

# SkillsUSA Alumni

## The Journey Continues ...



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### Learn how to keep your bucks in a row

Learn better financial management at the next quarterly professional development webinar offered by the Alumni and Friends Association.

Log in Tuesday, May 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern Time to learn more from alumnus Bryan "Dox" Doxford, who lives and works in the financial district of Manhattan. Doxford has been helping grow small businesses through capital access and real estate acquisitions for the past five years. He has approximately nine years experience in finance.

Should you attend?

Consider the following:

1. Did you know that a good credit score could save you tens-of-thousands of dollars? A poor score could cost you the same.
2. Do you know how obtain credit?
3. Do you have a budget?
4. Are you accountable to your budget?
5. How do you formulate a budget?

This webinar will equip you with the tools to dispute incorrect claims against your credit and provide you with free access to your individual credit findings via a secure and safe website. Doxford will also address budgeting and accountability.

For attending the free webinar, one attendee will be awarded a free license for budgeting software from [www.youneedabudget.com](http://www.youneedabudget.com).

All participants will be entitled to a free seven-day trial of the software plus



**Bryan Doxford to offer financial planning tips during May 10 webinar.**

free training from the makers of the software.

No reservation needed. Login at: <http://web.ganconference.com/?meeting=6022165>. Call: 888-222-0475. Attendee code is: 6837807.

The archived webinar will be posted on the SkillsUSA Alumni Web page.

### May 15 deadline for merit scholarship applications

The SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association is offering two annual merit-based \$500 scholarships to qualifying students. The \$500 scholarships will recognize the unique qualities of SkillsUSA students including leadership, commitment to community service, and advocating for career and technical education.

Scholarship winners will be announced during the annual SkillsUSA

### Regional elections, constitutional amendments top committee actions

The Alumni Coordinating Committee is requesting your votes for Region 1, Region 3 and Region 5 representatives as well as your votes on proposed constitutional amendments in early June.

Find the ballots for the new regional representatives and the amendments through the alumni page of the website: [www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml)

Be sure to review the amendments before voting. Contact Niki Clausen or your ACC regional representative with questions or feedback.

Both the election announcements as well as the results of the amendment voting will be announced at the NLSC Alumni Luncheon on Friday, June 24.

Results will be posted online following the national conference.

National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City in June. The competition is open to all current SkillsUSA members who will be attending a college/postsecondary school in 2011-2012.

The application can be found at: [www.skillsusa.org/downloads/PDF/alumnimerit.pdf](http://www.skillsusa.org/downloads/PDF/alumnimerit.pdf). Deadline is May 15.

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## Ready, set, grow

The Alumni and Friends Association has grown more than 10,000 members in the last year, reaching more than 19,000.

Congratulations to Oklahoma and Texas, the only two states with a state alumni membership over 1,000.

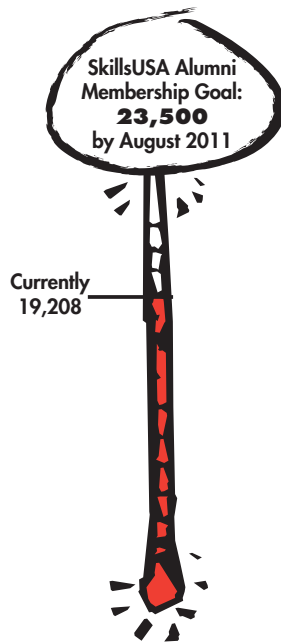
Nevada and Wyoming increased their state alumni membership five-fold. Guam and Puerto Rico each increased four-fold. Seven states tripled their state alumni membership, and 24 states doubled their alumni membership.

The top 10 alumni membership increases over last year are in Oklahoma, Texas, Michigan, Florida, Kentucky, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio, Arizona and New York.

### State conference growth

To spark interest in joining the alumni, Nevada put an alumni table to the left of the stage during closing ceremonies. Medalists passed as they came off the stage. Maine put an alumni booth in their exhibit area. Texas Secondary used the alumni booth for alumni membership recruitment and as the delegate voting booth. Wisconsin held an alumni reception.

What are the alumni doing in your state? Share your story at: [www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumnisuccess.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumnisuccess.shtml).



Volunteers are needed to assist with the 2011 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, June 20-24. For more information, e-mail Niki Clausen at: [nclausen@skillsusa.org](mailto:nclausen@skillsusa.org), call 703-737-0639 or sign up online at: [www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumninlsc.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumninlsc.shtml).

## Learn how to support your state association at SkillsUSA's alumni training at nationals

The second annual alumni training session at NLSC will be Sunday and Monday, June 19 and 20, at Bartle Hall. Besides offering a great opportunity to network with other alumni members, training will provide you with tips to support your state Alumni and Friends Association. Professional development sessions will also be included.

The cost is \$30 and includes: two lunches, a T-shirt and materials. You can register online at: [www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumninlsc.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumninlsc.shtml). The registration deadline is June 1. Contact Niki Clausen for more information and to register.



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Offer valid through July 31, 2011.

## What's happening?

**Sign Up alumni and qualify for prizes:** For every five members an advisor gets to join the Alumni and Friends Association, he or she will be entered into two drawings, each for a \$500 VISA gift card.

To qualify for the drawing, the advisor must have students join online at [www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml). The advisor must then send an email to Niki Clausen at [nclausen@skillsusa.org](mailto:nclausen@skillsusa.org). The email must contain the advisor's name, school and state, and a list (for verification) of the students (first and last names) who joined as alumni. Graduating seniors qualify to join during their senior years, and former SkillsUSA students are also eligible, provided they are not already alumni members. These students must register through their former advisors to be counted as part of that advisor's entry. Deadline for entry is June 1. Questions? E-mail Niki Clausen at [nclausen@skillsusa.org](mailto:nclausen@skillsusa.org), or call her at 703-737-0639.

**Harley Raffle:** Friday, June 24, 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. Tickets can be purchased online for \$6 each or five for \$20 including shipping and handling. Visit: [www.skillsusa.org/events/barley.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/events/barley.shtml).

**Silver Alumni Pins:** Pins are available online for \$3 at: [www.skillsusa.org/store](http://www.skillsusa.org/store). Pins are a great way to recognize school program completers.

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