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<https://skillsusa.egnyte.com/fl/eGIGOpZFai>



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SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference and SkillsUSA Championships at a Glance

SkillsUSA will hold its 57th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) virtually June 14-24, the world's largest showcase of skilled trades. Quality career and technical education will be the centerpiece of the conference. Thousands of students, teachers, education leaders and representatives from hundreds of national corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions will participate. The highlight will be the annual SkillsUSA Championships, with 107 hands-on skill and leadership competitions.

NLSC Conference Attendance

Dates: June 20-25

Total estimated attendance: 6,053

Student contestants: 3,703

Non-Contestant Registrants: 2,140

Voting delegates: 273

Contest technical committee members: 500

Contest judges: 500

SkillsUSA TECHSPO virtual trade show: 35

SkillsUSA Championships

Dates: June 14-24

102 Contests and 5 Demonstration Events

- Skilled and technical sciences contests: 71
- Leadership development contests: 20
- Occupationally related contests: 11
- Demonstration contests: 5

All events held virtually or hybrid at SkillsUSA schools or industry sites (varies by contest) with onsite proctors and virtual judging. For contest descriptions, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/bauxuv4>

2021 National Competitors

For a complete list of national competitors, go to: <http://bit.ly/2021-Champions>

Awards and Recognition Ceremony

Date: June 24 at 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.

Sponsor: Snap-on Incorporated

To watch, go to the follow link and register or login: conference.skillsusa.org

Voting Delegates

June 17: national officer candidate online campaigning

June 22: Delegate kickoff/training: 1-3 p.m.

June 22: Social: 4 p.m.

June 23: Meet the Candidates, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

June 23: Delegate Business Session, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Teacher/Advisor Professional Development

Training opportunities for SkillsUSA instructors include:

- Engage.
- Academy of Excellence in CTE and SkillsUSA.
- Transition to Teaching.

For more details, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/h87dukf4>



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2021 SkillsUSA Championships Official Contests

The SkillsUSA Championships are held each June, the culmination of hundreds of local, regional/district and state competitions held each spring. Outstanding career and technical education students — all state contest winners — will compete hands-on in 102 trade, technical and leadership competitions plus five demonstration events. Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, and test competencies are set by industry. The championships is a multi-million-dollar event. When held in-person, it occupies space equivalent to more than 20 football fields. In 2021, due to health and safety concerns, all events were virtual or hybrid.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (20)

Action Skills
American Spirit
Chapter Business Procedure
Chapter Display
Community Action Project
Community Service
Employment Application Process
Extemporaneous Speaking
Job Interview
Job Skill Demonstration A (*includes Middle School*)
Job Skill Demonstration Open (*includes Middle School*)
Occupational Health and Safety (Multiple)
Occupational Health and Safety (Single)
Opening and Closing Ceremonies (*includes Middle School*)
Outstanding Chapter (*includes Middle School*)
Pin Design (State Conference) (*includes Middle School*)
Prepared Speech
Promotional Bulletin Board
Quiz Bowl
T-shirt Design

OCCUPATIONALLY RELATED (11)

Career Pathways Showcase
Customer Service
Engineering Technology/Design
Entrepreneurship
First Aid/CPR
Health Knowledge Bowl
Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
Medical Math
Medical Terminology
Principles of Engineering/Technology
Related Technical Math

SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES (71)

3D Visualization and Animation
Additive Manufacturing
Advertising Design
Architectural Drafting
Audio/Radio Production
Automated Manufacturing Technology
Automotive Refinishing Technology
Automotive Service Technology
Aviation Maintenance Technology

Barbering
Basic Health Care Skills (*High School only*)
Broadcast News Production
Building Maintenance
Cabinetmaking
Carpentry
CNC Milling Specialist
CNC Technician
CNC Turning Specialist
Collision Repair Technology
Commercial Baking
Computer Programming
Cosmetology
Crime Scene Investigation
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts
Cyber Security
Dental Assisting
Diesel Equipment Technology
Digital Cinema Production
Early Childhood Education
Electrical Construction Wiring
Electronics Technology
Esthetics
Firefighting
Graphic Communications
Graphics Imaging – Sublimation
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Industrial Motor Control
Information Technology Services
Interactive Application and Video Game Development
Internet of Things (IOT)/Smart Home*
Internetworking
Marine Service Technology
Masonry
Mechatronics
Medical Assisting
Mobile Electronics Installation
Mobile Robotics Technology
Motorcycle Service Technology
Nail Care
Nurse Assisting
Photography
Plumbing
Power Equipment Technology
Practical Nursing
Residential Commercial and Appliance Technology**
Restaurant Service
Robotics and Automation Technology
Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue
Screen Printing Technology
Sheet Metal
Team Engineering Challenge (*Middle School only*)
TeamWorks
Technical Computer Applications
Technical Drafting
Telecommunications Cabling
Television (Video) Production

Web Design and Development
Welding
Welding Fabrication
Welding Sculpture

DEMONSTRATION EVENTS (5)

Automobile Maintenance and Light Repair (*High school only*)
CNC 5 Axis demonstration
Collision Damage Appraisal demonstration
Commercial Drone demonstration
Emergency Medical Technician demonstration

*Formerly called Residential Systems
Installation and Maintenance

**Formerly called Major Appliance and
Refrigeration Technology

Official Contest Rules

The “2021 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards” is the official competition guide.

As a free member benefit, SkillsUSA professional members received the “SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards” when they registered as members with a valid email address.

For more information, visit: www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/technical-standards/



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2021 SkillsUSA National Honorees

The following SkillsUSA advisors and stakeholders will be recognized for their contributions to their state associations and the national organization at the virtual Awards and Recognition Session on June 24.

Honorary Life Membership

David Allday, California

All students can learn to become leaders in their own way, says SkillsUSA supporter David Allday. This founding student member of SkillsUSA California (then VICA) in 1967 was a young entrepreneur who ran a successful business, sold the company, became a pilot and then launched a career that took him to NASA as an international safety consultant. Since his retirement, Allday has supported SkillsUSA California as a valued partner by visiting schools and promoting the program. Allday has provided laptop computers, internet services for students in need, and transportation vouchers and funds so students in need could stay connected to their CTE classes. Allday appeared in SkillsUSA Champions Magazine, sharing his story of how the organization he joined in high school helped him develop career passions, leadership and the ability to mentor others.

Bruce Gray, Texas

Retired SkillsUSA Texas instructor and state trainer Bruce Gray was a cabinetmaker who became a key supporter of SkillsUSA Texas. Gray worked to inspire success in students for over 20 years, helping to shape and mold the face of SkillsUSA Texas leadership as the state officer trainer, national officer candidate trainer and national conference delegation coordinator. Gray's cabinetmaking students at Cleveland (Texas) High School won first place in the state contest four times and placed in the national top 10 twice. At the state level, Gray trained 34 national officer candidates with 33 of them earning a national officer role. He had nine state officers, eight of them named as the state president. Additionally, he served as a district officer trainer and district delegation coordinator.

Wanda Henry, Alabama

Wanda Henry taught cosmetology for 25 years, served as an education specialist at the Alabama State Department of Education and is now a career coach. In 1982, she was a student member at the Hale County College and Career Academy chapter, in Greensboro, Ala., where she was president and a Cosmetology competitor. A SkillsUSA professional member for 27 years, Henry transformed the school's chapter at Pickens County College and Career Center from a few students participating in contests to a fully active chapter that is involved in community activities such as reading to children, helping with natural disaster relief and collecting coats for the homeless. She has served as a member of the SkillsUSA Alabama Board of Directors and a SkillsUSA Alabama state officer advisor, assisted with SkillsUSA district and state contests and has been a presenter at the state and national levels. She was named Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year, Outstanding Teacher of the Year and Alabama Advisor of the Year. Her students won Alabama Outstanding Chapter eight times and the American Spirit Award at the state and national level. Under her leadership, the chapter has received the Chapter of Excellence and Model of Excellence awards, placed in the Outstanding Chapter contest and won a first-place public relations award for promoting SkillsUSA at the national level.

Outstanding Career and Technical Educators

Brian Stevenson, Wyoming

For 35 years, Brian Stevenson has been an outstanding educator committed to the growth and success of his students at Cheyenne (Wyo.) Central High School. Stevenson won the SkillsUSA Wyoming Advisor of the Year Award in 2004 and won an outstanding chapter award for Wyoming each year from 1999-2016, finishing in the top 10 in the nation 12 times. He also won the University of California at San Diego Superior Teacher Award in 2006. He started the first Wyoming chapter of SkillsUSA in 1995 and helped start the SkillsUSA Wyoming state association. During his time as a SkillsUSA advisor he had four national officers, 14 state presidents and more than 30 state officers. His students have also won many SkillsUSA state and national SkillsUSA Championships competitions, and his chapters have won numerous Chapter of Excellence and Model of Excellence awards.

Sherrie Rowe, Georgia

Sherrie Rowe has mentored many students over the years and genuinely made a difference in their lives. Rowe is the department chair for Design and Media Production Technology at Augusta (Ga.) Technical College, where she has been an instructor for 24 years. She was the only teacher to receive a Teacher of the Year Award twice for Augusta Tech. She serves as the SkillsUSA Georgia Postsecondary coordinator for the contests in the World of Computers and the World of Design Media. She was also a finalist in 2019 for the Rick Perkins Georgia State Teacher of the Year award. Rowe previously served as the testing coordinator for SkillsUSA Georgia Postsecondary and currently serves as the association's webmaster. To read more about this giving teacher, see a story about one of her students, Rah'Mere Williams, in SkillsUSA Champions Magazine.

Rita Borselli, Nevada

Retiring after more than 20 years from Douglas High School in Minden, Nev., Rita Borselli has been a leader in career and technical education. Borselli has taught graphic design and screen printing to thousands of students, many of whom have gone on to success careers in graphic design, screen printing or related art fields. She has also coached many gold medalists who were winners at both the state and national SkillsUSA competitions. Her students have been very involved in a variety of community service projects and Borselli ran a successful holiday craft fair as a school fundraiser.

Trey Michael, North Carolina

Trey Michael is the State Director of Career and Technical Education at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, N.C. A former marketing teacher and a corporate member for SkillsUSA North Carolina, he attended several SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conferences. Michael believes in the importance of student development and has been a champion of career and technical student organizations (CTSOs), believing that every CTE teacher should also be a CTSO advisor. He has been instrumental in requiring new teachers go through a 40-hour new teacher induction program, with one-third of that program being devoted to CTSOs. He is well-versed in the SkillsUSA Framework and believes in its inclusion within classrooms across the state. He has also been instrumental in developing a strong relationship with CTE and SkillsUSA in the office of the state superintendent.

Brian Peffley, Pennsylvania

Brian Peffley has been a pastry arts instructor at Lebanon (Pa.) County Career and Technology Center for 25 years and a SkillsUSA advisor for 24 years. Peffley has mentored many students to compete in the SkillsUSA Championships in Commercial Baking, Restaurant Service, Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Job Skill Demo A and Action Skills. He and another instructor operate a successful lunch restaurant where his students learn all aspects of running a restaurant, including safety and sanitation, menu planning, inventory ordering, food preparation, dining room service and special event planning. Over the years, his students have won many best-of-show awards for their gingerbread houses. His students are also active in the community. In addition to his successful secondary pastry arts program, Peffley and his co-instructor worked for almost 10 years to bring an accredited postsecondary apprenticeship program to Lebanon County, now operating in conjunction with a local hotel.

Kimberly Petronella, New York

Kimberly Petronella is an instructor of the New Visions Health Careers Program at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES in New Hartford, N.Y. Petronella is also the coordinator of the health careers and the work-based learning programs. She is a former instructor for the certified nurse assistant program and serves as a mentor at the school for new teachers. As a SkillsUSA member, Petronella has served as a chapter advisor, as a health cluster manager for the SkillsUSA New York Area 2 conference and as chair of the SkillsUSA New York board of trustees. This year, she will be the manager of the state officer team. Her chapter has received the gold-level Chapter of Distinction for the past three years. She helps the state officer team at the fall leadership conference; helps the officers to serve other students throughout the state; and assists with the state officer delegation when they attend the Washington Leadership Training Institute.

SkillsUSA Regional Advisors of the Year

The SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year award honors SkillsUSA's most dedicated career and technical education instructors who serve as SkillsUSA advisors. They embrace the SkillsUSA Framework and national programming to create career readiness opportunities for every member. States hold an Advisor of the Year competition; the state winners then advance to the regional competition. The five regional winners will be interviewed on June 24, and a national Advisor of the Year will be selected.

John Stratton, Region 1 (New York)

A dedicated automotive instructor at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES in New Hartford (N.Y.), John Stratton embraces all aspects of the SkillsUSA program and feels the SkillsUSA Framework can help every student in every program. Stratton has been the lead advisor for 16 years and is also the mechanics cluster chair for the New York SkillsUSA Championships. He also serves as a national judge. Stratton has been recognized for excellence with several industry awards and is involved in coaching sports and in Boy Scouts. One of his SkillsUSA members describes Stratton as having “a friendly disposition and outstanding knowledge of SkillsUSA. He is always willing to guide students when needed but encourages us to take the leadership role and develop our projects.”

Rushe Hudzinski-Sero, Region 2 (Georgia)

Rushe Hudzinski-Sero is an instructor in business management at Savannah Technical College (Ga.), a position she came to following an award-winning career in human resources, training and recruiting. The SkillsUSA lead advisor on campus, Hudzinski-Sero was named by the college as the 2020 Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year. She has been recognized regionally and nationally for the development of training programs in customer service and human resources. The New York native holds an MBA, is active in professional associations and holds several industry certifications. One of her students describes this professor as “helping me to develop soft skills such as confidence and communication. She has mentored me and taught me how best to represent myself, my team, and my college.” What more could any student ask for?

Fred Ganter, Region 3 (Wisconsin)

Fred Ganter is an instructor in physics at Elkhorn Area High School (Wis.) and enjoys helping students find their passion and career path. He has been a SkillsUSA chapter advisor since 2015 and has built the SkillsUSA program at the school from the ground up. His SkillsUSA chapter has received awards including a Quality Chapter, a Silver Chapter of Excellence, and a Gold Chapter of Excellence. He was also recognized with the 2019 Rising Star Advisor award for the state of Wisconsin. Ganter enjoys getting to know his students as friends and helps them grow and develop skills that are necessary for them to be college and career ready. He believes strongly about developing the essential elements of the SkillsUSA Framework in them. One of his students describes him as “a great teacher who has a passion for helping his students find their next step into a career where they find meaning and success.”

Gloria Houston, Region 4 (Missouri)

Gloria Houston teaches Health Science at New Madrid Technical Skills Center (Mo.). She loves teaching in the healthcare field where, as she put it, “you can make a difference.” She enjoys watching her students become great nurses, therapists, and other healthcare professionals. Houston has a master’s degree in Career and Technical Education Leadership and Administration and has been a registered nurse for more than 20 years. She has been teaching for 11 years and is a huge advocate for career and technical education and SkillsUSA. Houston has won numerous local awards, including Educator of the Year, Home Health Nurse of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Woman of the Year. She loves being a CTE educator and SkillsUSA advisor because it changes lives. She says, “when you help a student find what they are passionate about and watch them excel in it, nothing compares to it.”

Nikki Gerner, Region 5 (California)

Nikki Gerner teaches Life Management and Introduction to Education at Dinuba High School/Valley Regional Occupational Program (Calif.) and has been the school’s main SkillsUSA advisor since 2015. She believes in the SkillsUSA Framework and how it empowers students as they develop their skill sets through real world application experiences. She incorporates the Framework in many ways through her teaching and even during the pandemic, she integrated the Framework into the chapter activities virtually. Over the course of the last year, SkillsUSA membership at Dinuba has gone from 150 to more than 450 members, allowing them to better serve the community. They have volunteered to work events, fundraisers and tech fairs and made presentations where they focused on how SkillsUSA assists in developing their personal, technical and workplace skills through classroom hands-on experiences. She says, “The Essential Elements are the key pieces to our World of Work puzzle and are needed for today’s students to understand the complexity of the untold stories of obtaining and keeping a job and progressing into a career.”



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2021 SkillsUSA Scholarships

SkillsUSA and its industry partners award scholarships to America's best career and technical students in conjunction with the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. These scholarships support higher education, travel to national conference and leadership development for students who plan to further their education in community colleges, undergraduate programs or industry certifications. Scholarship winners are announced here: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/.

Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship

The Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship — presented in partnership with North American Oil & Gas Pipelines (published by Benjamin Media Inc.), Continuum Capital, and SkillsUSA — is offering merit-based scholarships to school or college/postsecondary students continuing their education to pursue a career in energy construction (oil and gas pipelines, gas distribution, solar, and wind).

Carpentry and TeamWorks Competition Support Grant

The Carpentry and TeamWorks National Technical Committees offers a grant opportunity for SkillsUSA members to receive a grant to offset costs associated with purchasing materials and supplies to be able to participate in the 2021 virtual National Leadership and Skills Conference Carpentry competition (\$500) and TeamWorks competition (\$1,500).

Clifford H. "Ted" Rees, Jr. Scholarship

The Clifford H. "Ted" Rees, Jr. Scholarship Foundation, an AHRI Charitable Foundation, in partnership with SkillsUSA, offers eight one-time, merit based \$2,500 scholarships to SkillsUSA members who are currently enrolled as a high school junior, senior or college/postsecondary student in a HVACR or a general construction program and who will be pursuing college/postsecondary career training in the HVACR industry.

Fine Homebuilding and SkillsUSA #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship

Fine Homebuilding awards scholarships to SkillsUSA high school or college/postsecondary students continuing their education or certification programs in construction-related fields, such as architectural drafting, carpentry, cabinetmaking, electrical and residential wiring, HVACR, masonry, wood-working, and plumbing.

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools and the SkillsUSA Hope Fund

SkillsUSA, in partnership with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools and the Hope Fund, offers a grant opportunity for SkillsUSA members to receive materials and supplies to compete in the SkillsUSA Championships. Through the same partnership, eligible members can apply to receive \$95 scholarship to offset the registration fees for the 2021 virtual National Leadership and Skills Conference. The Hope Fund was created to support members and chapters in need during times of hardship including natural disaster, financial challenges and most recently economic challenges resulting from the pandemic.

Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship

The Larry Rash (pictured at right) Memorial Scholarship Fund supports students who plan to further their education in architecture or a related field. In partnership with SkillsUSA, two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded in 2021, and they can be applied to any college, university or postsecondary program in architecture or a related field.

Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship

SkillsUSA offers one annual merit-based \$1,000 scholarship to a state officer for college/postsecondary education, plus a \$500 travel stipend to attend SkillsUSA's National Leadership and Skills Conference in memory of Marsha Daves, a former SkillsUSA state and national leader. The scholarship honors this champion's legacy by recognizing how student leaders use the personal skills they develop to become better team members, leaders, employees, citizens and effective individuals who can fulfill the SkillsUSA mission.

National Technical Honor Society Scholarships

The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) awards \$1,000 scholarships to SkillsUSA members at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. To be eligible, students must be active, dues-paying members of both SkillsUSA and NTHS. Two scholarships are awarded to high school members and two to college/postsecondary members.

Robert Flint Leadership Development Scholarships

Thanks to a generous contribution from Robert L. Flint, a former Caterpillar executive and longtime SkillsUSA supporter, four individuals will receive a scholarship for participation in SkillsUSA Leverage, held virtually in the summer.

Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship

The SkillsUSA Alumni Association offers \$500 scholarships to one or more high-school SkillsUSA students in memory of Tennessee member Sharon Melton Myers. The scholarship is made possible through a donation from the Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Fund, SkillsUSA and McMinn County Vocational Center in Athens, Tenn.

For SkillsUSA scholarship winners and new opportunities, go to: <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/>



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2021 President's Volunteer Service Awards

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President's Volunteer Service Awards (PVSA) program to honor citizens who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to serve. The award recognizes individuals, families and teams based on hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over a lifetime. For individuals 15-25 years old, bronze is granted for 100-174 hours over a year, silver for 175-249 hours over a year, and gold for 250 or more hours over a year, or 4,000 or more hours of volunteer service over a lifetime. For families or teams, bronze is awarded for 200-499 hours over a year, silver for 500-999 hours over a year, and gold for 1,000 hours or more over a year. The list below represents more than 40,000 hours of logged community service.

Individual Awards

Arizona:

River Valley High School

Ethan Fromm (Gold)

Kevin Guenther (Gold)

Brayden Lott (Gold)

Nicholas Palfi (Gold)

California:

Downey High School

Anna Arambula-Pena (Gold)

Evelyn Picazzo (Gold)

Kimberly Ortiz (Silver)

Leticia Velarde (Silver)

Amier Auberry (Bronze)

Karen Barajas (Bronze)

Ingrid Belmonte (Bronze)

Isabella Delira (Bronze)

Camila Garcia (Bronze)

Natalie Garcia (Bronze)

Andrew Henriquez (Bronze)

Samantha Lorenzo (Bronze)

Alondra Jauregui (Bronze)

Araceli Magdaleno (Bronze)

Melisa Martinez (Bronze)

Charity Olavydez (Bronze)

Maria Palacios (Bronze)

Christian Pepaj (Bronze)

Nisa Rueda (Bronze)

Christina Salazar (Bronze)

Irane Santiago (Bronze)

Bridgette Yaquian (Bronze)

John Burroughs High School

Gabrielle Mathis (Bronze)

Massachusetts:

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School

Aliyana Martin (Gold)

New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School

Kara Koska (Gold)

Blue Hills Regional Technical High School

Christopher Alcimbart (Gold)

Blackstone Regional Vocational Technical High School

Abby Kelly (Silver)

Madeline Poitras (Silver)

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School

Lorelei Hetzler (Silver)

Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School

Lord Custudio (Silver)

Bay Path Regional Technical Vocational High School

Cody Douglas (Silver)

New Jersey:

Somerset County Academy for Health and Medical Sciences

Aarsha Sha (Gold)

Charlene Cai (Silver)

Evelyn Chuo (Silver)

Somerset County Vocational and Technical Schools

Christopher Masiello (Silver)

New York:

Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES

Joshua Calvani (Gold)

Sean Townsend (Gold)

Emily Barron (Bronze)

Texas:

John A. Dubiski Career High School

Troy Dwayne Broussard (Bronze)

Team Awards:

New York:

Thomas A. Edison CTE High School (Gold)

Massachusetts:

Lynn Vocational Technical Institute (Gold)

Oklahoma:

Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus: Law Enforcement Cadets (Silver)

New Jersey:

Bergen County Academies (Bronze)



SkillsUSA Fact Sheet

Overview:

SkillsUSA is a student organization, and a partnership of education and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student to excel. SkillsUSA serves high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and for further education.

Membership:

Hundreds of thousands of students and teachers join SkillsUSA annually, organized into chapters in 53 state and territorial associations. Combining alumni and lifetime members, the total number impacted annually is more than 400,000. SkillsUSA has served more than 13.8 million members since its founding in 1965.

Mission:

SkillsUSA empowers its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. We improve the quality of our nation's future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills that include personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics.

Partners:

More than 650 business, industry and labor organizations actively support SkillsUSA at the national level through financial aid, in-kind contributions, and involvement of their people in SkillsUSA activities. Many more work directly with state associations and local chapters.

Programs:

SkillsUSA programs help establish industry standards for job skill training. SkillsUSA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, and is cited as a "successful model of employer-driven youth development training program" by the U.S. Department of Labor. SkillsUSA programs include the Career Essentials suite (online career-readiness program), and competitions in which students demonstrate skilled trade and leadership skills. At the annual SkillsUSA Championships, thousands of students compete in over 100 occupational and leadership skill areas each June.

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