

SkillsUSA Alumni

The Journey Continues...



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Membership exceeds goal

Alumni membership has exceeded 17,000, putting the SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association closer to a goal of 23,500 members by August 2011. With a new database in place, along with increasing membership, according to Alumni Coordinator Niki Clausen, expect to see an increase in alumni membership benefits and services.

Alumni incentive winners

The Alumni Coordinating Committee offered three incentives for increasing membership in 2009-2010.

The winners are:

Darren Gibson of Oklahoma was recognized for having the state with the largest alumni membership increase.

Christopher Neff of Wisconsin won the advisor drawing.

Brice Harader-Pate of Oklahoma was recognized for having the largest regional increase of alumni membership.

Watch the Web site for the 2010-2011 Alumni Membership incentives.

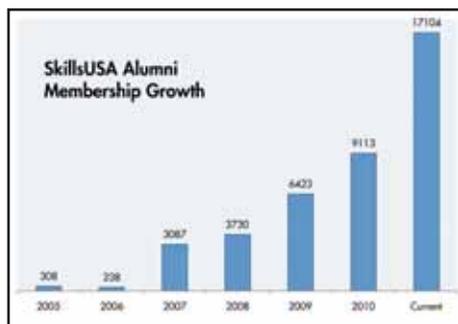


Photo: Craig Moore

ACC members at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Center: (from left) Kristen Smith, Brice Harader-Pate, Peggy Plowman, Jessica Lueck and Alicia Brown. Second row: (from left) Steven Hawes, Hal Casey, George Laubmeier and Niki Clausen

Coordinating committee members elected to help national staff improve alumni outreach

SkillsUSA's Alumni Coordinating Committee (ACC) represents the Alumni and Friends Association and provides support to national headquarters staff.

Elections were held for the ACC in June. Committee members are: executive chair, George Laubmeier of Wisconsin; executive secretary, Alicia Brown, of Colorado; Region 1 representative, Kristen Smith of Rhode Island; Region 2 representative, Steven Hawes, Georgia; Region 3 representative, Peggy Plowman, Michigan; Region 4 representative, Brice Harader-Pate, Oklahoma; and Region 5 representative, Jessica Lueck, Washington. Also, Hal Casey, Maine, has been appointed to represent

the SkillsUSA state association directors.

Minutes from ACC meetings can be found at: www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml. To contact an ACC member, visit: www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml. To run for a committee office, visit: www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml.

We want your input

SkillsUSA wants to know how to better serve members of the SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association. Provide valuable feedback to help us improve and expand alumni participation by completing the online survey at: www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumni.shtml.

Alumni volunteers help keep NLSC running smoothly

More than 100 alumni registered and volunteered in different capacities during the 2010 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) June 18-25 in Kansas City, Mo.

Alumni volunteers served as contest judges, VIP escorts and Courtesy Corps members. They helped out at delegate sessions, in the SkillsUSA headquarters media room, at the alumni booth, alumni activities and alumni meal functions.

Jim Rhoades, New York, and Matt Smith, Maryland, were recognized as outstanding volunteers for their service during conference.

Thanks to a dunk tank loaned from Bosch, more than \$800 was raised for the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Plan on attending the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, June 19-25, 2011, in Kansas City, Mo.



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Jami Mayberry of Joplin, Mo., tries on the 2010 Harley-Davidson Dyna Super Glide motorcycle she won in the 2010 alumni raffle at NLSC. The bike has been custom painted by Justin Barnes of JB Grafix. Barnes is best known by his appearances on Discovery Channel's "American Chopper."



Photo: Lloyd Wolf

5K benefits alumni

More than 230 runners participated in the third annual Champions 5K race at English Landing Park in Parkville, Mo., during NLSC. At the race, sponsored by Irwin and alumni, the fastest three male finishers were: Trevor Taylor (17:22), Matthew Friart (18:01) and Benjamin Rienan (18:57). The fastest three female finishers were: Siara Stahl (21:27), Michelle Kinzer (23:07), and Abby Her-manson (23:44).

Proceeds from the event will be used for scholarships and alumni activities.

Share your big ideas!

SkillsUSA is looking for new ways to involve more alumni members at the local, state and national levels. Send your alumni recruitment, involvement and benefits suggestions. Include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. Suggestions provided with complete contact information will qualify for a drawing of SkillsUSA Alumni logo items. E-mail nclausen@skillsusa.org or call her at 703-737-0639.

What's happening?

Alumni Merit Scholarships have been awarded to Adam Pineau, Easton, Kan., and Gianna Velino, of Johnston, R.I. **2011 Alumni Merit Scholarship Applications** will be available soon online and are due by May 15, 2011. For more information and the application, go to: www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumnischolar.shtml.

Volunteer and Mentor. Contact your SkillsUSA state association director to learn how you can volunteer at the state, regional or local levels. Consider helping a chapter participate in the **Student2Student mentoring** program. Visit: www.skillsusa.org/educators/mentrecog.shtml. When you volunteer, keep in mind that alumni are eligible to participate in the **President's Volunteer Service Award** program. Visit: www.skillsusa.org/students/volsvc.shtml

Bank of America is offering some special financial services benefits to SkillsUSA alumni members. Offers include signing up for personal checking and receiving \$50 back in cash; a discount on Geico insurance when you pay directly from your Bank of America account; "Add It Up" 20-percent cash back shopping program; and Keep the Change matching savings offer. Visit: www.bankofamerica.com/bankatwork

Congratulations to Ohio, Texas, Maine and Wisconsin for starting alumni associations. Send state highlights to nclausen@skillsusa.org to be recognized in the next alumni newsletter.

2010 alumni lapel pins can be purchased at: www.skillsusa.org/store for \$3 each including shipping and handling.

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