

SkillsUSA Alumni

The Journey Continues ...

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Alumni help out at the annual 5K race in Kansas City, Mo. Volunteers are needed for the 2012 national conference.

National conference schedule to change

Because of the scheduled All-Star baseball game to be held in Kansas City, the National Leadership and Skills conference schedule has shifted to Saturday to Wednesday, June 23-27.

Please note the following:

Opening Ceremony:

Monday, June 25

SkillsUSA Championships:

Monday-Tuesday, June 25-26

Awards Ceremony:

Wednesday, June 27

Volunteers are needed to help make the event possible. Email Niki Clausen at nclausen@skillsusa.org for more details on how you can help.

Alumni may serve as National Courtesy Corps members June 20-28. As a member of the corps, lodging and meals will be provided at Park University, and five T-shirts per person will be provided to wear during the conference.

For more information on the National Courtesy Corps, visit: www.skillsusa.org/events/courtesy.shtml.

For advisors, seniors who join Alumni, incentives available

For every five graduating seniors 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 graduating 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.

In addition, students who join during the last year of their program, or during their senior year, can be entered into an additional drawing for a \$100 VISA gift card. Five alumni will be drawn, one per region, to receive a gift card.

Deadline is June 1. Questions? Email Niki Clausen or call her at 703-737-0639.

Invest in SkillsUSA alumni, take home a 2012 Harley

Wednesday, June 27, during the Awards Ceremony at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, one lucky winner will take home a custom-painted Harley-Davidson Dyna Super Glide.



Own a 2012 Dyna Super Glide like the one pictured above. A drawing for the bike will be held Wednesday, June 27 in Kansas City, Mo. Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets can be purchased online for \$5 each or five for \$20 plus a \$1 processing charge. Visit: www.skillsusa.org/events/barley.shtml.

This event is made possible thanks to Harley-Davidson Motor Co. Inc. and JB Grafix.

SkillsUSA Alumni are among the beneficiaries of this year's fundraiser.

Partners offer internships, job openings

Proven.com continues to offer a free resource to SkillsUSA Alumni. To network with business partners across the country and other alumni, simply create a profile, and upload your résumé. Air

Products has posted several internship and job openings at plants across the country. Log in at Proven.com/skillsusa to check out these great opportunities.



What's happening?

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

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

Pin Design Contest deadline:

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. Alumni Pins will also be available for purchase. Submit your unique design to the national headquarters by March 1.

Contest guidelines 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.

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Alumni Webinar to cover auto insurance

Not sure how much coverage you need for your shiny new wheels or your tired clunker? SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association partner, Elephant Auto Insurance, is sponsoring the free February Alumni Professional Development Webinar: "Understanding Auto Insurance: What coverage is for me?"

When: Thursday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m. Eastern time

To log in, visit: <http://web.ganconference.com/?meeting=2259544>

Telephone: 888-222-0475

Attendee code: 6837807



Opportunities to volunteer at the local or state level

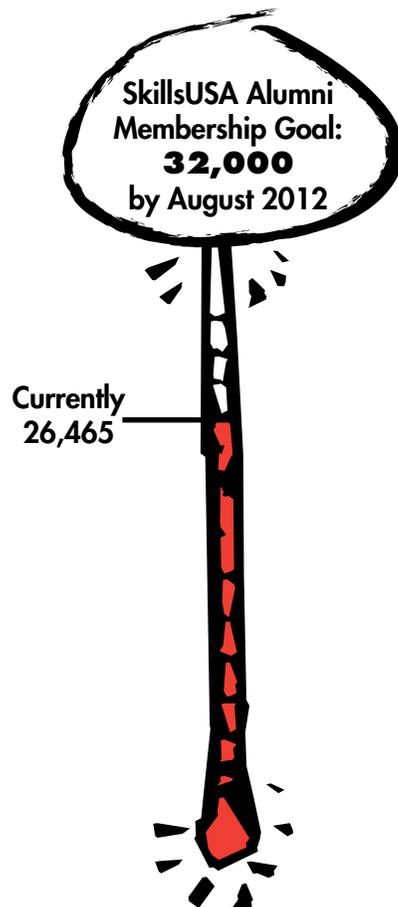
Alumni who want to get more involved can offer to mentor members of a local SkillsUSA chapter.

Assist teachers with classroom activities or consider offering mentoring opportunities to chapters participating in SkillsUSA's **Student2Student**

Program. Find guidelines at: www.skillsusa.org/educators/mentrecog.shtml.

If you do get involved as a mentor, keep in mind that alumni are eligible to participate in the **President's Volunteer Service Award** (PVSA) program. Likewise, if you volunteer at a local regional or state conference, your hours can count toward the PVSA award. Visit: www.skillsusa.org/students/volsvc.shtml.

Contact your SkillsUSA state association director to learn how you can help. A list of state directors and can be found at: www.skillsusa.org/about/dir4.shtml.



Alumni Coordinating Committee nominations due

The 2012 Alumni Coordinating Committee Nominations are due April 15. This year, the Region 2 and Region 4 representatives and executive chair will be elected.

We are looking for strong alumni leaders who want to stay involved and serve on the national level.

Nominations can be made electronically at: www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumniballot.shtml.

Shout out to Alumni making a difference

Know a former student member who's making a difference as a SkillsUSA volunteer? The Alumni Coordinating Committee would like to recognize one alumnus per state throughout the year via social networking. We need your help in knowing which alumni to recognize. In 140 characters or less, email nclausen@skillsusa.org the name of an alumnus and the reason why he or she is being recognized.