Support alumni, take home a 2013 Harley

Friday, June 28, 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.

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.

The winner will be responsible for picking up the motorcycle at a local Harley-Davidson dealer in his or her community.

Tickets can be purchased online for $5 each (or five for $20) plus a $1 processing charge.

Visit: www.skillsusa.org/events/barley.shtml.

Campaign celebrates SkillsUSA’s 50th

To celebrate 50 years of serving career and technical education students and instructors, SkillsUSA has launched the Skills Build America fundraising campaign.

It’s the first of its kind for SkillsUSA, with a goal of $1 million. Alumni, professional members, past national officers, industry volunteers and others are invited to make a personal three-year pledge and join this new campaign.

The funds raised will be used to increase the number of student members and the positive impact of the SkillsUSA experience.

Also, an effective network of alumni and friends will be created to provide employment connections as well as personal and professional development for every member.

As an added benefit, each state association of SkillsUSA will receive 10 percent of every contribution made from, or designated to, that state to strengthen student leadership development programs.

For more information or to pledge, visit: www.skillsusa.org/supporters/supportnew.shtml.

Alumni credits SkillsUSA, national officer training

Stefanie Hayes served as the SkillsUSA national postsecondary secretary in 1999-2000. Since then, she has worked for Mercy Health System in Missouri.

Hayes started as an assistant insurance contract coordinator and worked in the Six Sigma Department, leading change projects and businesswide initiatives. Trained in Lean Methodology, Hayes has overseen complex projects.

She currently manages an obstetrics and gynecology (ob-gyn) practice of seven providers. She also administers a five-provider ob-gyn Hospitalist program. She recently completed her master’s degree in healthcare administration from Webster University in St. Louis.

Hayes attributes her success to SkillsUSA experience as a local, regional, state and national officer at the secondary and postsecondary levels.
Alumni membership incentive for SkillsUSA advisors

The Alumni Coordinating Committee is offering an incentive for SkillsUSA advisors who sign up alumni from their chapters. For every five members an advisor registers with the SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association, he or she will be entered into a drawing for a $100 Lowe’s gift card.

To be officially entered into the drawing, the advisor must have students register online at www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml. (Paper forms will not be accepted.) The advisor must then send an email to Byekwaso Gilbert at bgilbert@skillsusa.org. The email must contain all of the following:

- the advisor’s name, school, address, phone and email (make sure what you provide will be accessible to you after June 1)
- a list (for verification) of the students (first and last names) who registered as alumni

Remember that graduating seniors qualify to register during their senior year. Former SkillsUSA students are also eligible, provided they are not members already. These students must register through their former advisor to be counted as part of that advisor’s entry. Students may only register once. Deadline for entry into the drawing is June 1.

Heart Saver SkillsUSA University session

The SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association is offering the American Heart Association (AHA) Heart Saver course during SkillsUSA University at the National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in Kansas City. The session is open to all NLSC participants, educators and students and will be offered Tuesday, June 25, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Downtown Marriott, Truman B Room.

Every three seconds in the United States, someone suffers from a cardiac arrest or other cardiac-related emergency. The AHA offers a hands-on approach to ensure victims receive immediate care by nonmedical personnel. This session will provide the basics to save a life in such emergencies.

To provide AHA certification, a $20 fee at the door, space permitting, will be collected. The presenters are: Brice Harader-Pate, RN, BSN and alumna, and Emily Hughes, EMT-B and alumna. Pre-registration is required of all participants at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/VZNYZKL