

New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 2/2/24

Message from the Desk of the State Director

Good morning! I hope you all had a great week.

Important Note About Registration

Registration is open until February 15th, *EXCEPT for the following competitions:*

- BARBERING, BRAIDING, COSMETOLOGY ADVANCED, COSMETOLOGY NOVICE, ESTHETICS, NAILS, FANTASY MAKEUP, COSMETOLOGY KNOWLEDGE BOWL

**Numbers have been exceeded in these competitions, and we do not have space for any additional competitors. These contests are being held at GCIT on March 23rd.*

Lunches by Location:

Gloucester

Lunches at GCIT will only be provided for Judges and Contest Coordinators. GCIT is asking that Competitors and advisors pack a lunch. For security reasons, advisors and students will not be permitted to order food (DoorDash, etc.) The morning of the competitions, breakfast items such as coffee, muffins donuts etc. will be available for purchase.

Somerset County Votech

Somerset will have a box lunch available for around \$7.50 per student.

Carpenters Center and Hunterdon Polytech

Please get your lunch orders in asap for the Carpenters Center and Hunterdon Polytech (which includes the heavy equipment competition) Lunch Order Links:

Hunterdon Polytech: <https://forms.gle/V6bjj5iXMFB2aHRc7>

Carpenters Center: <https://forms.gle/T3WmkpGKuZSa9H9V7>

T-Shirts

As you get your invoices together, please send Courtney your t-shirt sizes and make sure you give the size totals: Example: 10 small, 5 medium, 18 large.

Atlantic City Boat Show Competition Change

NOTE START TIME CHANGE: The Atlantic City Boat Show Marine Technology registration is from 11 am- 11:45 am, and the contest will begin at noon.

Invoices

We have many major upcoming monetary obligations, so please work with your schools to have your invoices paid as soon as possible. Thank you!

I want to thank all of the advisors for stepping up and registering students for competitions! We are only about thirty students short of last year's total! We are hoping to surpass 1806 competitors. Thanks for all of your hard work.

Have a great weekend!

Ralph Starace

Troubleshooting With Sheila!

Helpful Hint for Finding Contest Info

Get in the habit of regularly checking for new Contest Updates

We post them shortly after they are received in our office

There are currently over 70 updates listed for you

Here's a trick to make your search a little easier:

- GO to www.nj-skillsusa.org
- Click on NJ Championships.
- Select Contest Updates from the dropdown menu
- Click on the CONTEST column header in blue to resort the list in ABC order for easier searching for info

News from the National Office

Ready for SkillsUSA Week?

Next week is SkillsUSA Week! From Feb. 5-9, your chapter can participate in many ways. Plan activities that follow the daily schedule for chapters nationwide. Whether you honor school staff with a thank-you breakfast, invite a partner to speak at a chapter meeting, make a presentation to a community group or celebrate your members, students can grow their skills and demonstrate that SkillsUSA is an important factor in their personal and professional development. Have your SkillsUSA Week committee or chapter officers review the activities now and select a few to implement. [Download the Program Guide and SkillsUSA Week Activity Sets.](#)

The [SkillsUSA Advocacy Site](#) offers two editable letter templates to promote your chapter to the media or write to elected officials. After SkillsUSA Week, [be sure to share your stories, photos or links](#), and we may feature your chapter on social media or on the national website in our SkillsUSA Week photo album.

Seeking Musical Talent to Perform National Anthem at NLSC

Do you have a musical gift to share with the SkillsUSA community? If so, apply to perform the national anthem at the opening session of SkillsUSA's National Leadership & Skills Conference this June. The chosen performer will be offered complimentary conference registration if their sole purpose of attendance is to perform the national anthem. [Apply here](#) by 5 p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 2. For questions, contact Melinda Lloyd.