

## **New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 1/23/24**

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

Good Morning. I hope all is well and hope you all had a super week!

### **ASL Interpreter and Mobility Accommodations for Events**

Please let us know if your school needs an American Sign-Language Interpreter for the Awards Ceremony, mobility ramps, or if any other accommodations are necessary at any of the event sites. Please advise our office of these needs ASAP.

### **Location Changes**

Please check your contests updates, as we have many location changes.

### **Advisor Assurances and Student Codes of Conduct**

Please get your advisor assurances into this office before all competitions. These forms may be found under the Advisor tab on our website. And make sure your students turn in their resumes at their specific room/competitions site. **YOUR STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PRINT THEM ON SITE-PLEASE HAVE THEM PRINTED WHEN YOU ARRIVE. DO NOT TURN IN AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE.**

### **Advisor Shirts**

The advisor shirt orders should be in within the week. We are sorry for the delay. Next year we will send out a link to you in September you can purchase your shirts directly from the vendor. This office will not be ordering advisors shirts in the future.

### **Snacks on Site**

We are recommending for the long running contests that your students “brown bag it” as far as snacks and food, since some contests forbid competitors from talking to one another. For example, Criminal Justice is a very long contest, as well as Crime Scene Investigating, Audio Radio Production, all of the Cosmetology contests, and Culinary.

### **Lunch Reminders**

Students, advisors and cluster coordinators can bring their own lunches to any competitions they desire. You can purchase lunches at SCVTS, Sicklerville, Payne Tech, Carpenters Center, if that is what you choose. Here are some reminders:

You **must** bring lunch to GCIT

Lincoln Tech: lunch is provided

Mercedes Benz: lunch is provided

Atlantic City Boat Show: on your own

Advisors: please advise us if you are going to be purchasing lunches at Sicklerville, SCVTS, Payne Tech, Carpenter center, or Hunterdon Polytech. Due date for pre-ordered lunches is March 30th.

**Hunterdon Polytech:** <https://forms.gle/eHaHNR1UOki13d8R9>

**Carpenters Center:** <https://forms.gle/K7faKT6mLpvV41qU9>

**Camden Sicklerville Menu:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R2wa36jiNBMi8UhxKNf8J3lSk-Kk8Oh9SHgwrDIhR0/edit> You can contact Anthony Cappelleggio at 609-820-0693 or [acampeggio@ccts.net](mailto:acampeggio@ccts.net). You can request to be billed or pay the day of the competition.

*\*For security reasons, the above sites will not permit delivery (For example:DoorDash)*

### **State Officer Applications**

Within the next few weeks we will be posting applications for State Officers. Please encourage your students to run for an office position. The application is changing, so please read it and go over it with your students.

### **State Officer Fundraiser**

We are having a State Officer Fundraiser at The Rockaway Twp American Legion, on May 18th. It is an Oldies Concert featuring *The Cameos*. We still have about 30 tickets available. If interested, please contact me. The price is \$35.00 per person. Bring your own snacks. These proceeds will go to our State Office Team. Please come out and help support these hardworking students!

### **Biomedical and EMT Contests?**

How many schools would be interested in new Biomedical and EMT contests?  
Please let me know if you or your school is interested via email. I would also like to hear any other suggestions that you might have for new contests next year!

### **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.

### **Hospitality Business Academy (Please see attached information)**

### **Perkins Funding Guide for Teachers**

The National Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Student Organizations (NCC-CTSO) has produced [the Perkins Guide](#). The guide is designed to help individuals understand how students across the nation in CTSOs can benefit from federal funds that are provided each year to support secondary and postsecondary career and technical education.

CTSO advisors should use the guide to help in understanding the opportunities that the Perkins Act presents for gaining support for CTSO activities. However, many of the details of how CTSO activities may be supported are determined by state and local policies. The guide provides:

- **An overall understanding of the Perkins Act**
- **Detailed descriptions of the provisions in the Perkins that provide opportunities for CTSOs**
- **Ideas on how to advocate for support for your programs**
- **Answers to commonly asked questions**
- **Details on where to get more information**

Have a great weekend!

*Ralph Starace*

### **Troubleshooting With Sheila!**

#### **March 01 Deadline**

- **Students added to the national membership roster after March 01, 2024 are not eligible to compete in the NJ SkillsUSA Championships.**
- **Due March 01:Advisor/Chaperone Statement of Assurances**
  - Download from the Advisor tab at [www.nj-skillsusa.org](http://www.nj-skillsusa.org)
- **Due March 01: T-Shirt Sizes**
  - NJ SkillsUSA T-Shirts will be provided for the advisors and students you have listed in column 1 of your contest registration list.
  - Indicate the total number of S, M, L, XL, 2XL

### **Substitutions for Competitions**

In the case of a student being unable to compete on the day of competition, advisors may make contestant substitutions providing the new competitor is a paid SkillsUSA member and their information has been added to the national membership system by March 01, 2024.

NOTE: Students may only compete in one event.

### **News from the National Office**

#### **Save the Date: May 7 is SkillsUSA National Signing Day!**

SkillsUSA National Signing Day is coming, the day in May when SkillsUSA chapters across the nation give skilled professionals the spotlight they deserve. On Signing Day, students are

publicly recognized by their school administrators, teachers, elected officials, advisors, family and friends for signing letters of intent to pursue careers and/or further education in the skilled trades. Look for more information coming soon on how your chapter can register and gain access to our Signing Day toolkit, special offers and more. In the meantime, [learn more about SkillsUSA National Signing Day](#) and how chapters celebrated last year and get ready for an even bigger celebration this May.

### **Global Youth Service Day Looking for Participation**

Youth Service America (YSA) is searching for heartwarming young heroes with creative ideas to foster meaningful connections, promote inclusion and teach empathy. With support from Hershey's Heartwarming Project, YSA will award up to \$50,000 in grants for youth-led service projects and community-building activities during Youth Service Month (April 12-May 12) and Global Youth Service Day (April 26-28). With \$250 and \$500 grant options, youth ages 5-25 are eligible to apply for community projects. [Learn more and apply](#) by March 10.

### **Register Members by March 1 to Claim Eligibility**

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 [state dues and deadlines](#) and learn how to access your professional membership benefits in this [video tutorial](#).