



NLSC Business Partner Track
2019

		Monday, June 24	Tuesday, June 25	Wednesday, June 26	Thursday, June 27	Friday, June 28
All Week	<p>Business Partner Lounge: Whether you need to plug in or unplug, stop by our exclusive lounge for SkillsUSA Official Business Partners and guests! Grab a spot on the couch and enjoy our complimentary snacks and beverages while your devices charge, or perch at the laptop bar to login and print. The Business Partner Lounge is also a great place to meet up with colleagues or SkillsUSA staff. NEW THIS YEAR: semi-private phone carrels and other fun perks. Don't forget to pick up your complimentary tour map and partner track information. Open to Business Partners, Business Guests and Business Guest/TECHSPO registrations only! <i>NOTE: Register for contest floor tours here</i></p>	<p>Noon - 5 p.m. E-4</p>	<p>8 a.m. - 5 p.m. E-4</p>	<p>8 a.m. - 5 p.m. E-4</p>	<p>8 a.m. - 5 p.m. E-4</p>	<p>8 a.m. - 10 a.m. E-4</p>
	<p>SkillsUSA By the Numbers What exactly <i>is</i> SkillsUSA, what do we do and why is it important? Learn about our mission, reach, membership, structure. We guarantee you'll learn something new whether it's your first conference or you're a long-time partner.</p>		<p>2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. C-104</p>	<p>9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. B-105</p>		
Tuesday & Wednesday Workshops	<p>Understanding the SkillsUSA Championships Before you step onto the competition floor on Wednesday or Thursday, this is an opportunity to build an understanding of how our competitors qualified to be here and how they'll be judged and scored. This session also highlights one of our best-kept secrets: SkillsUSA Leadership Competitions that highlight the <i>personal</i> and <i>workplace</i> elements of our framework and include contestants from every trade in our membership.</p>		<p>3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. C-104</p>	<p>9:30 - 10 a.m. B-105</p>		
	<p>Creating a Comprehensive Partnership: (Way) Beyond NLSC SkillsUSA is more than just the competitions. Our wide variety of opportunities can comprise a comprehensive partnership with your company that delivers real impact and ROI for you as it supports our core mission delivery. Learn how.</p>			<p>10 a.m. - 11 a.m. B-105</p>		
	<p>Integrating SkillsUSA at your Company: Best Practices Our strongest partner relationships don't always start out that way. If you need ideas to engage your Executive Team in a partnership with SkillsUSA, or you want your company to increase participation with SkillsUSA but don't know what to do internally, don't miss this panel. Learn how to champion the SkillsUSA partnership from some people who are doing it successfully.</p>			<p>1 p.m. - 2 p.m. B-102</p>		
	<p>The RoI in Your Back Yard: Partnering at the State and Local Level National partnerships that see the greatest RoI include thoughtful state and local activation. In this session, we bring together a panel of some of our most successful state and industry partners. Hear how your industry peers are using local engagement to strengthen their national workforce or customer base, and from the state directors they work with to make it all happen.</p>			<p>2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. B-105</p>		
Tuesday Evening	<p>Reception: Meet the SkillsUSA State Association Directors Join us at this reception and meet the State Association Directors who lead the SkillsUSA initiatives at the state level. If you're interested in developing relationships at the state level, don't miss this reception! <i>Hosted by: US Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeships</i></p>		<p>4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. SWC Lobby</p>			
	<p>Reception: Call to Post You don't want to miss this NLSC kickoff, exclusively for SkillsUSA Official Business Partners! Be sure to join us as we reveal this year's "Torch Carrier" award recipient whose work has a deep and far-reaching impact on the organization's mission. <i>Sponsored by: SkillsUSA Board and Foundation</i></p>		<p>5:30 - 6:30 p.m. B-101</p>			
	<p>Opening Ceremony: Get caught up in the excitement of the competition that's about to unfold as 6,500 of our country's top skilled competitors vie to be named the best in their trade. Opening Ceremony is a high-energy celebration of the competitors, partners and stakeholders who make this week possible. <i>Sponsored by: Snap-On Incorporated and Toyota USA Foundation</i></p>		<p>7 - 9 p.m. Freedom Hall</p>			



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Wednesday Evening	<p>Exclusive: Pre-Game Warmup! Before you head over to the Louisville Bats game tonight, stop by our Pre-Game Warmup Reception exclusively for business partners. Enjoy some great food, drink and networking in a fun atmosphere. <i>Sponsored by: Carhartt Company Gear</i></p>			<p>5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Against the Grain Brewery & Smokehouse Southeast corner of Louisville Slugger Field *Registration Required</p>		
	<p>Louisville Bats Game Join thousands of NLSC competitors, teachers, state directors, parents and other business partners to cheer on the minor-league Louisville Bats baseball team as they take on the Toledo Mud Hens. Includes sponsor giveaways and other fun activities. <i>Sponsored by: Channellock, UTI, John Deere, Centuri Construction</i></p>			<p>7 p.m. Louisville Slugger Field *Registration Required</p>		
Wednesday Thursday Competitions	<p>Competitions - Once you see them, you'll never forget them! More than 6,500 students compete in 102 trade skill competitions over two days to determine the best in their trade. Witness the grit, determination, skill and precision required to succeed in this national competition. NOTE: For detailed schedule and locations, pick up a tour map in the Partner Lounge or download the NLSC app.</p>			<p>8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	
Thursday	<p>Career Essentials Credential Ceremony Breakfast: Join this celebration to honor one of the largest collaborative public and private partnerships in workforce development history. Business partners, educators and government officials will witness the presentation of SkillsUSA Career Essentials Credential medallions to the first set of members to receive this significant achievement. As the future workforce, SkillsUSA members are skilled, dedicated and capable of growing the economy because they are equipped with high-quality employability skills. Join us for this special event to celebrate student success and learn more about SkillsUSA's mission in action: the Career Essentials Credential.</p>				<p>8 a.m. - 9 a.m. B-101</p>	
	<p>Championships Floor Tour: Get the big picture of the Championships floor with the competitors in full concentration and precision mode. Choose either of our 60 minute tours you'll watch the rest of the 102 competitions with a new insight and appreciation. No time for a tour? Pick up your complimentary Tour Map in the Business Partner Lounge and enjoy a self-guided experience. NOTE: Advanced sign-up in the Business Partner Lounge is required; All tours meet at the Business Partner Lounge 15 min. prior to posted time.</p>				<p>9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Meet in Business Partner Lounge 15 minutes prior</p>	
Friday	<p>Community Service Kickoff: Community service has always been a part of SkillsUSA and NLSC is no different. On Friday morning, 400 SkillsUSA members gather to make a difference in the Louisville community through a Charity Bike Build. Armed with wrenches and enthusiasm, members will race to construct the ultimate human-powered machines: 80 children's bicycles in just two hours! Before they set out to build, the students gather for an enthusiastic kick-off from staff, attendees and business partners. <i>The 9 a.m. Kickoff is open to all!</i> <i>Sponsored by: Tremco Roofing & Building Maintenance, CBRE, Rogers, Bosch, US Coast Guard</i></p>				<p>9 a.m. SW C Lobby</p>	
	<p>Meet The Employer: Meet our talented, skilled competitors and students at your company's job fair booth and discover the promise of tomorrow's workforce. Whether you have job opportunities, apprenticeships or internships, students are eager to learn about opportunities and paths in their chosen fields. NOTE: Contact Helen Carafa hcarafa@skillsusa.org to reserve your company's booth by May 28. <i>Sponsored by: Magna International</i></p>				<p>10 a.m. - 2 p.m. NEW LOCATION: East Wing</p>	
	<p>Reception: Winners Circle Contests are over and we're about to award medal winners. Join us for this special reception to thank all business & industry volunteers who made this inspirational week possible.</p>					<p>4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. North Wing Hall</p>
	<p>Closing Ceremony: Don't miss this spectacular presentation of medals to the SkillsUSA Champions, winners of more than 100 intense competitions from the last 48 hours. <i>Sponsored by: 3M</i></p>				<p>5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Freedom Hall</p>	