Justice, Auto Service Technology, HVAC-R, Diesel and Auto Maint. & Light Repair. (Competitors' names must appear on your national membership roster. You still have time to add to your national membership list.)
- Additional info is being added to the posted contest updates for State Banner Design, Pin Design, and T-Shirt Design. The added info reads:  
*An 8 ½ x 11 PDF of the finished product should be emailed to the cluster coordinator by Friday, March 24, 2023. Everything else is Due on April 1, 2023. Cluster Coordinator: William Allen [b.p.allen1906@gmail.com](mailto:b.p.allen1906@gmail.com)*
- A revised table setting photo is being posted for the Restaurant Service contest to reflect the table service for 2 guests.

**RSVP Required to [cnemerofsky@scvts.net](mailto:cnemerofsky@scvts.net)**

Advisor Meeting: Jan. 26 at Somerset Marriott

Culinary Instructors Information Session: Jan. 30 at Woodbridge Wegman's

**Deadline Approaching to Register Contestants for the NJ SkillsUSA Championships**

The contest registration site at [www.nj-skillsusa.org](http://www.nj-skillsusa.org) will close on Jan. 30. Contact our office for assistance if needed.

## **News from the National Office**

### **Ready for SkillsUSA Week?**

SkillsUSA Week will be happening Feb. 6-10, and you can participate in many ways: Honor your community supporters, connect with local business and industry professionals, or make a presentation about your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter at a school board meeting. Celebrate the week by planning activities that follow the daily schedule for chapters nationwide.

Monday, Feb. 6, Recognition Day. Recognize and honor members, advisors, administrators, business partners, community leaders and supporters who make a meaningful impact on your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, Give Back Day. Rally around your school community by focusing on ways for your chapter to give back.

Wednesday, Feb. 8, Partner Day. Invite local business and industry leaders to connect with members, highlighting the importance of developing career-readiness skills found in the SkillsUSA Framework.

Thursday, Feb. 9, Advocacy Day. Amplify CTE in your community by conducting a local public relations activity, such as presenting to school board members, administrators and community leaders.

Friday, Feb. 10, SkillsUSA Day. Celebrate SkillsUSA by wearing your favorite SkillsUSA T-shirt, planning a celebration activity or posting your SkillsUSA Framework story on social media using the hashtag: #SkillsUSAWeek.

The [SkillsUSA Week Chapter Guide](#) assists chapters in planning for each day of SkillsUSA Week.

### **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 paid student members. The winning designs will become the official T-shirt and pin design for the 2023 NLSC. The challenge opens on Jan. 15, entries must be received 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.](#)

### **Presidential Honors for Selfless Service**

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.

### **SkillsUSA Technical Fridays Workshops**

Join us for “SkillsUSA Technical Fridays,” a series of virtual workshops led by industry experts to help teachers develop specific technical skills relevant to their career fields. Leave the sessions with new knowledge and skills to implement in the classroom. On Jan. 27, from 4-5 p.m. ET, Dan Banach will lead an “Autodesk Fusion 360” session with an overview of Fusion 360, including tips to get started as well as sketching, part and assembly modeling and how to create setup for additive and subtractive manufacturing. He is a nationally recognized instructor, speaker at Autodesk University and author of 25 books on 3D mechanical design software, [Learn more about the workshops here](#). The workshop is free but space is limited. [Register here](#). If you have questions, contact Karolina Belen.