**MY SKILLSUSA FRAMEWORK STORY**

Through experiences in SkillsUSA, I have learned how to quantify the professional development opportunities I have achieved in my graphic design program. By taking on real-world clients from local nonprofits as part of my course work, I have been able to not only assess my current skill set but also determine areas in which I need to improve before entering the workforce. Working with local nonprofits has shown me the importance of staying current with workplace-related resources to continuously provide the highest caliber of design. By staying current in my industry, I can truly make a difference for organizations that rely on their branding and advertising to serve those in need.

**CTE BELIEF STATEMENT**

I believe career and technical education provides students with the direction, leadership and exceptional technical skills to become the leaders of tomorrow’s workforce.

**FUTURE GOALS**

Beyond college, I hope to implement my technical skills through a career in graphic design. I aim to work in either the publishing or the nonprofit sector by utilizing my design skills in helping others effectively communicate. I am confident that where ever my career takes me, I will always remain a fierce advocate of career and technical education.