Our eyes were droopy, our minds still slow, and we realized that 6:45 a.m. was way too early, but it had to be done. Today, I’m going to bring you back to the Friday mornings when I grew in the Essential Element of teamwork, a skill that is so vital to any SkillsUSA chapter. It was three months shy of the state conference, and our Opening and Closing ceremonies team was practicing to make our performance perfect. We decided to practice before school to fit everyone’s schedule. It was difficult, but everyone was taking the event seriously. We had the walk, the script and the turns down perfectly. All that was left to do was go for the gold medals. We used teamwork to make something magical happen and to elevate our skills, and we worked together every Friday morning and respected each other. Sadly, due to the pandemic, our state SkillsUSA conference was canceled. At the chapter meeting when I had to deliver this sad news, the team looked at me and said, “Don’t worry, we’ll do it again next year,” and we set a new goal!

Framework Story Essential Element

Teamwork

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CTE Belief Statement

I believe that career and technical education prepares students with action-packed, hands-on learning experiences that get them excited for future careers. CTE learning is what prepares students to take on the world of work, and it helps them discover their true potential. CTE learning is preparing students for any vocation, raising their confidence, and building skills to help them conquer future endeavors. CTE learning is what is making the difference for the future, and it is looking exceedingly bright.