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.

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.
Opportunities to volunteer at the local or state level

All 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 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

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.