

## SkillsUSA Champions Magazine Winter 2015 — Read/Analyze Content

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### Directions:

Read for comprehension the articles in the *Winter 2015* issue of *SkillsUSA Champions* magazine and answer the following questions.

1. SkillsUSA is celebrating its golden anniversary this year. How does SkillsUSA Executive Director Tim Lawrence encourage you and your chapter to celebrate and go for the gold? (Page 5)
2. How is SkillsUSA gaining more awareness on the international stage? (Page 6)
3. Who created the “SkillsUSA 50K Challenge,” and how can you get involved? (Page 6)
4. SkillsUSA is in the midst of a growth spurt. List three ways that growth is evident through the Washington Leadership Training Institute. (Page 7)
5. Celebrating 50 years doesn’t only mean remembering the past; it also means looking to the future. How is SkillsUSA looking to the future, and what can current members be the first to wear? (Page 7)
6. List five tips from the “Insider’s Guide to Championships” section you’ll implement while preparing for your next contest. Explain your choices. (Pages 8-11)
7. Which industry changes do you find most interesting according to the list on Page 12, and how do those changes affect you?
8. Advisor Ryan Gortney experienced a terrible accident, but he stayed involved with SkillsUSA despite his injuries. How did he do that? (Page 13)
9. What are three pieces of advice Neal Foster offers competitors? Which piece do you think is most important, and why? (Page 14)
10. Describe the challenges SkillsUSA Vermont faced in developing a TeamWorks team, how the team overcame those challenges and how the experience better prepared its members for the workforce. (Page 15)
11. After completing the class activity on Page 16, develop and describe a mentoring or recruitment activity to help start a SkillsUSA chapter at a middle school near you.
12. Page 17 lists four chapter activities completed across the nation. Write an article highlighting the favorite chapter activity conducted by your school. Consider submitting it for publication (with photos) and email to: [anyinfo@skillsusa.org](mailto:anyinfo@skillsusa.org).
13. There are two quotes listed on Page 18. What would you say about your SkillsUSA experience if you were going to be quoted in the next issue of the magazine?