

Webinar to cover how to avoid the pitfalls of social networking

Facebook, Twitter, YouTube ... where to start? The Internet gives you many opportunities to make a great impression on your current or potential employers. These tools can also hurt you. Learn the best way to represent yourself and learn to avoid the potential pitfalls of social networking during a free Alumni Professional Development Webinar on Monday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. Eastern time.

“Using the Internet to Impress Employers,” supported by Proven.com, will cover how to use social networking and the Internet to represent yourself professionally.



For those unable to participate, the webinar will be archived and posted on the alumni page of the SkillsUSA website: www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml.

To log in to the webinar, visit:

URL: <http://web.ganconferencem.com/?meeting=1255922>

Telephone: 1-888-222-0475

Attendee code: 6510969

Advisors who sign up alumni can qualify for incentive prizes

For every five members a SkillsUSA advisor gets to join the Alumni and Friends Association, he or she will be entered into one drawing per region for a \$100 VISA gift card.

To qualify, advisors must have students join online at www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml. Advisors must then send an email to Niki Clausen at nclausen@skillsusa.org. The email must contain the advisor's name, school and state, and a list of the joiners' first and last names. Seniors qualify to join during their senior years, and former SkillsUSA students who are not already alumni members are also eligible. These former students must register through their former advisors to be counted as part of that advisor's entry. Deadline is June 1. Questions? Email Niki Clausen or call her at 703-737-0639.



The Alumni Coordinating Committee recently held its fall planning meeting at SkillsUSA headquarters in Virginia. Pictured above (clockwise) are: Peyton Holland, state association liaison, N.C.; Anne Dew, Region 3, Ohio; Emily Hughes, Region 1, Maine; Brice Harader-Pate, executive secretary and Region 4, Okla.; Coleen Read, Region 5, Nev.; and George Laubmeier, Chair, Wis. Not pictured: Cassandra Klebig, Region 2, Va.



Earn hours towards President's Volunteer Service Award

Contact your state association to volunteer at upcoming events

Are you interested in serving as an alumni volunteer for your SkillsUSA state association? Contact your state association director to get involved. Your help is needed, especially during state conferences.

A list of state directors and their contact information can be found at: www.skillsusa.org/about/dir4.shtml.

When you do volunteer, keep in mind that alumni are eligible to participate in the **President's Volunteer Service Award** program.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a national honor in recognition of sustained service. Recipients can receive an official lapel pin, personalized certificate of achievement, or a congratulatory letter from the president.

Any SkillsUSA member, including Alumni and Friends Association members, is eligible to participate, and all types of community service hours count. For more information, visit: www.skillsusa.org/students/volsvc.shtml.

Alumni coordinating committee seeks nominees for Regions 2, 4 and executive chair

SkillsUSA is accepting nominations of qualified alumni for service on the Alumni Coordinating Committee. Nominations are being accepted for Regions 2 and 4 representatives, as well as the executive chair who can be from any state. Regions 2 and 4 are comprised of the following states:

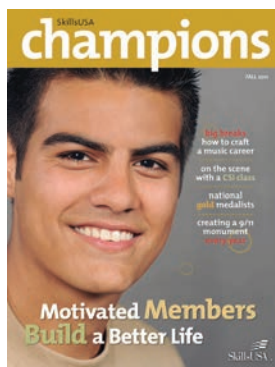
Region 2: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands

Region 4: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota

All nominees must be active annual, lifetime or honorary life members in good standing of the SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association. In addition, a nominee must have been an active member for at least 12 months preceding the date of nomination. Nominations must be submitted to the national headquarters prior to the April 15 deadline. You may nominate yourself or any alumni member in good standing. If you have questions, please email Niki Clausen at nclausen@skillsusa.org or call 703-737-0639. To apply, visit to: www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml.

SkillsUSA's official magazine

If you're reading this newsletter, chances are you're already a member of the SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association. Consider joining as a professional member and receive regular SkillsUSA mailings plus four issues of *SkillsUSA Champions* magazine, the organization's official publication. Professional membership is good for one year from the date of registration. Visit: www.skillsusa-register.org/rpts/JoinAsProfessional.aspx. Find free downloadable PDF issues of *SkillsUSA Champions* at: www.skillsusa.org/champions/.



Partner offers discount on car insurance

Elephant Insurance is offering SkillsUSA members the opportunity to save 15 percent on auto insurance. Visit: www.elephant.com/SkillsUSA and select SkillsUSA as your affinity group, or, call 1-877-21-TRUNK.

What's happening?

Alumni scholarships are available for continuing education: the Alumni Merit Scholarship and the Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarships. Each give two \$500 awards to be used during the 2012-2013 school year.

For more information, visit: www.skillsusa.org/students/scholarships.shtml.

Design Contest: SkillsUSA's Alumni and Friends Association is once again sponsoring the 2012 Alumni Pin Design Contest. The winning design will become the official alumni pin for the 2012 National Leadership and Skills Conference. Get creative and submit your unique design to the national headquarters by March 1.

Contest rules and details are available at: www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml.

For more information, phone Niki Clausen at 703-737-0639 or email: nclausen@skillsusa.org.

Share Your Story: The Alumni Coordinating Committee and national headquarters staff would like to hear from you. Your success stories inspire current SkillsUSA members.

We'd also like to hear ideas and suggestions for growth and alumni program improvement.

For more information, phone Niki Clausen at 703-737-0639 or email: nclausen@skillsusa.org.

Use your camera-enabled smartphone and any Quick Response (QR) reader app to reveal the contents of the code to the right.



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