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Dear SkillsUSA Family,

Welcome back to an in-person National Leadership & Skills Conference!

“In-person.” How good does it feel to hear that? It certainly feels great to write it. We have waited three long years for this moment, and with the city of Atlanta as our new conference home, we are set to celebrate skills and the skilled trades in a way that will make the entire nation take notice.

Our NLSC is the greatest showcase of career and technical education in the country, so make sure you take in everything the week has to offer: The pageantry of the Opening Session, the pride of our first-ever Recognition Session, the learning opportunities of SkillsUSA University, the overwhelming partner support at SkillsUSA TECHSPO, the awe-inspiring adrenaline of the SkillsUSA Championships, the joy of our annual community service project, the life-changing emotion of our Awards Session and so much more. This NLSC will end up as a milestone event in many lives … hopefully yours.

This Awards & Recognition Book serves as a testimony to just some of the amazing work performed in SkillsUSA chapters across the country this year on the Road to Atlanta. The names and accomplishments celebrated here reflect the work of true SkillsUSA champions, from dedicated advisors to state officers, from committed partners to role-model instructors, from national competitors to the generous industry volunteers who make the SkillsUSA Championships possible. The truth is, however, you are all champions of SkillsUSA, and you all deserve to be recognized.

Through the challenges of the past two years, you’ve demonstrated to the nation just how essential the skilled trades have been and always will be. By embracing the SkillsUSA Framework of Personal, Workplace and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics, you’ve exemplified the aspirational value of career and technical education as we work to create the next generation of skilled workers, leaders and people our country desperately needs.

This is a week to celebrate what we’ve overcome, but, more importantly, it’s also a time to celebrate where we’re going. There has never been a better time to be skilled, and there has never been a better place to showcase those skills than right here in Atlanta at SkillsUSA’s 58th National Leadership & Skills Conference.

I wish you all a life-changing, “United as One” week. The best is yet to come.

Sincerely,

Chelle Travis
Executive Director, SkillsUSA
National Leadership & Skills Conference Overview

Welcome to SkillsUSA’s 58th National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC)! Every NLSC is a milestone event, but this year’s is especially noteworthy, as it marks the first time in three years that SkillsUSA has been able to hold an in-person NLSC. It also marks the first time we’ve held the event in Atlanta since 1981.

The NLSC is the showcase for the best career and technical education students in the nation, and it’s brimming with activities and opportunities at every turn.

This multifaceted event features the SkillsUSA Championships, where state champions from across the nation compete head-to-head for bronze, silver and gold medals in more than 100 career competition events.

SkillsUSA TECHSPO — the nation’s largest technical trade show — is another main attraction, featuring hundreds of exhibitors from industry and education. SkillsUSA University is also held throughout the week, featuring a series of breakout seminars and workshops for students and instructors. Along with the traditional Opening and Awards sessions, this year also sees our first-ever Recognition Session, designed to honor the skill-building work happening at all levels of SkillsUSA every day throughout the nation.

The NLSC and its associated programs and events are made possible through in-kind contributions of an estimated $36 million in time, equipment and materials, but no one can put a price tag on the way lives are changed, dreams are realized and futures are forged at this unique and inspirational event. Welcome back to NLSC, SkillsUSA Nation!
## Condensed Conference Agenda

### Saturday, June 18

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SkillsUSA General Sessions

*The below runs-of-show are tentative and subject to change as session schedules are finalized.

Opening Session | Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m.
SkillsUSA official attire or career competition attire is recommended. Business professional attire acceptable.

The Opening Session is the kick-off event of the annual National Leadership & Skills Conference. This experience engages attendees with high-energy, participatory and recognition components that set the tone for the week-long conference.

- Parade of Champions
- Opening Ceremony
- Anthem and Honor Guard
- National Officer Welcome
- Message from Miguel Cardona, U.S. Secretary of Education
- Keynote Speaker: Nick Pinchuk, President and CEO of Snap-on Incorporated
- Pin and T-shirt Design Recognition
- National Officer Candidate Introduction
- State of the Association, Chelle Travis
- Ribbon Cutting

SPECIAL ADDRESS:
Miguel Cardona
U.S. Secretary of Education

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Nick Pinchuk
President and CEO, Snap-on Incorporated

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NEW! Recognition Session | Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m.

Business casual unless being recognized on stage, in which case SkillsUSA official attire is required.

During stakeholder research conducted in the summer of 2020, students indicated they join SkillsUSA to experience community, growth and recognition. As a result, SkillsUSA is expanding our session lineup to include a new recognition session that will honor and celebrate our chapter and member growth.

The session will include entertainment and additional experiences to strengthen that sense of community our members are looking for when they join SkillsUSA. This new session will showcase the achievements of more members by elevating their recognition on a stage that traditionally only recognized a small number of students outside of the SkillsUSA Championships. It will honor the skill-building work on all levels of SkillsUSA, engage all conference attendees in recognizing their peers for work accomplished throughout the year and bring satisfying closure to a year of hard work and success. As a result, students will be inspired to apply themselves in growth and development in the upcoming year.

- Session Welcome
- Chapter Excellence Program Gold Chapter of Distinction
- Career Essentials Credential Recipients
- Honorary Life Award
- Hall of Champions Award
- Impact Award
- Advisor of the Year Award
- President’s Volunteer Service Awards
- Session Sponsor Introduction/Speaker
- Delegate Recognition
- Musical performance featuring Flo Rida

SPECIAL MUSICAL HEADLINER:
Flo Rida
Performer of smash hits like “Low,” “Good Feeling,” “My House” and more!
Awards Session | Friday, June 24, 5 p.m.

SkillsUSA official attire or career competition attire. Winners not wearing approved attire will receive their medallion off-stage.

The culminating experience of the National Leadership & Skills Conference is the Awards Session, which serves to recap the entire NLSC experience. This high-energy session will recognize the accomplishments of the attendees who participated in NLSC activities, including the SkillsUSA Championships, national officer election process and more. Attendees will leave the conference inspired to achieve greatness in their own leadership roles within the organization and with a spirit of celebration for themselves and others.

- Red Carpet Event
- Session Welcome
- Sponsor Speaker: Darren Keefe
- SkillsUSA Championships Awards
- Models of Excellence Announcement
- SkillsUSA Championships Awards
- Community Service Recognition (NLSC)
- SkillsUSA Championships Awards
- National Education Team/Technical Committee Appreciation
- SkillsUSA Championships Awards
- National Officer Announcement/Installation
- SkillsUSA Championships Awards
- Annual Theme Unveiling
- Closing Message

SPONSOR SPEAKER:
Darren Keefe
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SkillsUSA Board of Directors

SkillsUSA is governed by a board of directors. The board is elected by SkillsUSA corporate members who represent their respective state associations. One corporate member from each of the five SkillsUSA regions is elected to the board. In addition, ex-officio members include a representative of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), a representative from Advance CTE and the chair of the SkillsUSA State Directors Association. Representatives from business, industry and organized labor also serve.

**President/Business and Industry Representative**
- Samuel Bottum
  - Snap-on Incorporated

**Vice President and Industry Representative**
- Maureen Tholen
  - 3M Company

**Secretary and Region 5 Representative**
- Clay Mitchell
  - California

**Region 1 Representative**
- Charles Wallace
  - Maryland

**Region 2 Representative**
- Vacant

**Region 3 Representative**
- Robert Kornack
  - Ohio

**Region 4 Representative**
- Becky Warren
  - Kansas

**ACTE Liaison**
- Danny Camden
  - Indiana

**Advance CTE Liaison**
- Sarah Heath
  - Colorado

**College/Postsecondary Representative**
- Jennifer Worth
  - American Association of Community Colleges

**Equity Representative**
- Mimi Lufkin
  - National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity

**SkillsUSA State Association Directors Chair**
- Joshua Klemp
  - Rhode Island

**Business and Industry Representatives**
- Leigh Creech
  - Lowe’s Companies Inc.

- Holly M. Dieterle
  - Toyota USA

- David “DJ” Jordan
  - Aerotek

- John Kett
  - IAA

- Jason Scales, Ph.D.
  - Lincoln Electric

- Cheryl Schaefer
  - State Farm

- Kira Zdunek
  - Caterpillar

**Executive Director, SkillsUSA**
- Chelle Travis
One of the many highlights of SkillsUSA’s National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) is the announcement of our new national officer team at the Awards Session. During NLSC, delegates from across the nation convene to formally elect the new team after carefully reviewing the individual campaigns of each candidate. The officers represent SkillsUSA by attending conferences, making visits to industry, delivering speeches at various functions and more. Serving as a national officer is the ultimate personal growth and student leadership experience within SkillsUSA.

The 2021-22 national officer team was small but mighty. Together, they worked hard all year to keep students motivated, engaged and “United as One,” from offering fall leadership conference support, leading SkillsUSA’s Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI), advocating for career and technical education to the Department of Education and Congress during SkillsUSA Week, hosting Instagram Live sessions, speaking on behalf of SkillsUSA at various events, administering SkillsUSA’s Connect to My Future Career Conference, filming videos, promoting a variety of campaigns and so much more. They made the organization — and SkillsUSA Nation — proud, and we’re proud to salute them this week in their final official roles as SkillsUSA national officers.

On the following two pages, the officers share — in their own words — some personal highlights of a truly exceptional and unforgettable year.
LEADERSHIP

2021-22 National Officer Team | High School Officers

Ambuja Sharma, President
Ambuja is a law, public safety, corrections and security student at Cambridge High School in Milton, Ga.

“This year has been one for the books! I’m so proud to have been on a team of incredibly motivated servant leaders, dedicated to taking full advantage of what our first year back had to offer. We traveled across the country, met and empowered thousands of SkillsUSA members and, along the way, built an arsenal of skills that I can't wait to see us utilize in the future! Serving as a national officer has truly been a highlight. A piece of advice for next year’s team is to be present in every moment! Your year of service will fly by, but the moments you take advantage of will remain with you. I know that the memories I’ve made this year will stick with me forever.”

Lindsey Lanman, Vice President
Lindsey is a criminal justice student at Wylie (Texas) East High School.

“This year has been too incredible to put into words. I have learned lessons to build my Framework skills and did it with some of the best people. I couldn’t have asked for a better group of people to challenge me every day and push me to reach my full potential. Serving as a SkillsUSA National Officer has truly been one of the best experiences of my high school career, and I hope to continue my work with this organization in the future.”

Caroline Daley, Secretary
Caroline is an automotive and manufacturing student at Northeast High School in Saint Petersburg, Fla.

“It has been a spectacular year. I cannot begin to express how happy I’ve been serving as a national officer. Everyone on the team was so charismatic and every conversation with them brought me joy. I am more confident and more excited for everything that comes next because of my experiences. The best part is that everything I learned through my year of service will stay with me as I seek out future opportunities. It has been my honor to serve as a SkillsUSA National Officer, and I’m incredibly thankful to have had the opportunity.”
2021-22 National Officer Team | High School Officers  Continued

**Noe Garcia, Treasurer**
Noe is an energy and industrial technology student at West-MEC Southwest Campus in Buckeye, Ariz.

“This year has been, in one word, amazing. My team and I all had so many different experiences, opportunities and life lessons learned. We traveled across the United States, getting the best training and professional development we could ever ask for. The knowledge I’ve gained from serving as a national officer has been impactful and powerful. It’s not only been an honor to serve as a national officer, but life-changing as well. Some advice to the new team: Cherish every moment. Before you know it, it’s already over.”

2021-22 National Officer Team | College/Postsecondary Officer

**Christopher Anderson, President**
Christopher is a drafting and design technology student at Ozark Technical College in Springfield, Mo.

“What a great year we have had as an organization! We have overcome many obstacles and challenges the past few years, but that didn’t stop us from connecting. Being United as One as an organization has brought each individual closer to each other and allowed our relationships to grow even stronger than before. I am honored and blessed to have served as a SkillsUSA National Officer this year and could not ask for a better team. For next year’s national officer team, I hope y’all get to experience the bond with each other! Peace. Love. And God Bless SkillsUSA and each and every one of you!”

**Congratulations, SkillsUSA 2021-22 National Officer Team!**
**Thank you for an amazing year!**
2022 SkillsUSA State Directors

The state SkillsUSA director is responsible for operating the SkillsUSA state association and overseeing all school chapters within the state or territory they represent. State SkillsUSA directors also oversee state conferences and special events. High school (HS) and college/postsecondary (C/PS) associations are noted where appropriate. SkillsUSA thanks all of our dedicated state directors for the inspiring, life-changing work they accomplished this year.

Alabama: Yolanda Wilson (C/PS), Lisa Bruce (HS)  
Alaska: Ray Jensen  
Arizona: Daniel Kelly  
Arkansas: Keith McKnight  
California: Clay Mitchell  
Colorado: Miki Gann  
Connecticut: Heidi Griffen  
Delaware: Andrea Keen  
District of Columbia: Carleather Ponder  
Florida: Jessica Graber  
Georgia: Tjazha Mazhani (C/PS), Ashley Brown (HS)  
Hawaii: Vangie Casinas  
Idaho: Chet Andes  
Illinois: Eric Hill  
Indiana: Kelley Baker  
Iowa: Kent Sueffer  
Kansas: Becky Warren  
Kentucky: Melanie Jamison  
Louisiana: Damian Glover (C/PS), Larry Rabalais (HS)  
Maine: Harold Casey  
Maryland: Charles Wallace  
Massachusetts: Karen Ward  
Michigan: Danielle West  
Minnesota: Tim Friedrich  
Mississippi: Kimberly Jones (C/PS), Shanta Villanueva (HS)  
Missouri: Christy McEhwan  
Montana: Mary Heller  
Nebraska: Greg Stahr  
Nevada: Sindie Read  
New Hampshire: Jeff Stuart  
New Jersey: Meg Andrews  
New Mexico: Jessica Nojek  
New York: Craig Clark (C/PS), Midge McCloskey (HS)  
North Carolina: Paul Heidepriem  
North Dakota: Tracy Becker  
Ohio: Jackie Walker  
Oklahoma: Emily Goff  
Oregon: Wendy Menchu-Lopez  
Pennsylvania: Jeri Widdowson  
Puerto Rico: Victor Nieves  
Rhode Island: Joshua Klemp  
South Carolina: Joe Chapman  
South Dakota: Katie Paulson  
Tennessee: Shania Willyard (C/PS), Ashley Acuff (HS)  
Texas: Crystal Latham-Alford (C/PS), Jake Lopez (HS)  
Utah: Richard Wittwer  
Vermont: Christopher Gray  
Virgin Islands: Anton Doos  
Virginia: Joyce Price  
Washington: Rick Aguilar (C/PS), Karmen Warner (HS)  
West Virginia: Melissa Wilkinson  
Wisconsin: Tom Wozniak (C/PS), Jessa Dahmes (HS)  
Wyoming: Janie Wilcox
LEADERSHIP

2022 SkillsUSA State Directors Association Officers

The SkillsUSA State Directors Association communicates the needs and concerns of state associations, presents recommendations for the priorities and activities of SkillsUSA, acts as a clearinghouse for SkillsUSA board action and advises the SkillsUSA staff.

Josh Klemp, chair (R.I.)
Jackie Walker, chair-elect (Ohio)
Janie Wilcox, secretary (Wyo.)
Hal Casey, parliamentarian (Maine)
Eric Hill, alumni representative (Ill.)
Clay Mitchell, immediate past chair (Calif.)
Karen Ward, Region 1 (Mass.)
Jessica Graber, Region 2 (Fla.)
Kelley Baker, Region 3 (Ind.)
Crystal Latham-Alford, Region 4 (Texas, C/PS)
Sindie Read, Region 5 (Nev.)

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You can send emails and fetch coffee, or you can start building an incredible career right now. It’s time to redefine success.
As a student-run organization, SkillsUSA members are charged with the responsibility of governing the affairs associated with the student bylaws. Each state or territorial association names voting delegates to represent their views to the SkillsUSA National House of Delegates. This year, over 400 delegates — who are geographically diverse and hold various leadership roles in their local chapter or state association — come together to conduct the business of SkillsUSA using parliamentary procedure. The number of voting delegates is in proportion to the state’s membership. There is a separate house of delegates for the middle school division, high school division and the college/postsecondary division. Throughout NLSC, delegates will receive training to develop their responsibility and decision-making skills while building their peer network throughout the delegate process. They will use these skills to communicate and advocate on behalf of our association in committee meetings as well as the business sessions where SkillsUSA conducts the organization’s official student business.

**Alabama – College/Postsecondary**
- William Barial III
- Ambre Beavers
- Brandon Blackwood
- Julian Camarillo
- Robert Combs
- Wendy Gold
- Noah Harris
- Evgeniya Koshelyaevskaya
- Annie Norwood
- Brylan Rice
- Caleb Sharpe
- Mackenzie Walker
- Garrett Weaver
- Grant Wiley

**Alabama – High School**
- Caitlyn Davis
- GraceAnn Dean
- Ryan Garrod
- Leah Mccants
- Edwin Mendoza
- Kasia Paszek
- Lily Thwing

**Arizona**
- Gabe Agraim
- Ethan Avery
- Emma Beach
- Tristan Black
- Tej Desai
- Desirae L. Diaz
- Olivia Grano
- Erica Graves
- Rozetta Locksa
- Jaxon Mundt
- Kristy V. Mojardin Parra
- Erica Ritzenthaler
- Raul Rivas
- Stef Sandez
- Liliana Valencia

**Arkansas**
- Freddy Clampet
- Bannon Price
- Stevie Scheffler
- Chloe Silva
- Ana Villegas

**California**
- Abel Abarca
- Sambhav Agarwal
- Teresita Andrade
- Juliana Arceo
- Aubryana Arevalo
- Tanya Bedolla
- Neha Bhaskarabhotla
- Leslye P. Chavez
- Reyna Cruz
- Ethen Dhanaraj
- Aubrianna Dowler-Cazares
- Malaney Garcia
- Jessie Gutierrez-Chavez
- Samarth Hiremath
- Charlie Huang
- Jimin Kim
- Herambh Kumar
- Sumedha Kundurthi
- Francisco Lemus
- Nikitha Maderamitla
- Johnathan Navarro
- Omar Perez
- Gonzalo Rios Cruz
- Christopher Robles
2022 SkillsUSA National Voting Delegates (Continued)

**California** (Cont’d)
Adiney Rodriguez-Bustos
Estrella Romero-Ruiz
Oviya Senthil
Nikhil Sharma
Pari Sharma
Courtney Smith
Antonio Talavera
Angel Tamayo
Arieanna Escobedo Torres
Natalie Torres Tristan
Valentino Tristan
Henry Valdivia
Nathan Vonghom

Joseph Price
Raven Ridley
Lathan Theodore

**Hawaii**
Rachel Mercado-Bringas
Caitlyn Amber Roldan
Tamlyn Horiuchi
Tiffany Mendoza

**Idaho**
Bailey Jensen
Christopher McKenzie
Audrey Norris
Takota Romero

**Illinois**
Debora Culajay
Bryant Velasco
Gilberto Flores
Adrian Hernandez
David Hernandez
Marleny Marquez

**Alternate Delegates**
Damaris Najera
Denard Stewart
Alyssa Valdes

**Indiana**
DeLanie Camden
Isabelle Felke
Carlos Franco
Kristiana Golojuch
Kathrine Nevlida

**Alternate Delegates**
Scarlett LaBuda
Mariah Richardson

**Kansas**
Caelan Templeton
Mackenzie Willey

**Kentucky**
Lillian Jones
Tyler Braden
Dylan Gemmer
Caleb Humphrey
Nathan Muse
Autumn Piercefield

**Louisiana – College/Postsecondary**
Celina Burnaman
Amber Powell

**Louisiana – High School**
Alyssa Alexander
Ania Ball
Jacob Pellegrin

**Alternate Delegates**
Jasminue Brunet
Carly Champagne

**Maine**
Kaido Bard
Taylor Mason
Addison Nelson
Raquel Shaw
Lucy Utgard

**Maryland**
Jessica Beck
Tabitha Cooks
Lilly Hall
Makayla Murphy
Emily Smetana

**Alternate Delegate**
Kate Akins

**District of Columbia**
Deanna Mozee
Casandra Zelaya Torres

**Florida**
Brianne Bowman
Cody Combs
Abigail Fletcher
Paige Weaver

**Georgia – College/Postsecondary**
Paige Buhite
Justin McClellan
Emily Pinto
Ashley Watson

**Georgia – High School**
Maddie Flores
Loiises Gibbs
Aidan Gordon
Sareena Lidhar
Ivan Martin
Jonathan McClain
2022 SkillsUSA National Voting Delegates (Continued)

**Massachusetts**
- Anjelis Amaro
- Kayla Anastasio
- Mia Bellacqua
- Ariana Besse
- Anderson Blanco Zapata
- Kayla Burrell
- Hunter Claflin
- Mark Coleman
- Bryan Costa
- Jaidyn Craig
- Sophia DeAlmeida
- Brooks Doane
- Maliya Duggan
- Nicholas Gikas
- Dafne Gomez Giron
- Shannen Hardy
- Ryan Hollis
- Aubrey Houle
- Elizabeth Hughes
- Kara Koska
- Elizabeth Lafleur
- Mira Le
- Etzer Lindor
- Ryan Link
- Kayla Mathieu
- Haley Mckinnon
- Jordan Melo
- Felix Nelson
- Abigail Oliveira
- Philip Pereira
- Camila Ramirez
- Nia Rodrigues
- Ayden Rzewuski
- Emma Shaker
- Samantha Stephens
- Lanah Wallace
- Thomas Williamson
- Bryan Zambrano

**Michigan**
- Wyatt Boggs
- Samuel Dittmar
- Jack Munn
- Austin Neely
- Nicholas Shepich

**Minnesota**
- Ally Brodin
- Omar Rahmad

**Missouri**
- Isabella Berck
- Laney Blacketer
- Jayden Butcher
- Marcus Caruso
- Regan Crowe
- Alexander Daves
- Isis Ducker
- Alexa Green
- Gracelyn Jacobs
- Madeleine Lock
- Alexa Martinez
- Eric Nelson
- Tatyhanna Peach
- Marissa Tankersley
- Brooke Walter

**Mississippi – College/Postsecondary**
- Hannah Myers
- Preston Payne

**Mississippi – High School**
- Colten Acy
- Landon Griffin
- Deajon Johnson
- Diego Ramos
- Carlisle Roberts

**Montana**
- Abigail Converse
- Emmalyn Edwards

**Nebraska**
- Seth Engelmann
- James Heirigs
- Rhegan Jensen
- Audrey Wang
- Maxton Yarnell

**Nevada**
- Troy Barrera
- Grace Cotton
- Evelyn Maile
- Sophia Martinez
- Joseph Sandusky

**New Jersey**
- Olivia Gray
- Shubh Katakia
- Anika Malladi
- Marlee McGhee
- Jiya Mody
- Ricarda Pallazhco
- Erin Pritchett
- Isabella Sosio
- Rachel Weast

**New Mexico**
- Jaylon Begay
- Lamuel Begaye
- Kyros Ervin
- Allen Gonzalez
- Tonja Manuelito

**New York – High School**
- Isabella Campbell
- Kaitlynn Chapman
- Catherine Figueroa
- Ryan Frank
- Madison Fromma
- Joey Gogola
- Ryan Greene
- Kerrisha Jean
- Emily Nunes
- Adam Pfleuger
2022 SkillsUSA National Voting Delegates (Continued)

**North Carolina**
Emily Campbell-Tyler
Chad Davis
Ashdon Grigsby
Kassidy Gross
Jenna McIamb
Madelyn Watson

**Alternate Delegate**
Charles Marley

**North Dakota**
Madison Maley
Peyton Puckett

**Ohio**
Dylan Bell
Jada Breidenbach
Briauna Chamberlin
Nicole Cindric
Julia Davenport
Devin Day
Brian Del Real
Austin Funk
Kylee Johns
Emily Jolly
Tyler Lauck
Tehya Maxell
Alexis Prentiss
Elladah Ratliff
Logan Senning
Tabish Sheikh
Ryan Thompson
Olivia Van Schaik
Sophia Walker
Javier Yates

**Oklahoma**
Zander Aguirre
Kaden Chapman
Khaliyah Davis
Hoi Nei Haakip
Zachary Keen
Lindsay Loeffelholz
Suchita Madihally
Avery Miller
Trenten Rippy
Ryan Sample
Grace Starks
Logan VanSchuyver

**Oregon**
Linda Le
Xavier Ryther
Brianna Vinson

**Pennsylvania**
Ali Fakira
Margaret Ogunsanya
Jordis Patterson
Lianna Vargas
Katelyn Williams

**Puerto Rico**
Dayarilys Robles Berdecia
Yahir Rey Caraballo
Chedriel Luciano Montero
Diego Carrillo Rodriguez
Franky Vega

**Rhode Island**
Weedney Exavier
Tyler Miles
Karriana Phoeun
Aidan Simao
Maxwell Smith Spencer
Sprows

**Alternate Delegates**
Adria Labossiere
Sophia Pena

**South Carolina**
Sa-Ryah Allison
Ayla Chapman
Sarah Crouch
Janiah Williams

**Alternate Delegates**
Chloe Raynor
Ashley Zamora

**Tennessee – College/Postsecondary**
Mandy Byrd
Joshua Farless
Hayden Feltman
Jeremiah Fuget
Shyanne Geathers
Jacob Gross
DiMarco Haire
Alisha Haddon-Frazier
Justin Keen
Jacob King
McCauley Kinzer
Tyler Lime
Christian Norman
Andrew Orr
Joshua Osterhaus
Keely Ping
Raymond Roberts
Amy Salazar
Ashlyn West

**Tennessee – High School**
MaryBeth Brown
Amy Mercer
Aryanna Nelson
Mary Jayne Pederson
Stephen Thigpen
Conner Zanchi
2022 SkillsUSA National Voting Delegates (Continued)

Texas – College/Postsecondary
Lance Gerard
Tairan Lockett
Geraldo Pirela

Texas – High School
Ariel Alcoser
Jaley BaumGuardner
Mackenzie Burkett
Valeria Cabrera
Mikalah Campbell
Caroleena Danab
Celeste De Los Rios
Mario Diaz
Madison Donovan
Samantha Gallardo
Esequiel Marques Garza
Makennah Gatica
Caden Hall
Alaina Kellems
Christian Kelton
Emma Pope
Neely Richardson
Isabella Rudder
Ger’Kariah Shine
Kaden Smith
Suri Wang
Adrianna Webster
Mason Wraight

Utah
Jacob Crook
Oliver Davis
Joeebee Manis
Saije R. Thompson

Virginia
Zainab Akbar
Sydney Holland
Keely James
Alison Jones
Zoe Nix
Hannah Phelps
Ava Simon

Vermont
Riyam Al-Janabi
Emma Dana
Bodwe Kashindi

Washington – High School
Linkin Berner
Ashley Christian
Faith Crawford
Erastine Gee
Haily Hettenbach
Pablo Luna
Lucy Nowicki
Rohntpal Thind

West Virginia
Wyatt Board
Skyler Donaldson
Robbie Hall
Ava Lopata
Cody Marion
William Vanmeter

Wisconsin – College/Postsecondary
Zack Hackett
Eric Jashinsky
Ralph Taylor

Wisconsin – High School
Isabella Albert
Chyanne Balczewski
Ryan Forbes
Ryan Wenger

Wyoming
Josiah Bartlett
Conner Maddox
Julia Maertens
Andrew Schlabach
SkillsUSA salutes the following state officer teams. These names were submitted by their state SkillsUSA directors for inclusion in this Awards and Recognition Book. These student leaders serve in a variety of roles throughout their year of service. As leaders, they serve as communicators, advocates and facilitators. They lead both their Fall Leadership Conference and State Leadership & Skills Conference. The state officer team also serves local chapters and provides SkillsUSA Framework instruction to members to help them become career ready. To learn the process for becoming a state officer, contact your advisor or state director.

**Alabama**
Tonya Corona  
Caitlyn Davis  
GraceAnn Dean  
Ryan Garrod  
Leah McCants  
Edwin Mendoza  
Katherine (Kasia) Paszek  
Lily Thwing  
Garrett Weaver

**Arizona**
Tej Desai  
Desirae Diaz  
Benjamin Doerksen  
Benjamin Ma  
Kristy Mojardin  
Raul Rivas  
Estefania Sanchez

**Colorado**
Ruth Bernardo  
Chloe Limburg  
Sydney Riggenbach

**Florida**
Hamza Ali  
Brianne Bowman  
Ryan Buchanan  
Samantha Clark  
Abigail Fletcher  
Kirra James  
Bianca Jaramillo  
Ashley Kissoon  
Nicholas Lambiase  
Kaylynn Leapley  
Chase Petibone  
Azriella Roland  
Paige Weaver  
Luke Yoakum

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Joseph Price  
Lathan Theodore

**Indiana**
Martin Cabrer  
Frankie Hood  
Cykara Lewis

**Iowa**
Alyson Ball  
Gavin Kruse  
Collin Teunissen  
Brooklyn Vanbeek

**Kansas**
Kiera McNellis  
Hope Rogers  
Lathe Smith  
Caelan Timpleton  
Mackenzee Willey

**Kentucky**
Tyler Braden  
Dylan Gemmer  
Caleb Humphrey  
Lillian Jones  
Nathan Muse  
Autumn Piercefield  
Juan Valencia

**Louisiana – High School**
Leon Adams  
Alyssa Alexander  
Ania Ball  
Yadhira Castillo  
Skyler Jones  
Matthew Mouton  
Jacob Pellergrin  
Nate Wood
2021–22 SkillsUSA State Officer Teams (Continued)

**Maine**
- Kaido Bard
- Sean Casey
- Katahdin Javner
- Taylor Mason
- Addison Nelson
- Raquel Shaw
- Marguerite Shepard
- Lucille Utgard
- Danielle White

**Massachusetts**
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- Jaidyn Craig
- Ryan Hollis
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- Kayla Mathieu
- Jordan Mello
- Emma Shaker
- Thomas Williamson

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- Carson Parlberg
- Miranda Raab

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- Lianna Vargas
LEADERSHIP

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Kassidy Gross
Kaison Marley
Jenna McLamb
Madelyn Watson

North Dakota
Dezirae Grinsteinner
Keira Hansen
Madison Maley
Hunter Moreno
Peyton Puckett
Justin Wardell
Charly Wyatt

Oklahoma
Gracie Bailey
Kaden Chapman
Khaliyah Davis
Hoi Nei Haokip
Zachary Keen
Lindsay Loeffelholz
Suchita Madihally
Avery Miller
Trenten Rippy
Ryan Sample
Grace Starks
Logan VanSchuyver

Pennsylvania
Ali Fakira
Margaret Ogunsanya
Jordis Patterson
Katelyn Williams

Rhode Island
Weedney Exavier
Adria Labossiere
Tyler Miles
Sophia Pena
Karriana Phoeun
Aidan Simao
Spencer Sprows

Tennessee – High School
Kevin Hu
Will Gulley
Chase Schwartz
Eliza Smith
Emma Waller
2021–22 SkillsUSA State Officer Teams (Continued)

**Texas – High School**
- Mario Diaz
- Caden Hall
- Brielle Kellums
- Carlos Jimenez-Sido
- Ger’kariah Shine
- Kaden Smith
- Martin Wanyoike

**Utah**
- Ashlynn Bascom
- Sam Berky
- Ben Cornaby
- Jacob Crook
- Abbey Evans
- Monique Gardiner
- Aiden Maher
- Joebee Manis
- Saige Thompson
- Oliver Wilson
- Dallin Yost

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- Ava Lopata
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- Ryan Forbes
- Ryan Wenger

**Wisconsin – College/Postsecondary**
- Zachary Hackett
- Eric Jashinsky
- Austin Kaczmarski
- Ralph Taylor

**Wyoming**
- Kylee Lamb
- Tristy Thomas
- Nathan VanNatter
- Liberty Whitebird
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Honorary Life Members

SkillsUSA’s highest recognition is the Honorary Life Membership. It is awarded for outstanding service that advances the purposes and goals of the national organization.

Louise Drow

As an automotive technology instructor, Louise Drow has dedicated over 30 years to helping students develop career and technical education skills in leadership, automotive and diesel programs. Drow’s innovative program at Aloha High School in Beaverton, Ore., has been accredited by the Automotive Service Excellence Educational Foundation since 2005 and is the only automotive program in the state of Oregon to hold such an esteemed certification. That quality in the classroom proves itself further in competition: Drow’s students placed in the top three at the SkillsUSA Oregon state championships in 13 of the last 15 years and placed in the top 10 in the nation three times. Drow also encourages her students to use their skills to serve their communities, as they regularly organize automotive clinics for needy families, participate in school and community cleanup events and organize donations to local shelters. Over 80% of her students continue to gain further education or employment in the auto industry, a testimony to her program’s quality. As a former instructor in Arizona, Drow advised and trained many state officers and one national officer. Every job change created an opportunity for her to start a new program and encourage students to compete, learn and achieve in SkillsUSA.

Janet Conner

Janet Conner devoted 31 years to dedicated SkillsUSA service, and she retired in 2021 after 20 years as a highly successful state executive director for the SkillsUSA Texas High School Division. During her career, she always put the welfare of students first, empowering them to overcome any obstacles on their personal roads to success. During Conner’s tenure as the SkillsUSA Texas director, membership and event attendance increased consistently, with her last state conference topping 8,000 participants. She and her team of talented staff and volunteers created or expanded many competitions to provide enhanced experiences for students. One example was in the law enforcement career field. With Conner’s help, the Criminal Justice events in Texas expanded to include Building Search Team, Felony Traffic Stop Team, Forensics Science Team and Crime Scene Investigation (which later became a national competition). Conner personally advocated for career and technical education by attending every SkillsUSA Texas Legislative Day, Washington Leadership Training Institute and National Leadership & Skills Conference. She and her team helped develop thousands of outstanding SkillsUSA Texas members, state officers and future national officers. Conner will be missed, but her legacy as a positive change agent in many young lives is forever secure.
Deb Hargrove
SkillsUSA advisor and Family and Consumer Science instructor
Deb Hargrove dedicated over 20 years to supporting the SkillsUSA program at Arkansas City High School (Kan.) at every level. While teaching, Hargrove was the lead advisor for her school's SkillsUSA chapter, using her coaching and leadership abilities to develop numerous chapter leaders, state officers and a national officer. After retirement, Hargrove continued to support SkillsUSA by serving as a SkillsUSA Kansas board member, chairing various contests and serving as the state officer trainer, incorporating the SkillsUSA Career Essentials curriculum to enhance the development of each officer. Hargrove's support didn't stop at the state level. She also supported students serving as state delegates at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC), helped prepare national officer candidates and helped manage the state delegation during the national conference. Hargrove's commitment to student success through SkillsUSA is remarkable, unstoppable and inspirational.
Outstanding Career and Technical Educators

Each year, SkillsUSA is proud to honor individual educators for their service and dedication to career and technical education and to SkillsUSA by naming them as our Outstanding Career and Technical Educators.

Andrew Aldrich

SkillsUSA co-advisor, engineering instructor and CTE department head Andrew Aldrich has dedicated many years to Burrillville (R.I.) High School career and technical education programs. SkillsUSA was introduced to Burrillville only two years ago, and Aldrich has been instrumental in generating the participation of his students and colleagues. He’s served many roles within CTE over the years, including as a Project Lead the Way instructor and site coordinator and a board member of the CTE advisory committee for the engineering program. Aldrich also developed and implemented his school’s summer STEAM program, where high school volunteers mentor elementary students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics. Through the program, Aldrich established kindergarten and elementary robotics programs, including a competitive event at the elementary level. His students have earned numerous medals in SkillsUSA state and national championships and other competitions. According to his colleagues, “Aldy” (as he’s affectionately known) has transformed the classroom and CTE environment at Burrillville. He is always looking for new community partnerships and spends his free time working on ways to make all the CTE programs more successful while creating more opportunities for students and colleagues alike. When asked about Aldrich, Christopher Pilling, a 12-year construction management teacher at Burrillville, said, “Andrew Aldrich is the prime example of what a true leader looks and acts like. He sheds a positive light on even the worst situations to be sure that everyone involved knows they are making a difference.”

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Outstanding Career and Technical Educators  Continued

**Tony Reggi**
Dr. Tony Reggi is an education program administrator for the North Carolina Community College System. He began his SkillsUSA journey as a student member and state officer in West Virginia and currently supports SkillsUSA activities and events at several colleges in the state. Having received his airframe and power plant license through an apprenticeship program, he experienced the benefit of the same hands-on skills approach that he’s spent his career advocating for on behalf of career and technical education students. In his current role, he coordinates CTE programming and activities for the state’s community college system. He also serves as a Perkins coordinator, providing direction to community college CTE instructors and administrators on how Perkins funding can be properly used to support SkillsUSA. Reggi serves on the SkillsUSA North Carolina Board of Directors and promotes the development of SkillsUSA chapters throughout the North Carolina community college system. He also oversaw the adult prison education program and worked to establish an effective CTE training program that led to a reduction in recidivism among participants. Throughout his distinguished career, Reggi has shown himself to be a true champion of career and technical education, and his dedicated service continues to make a positive difference.

**David Praiswater**
SkillsUSA advisor and commercial construction instructor David Praiswater has spent 17 years at Washburn (Kan.) Institute of Technology supporting career and technical education and SkillsUSA at the local, state and national levels. Under Praiswater’s leadership, 29 students from Washburn have served as state officers, and one has become a national officer. Since 2008, the school has participated in more than 1,500 SkillsUSA career competitions while earning 695 medals, including 18 at the national level. Serving on the SkillsUSA Kansas Board of Directors for six years, Praiswater encouraged numerous business and industry partners to become corporate sponsors of SkillsUSA. Always looking for ways to enhance his program with the latest trends in the industry, he charges his students to construct a building from the ground up each year and then tear it down, preserving the materials to be used again. Each class is scored by its teamwork, efficiency, customer service and strategy implementation. Praiswater also brings in experts from the field to talk with his classes and takes students on tours of construction sites so they can watch experts in action. He advocates for CTE to legislators at the state capitol and works with industry partners within the community to make sure he’s teaching the latest technology in his classroom. When asked why he teaches technical education, Praiswater responded, “Because it’s relevant to the future success of my students. My goal is to impact the construction workforce by sending qualified and knowledgeable graduates to the industry. I want my graduates to know the same kind of job security that has been held by past generations … you can’t outsource construction.”
Hal Casey

Hal Casey serves as the director of SkillsUSA Maine, but he’s been a true champion for career and technical education on a variety of levels over many years. Currently an instructor and department chair for computer systems technology at Eastern Maine Community College (EMCC), Casey also spent 20 years teaching on the secondary level. Among his many honors include being named as SkillsUSA Maine’s Advisor of the Year, earning a YMCA Volunteer of the Year award and receiving his certification as a Maine Conditionally Certified Principal. Casey’s education philosophy is that all students must be provided equal and appropriate — but not necessarily identical — educational opportunities to allow them to achieve at levels that match their abilities. “All students must be given the chance to learn in an environment which allows them to develop positive attitudes toward themselves and respect for others,” he says. “While I might have been involved with a lot of different aspects of teaching and leadership during my career, none of it even compares to the joy you get when you see a former student years later who not only is a fine young adult, but a hardworking, caring, and compassionate member of their community.” Casey has truly been a great role model in that regard.
SkillsUSA Advisors of the Year

The SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year Award honors SkillsUSA’s most dedicated career and technical education instructors. These talented instructors serve SkillsUSA advisors and embrace the SkillsUSA Framework and national programming to create career-ready graduates and opportunities for every member. States hold an Advisor of the Year competition, and the state winners advance to the regional competition. The top five regional winners are interviewed during the national conference, and a national Advisor of the Year is selected.

Kimberly Petronella
(Region 1, New York)

Kimberly Petronella has served as a health occupations instructor at Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES in New Hartford, N.Y., for 25 years. Prior to teaching, she worked as a nurse in various local health care facilities. Petronella has also been an award-winning SkillsUSA advisor for 20 years. In 2021, she was named the SkillsUSA New York Advisor of the Year and was also honored with the SkillsUSA Outstanding Career and Technical Educator Award. Petronella’s chapter has earned the SkillsUSA Gold Level in the Chapter of Excellence program for four consecutive years, and in 2021, her chapter was honored as a national Model of Excellence. She also helps the state association as a cluster manager and contest chair at both the Area 2 conference and the state conference. Petronella believes that career and technical education (CTE) is a gateway to a bright and prosperous career because she once attended the same CTE high school where she now teaches. “My CTE experience provided me with the opportunity to explore and learn about my career of choice, and I am so proud that I have the ability to pay it forward to future generations of health care providers,” she says. Petronella understands the value of SkillsUSA involvement from both the student and the teacher perspective, and her exemplary career continues to make a positive difference in many lives.

Kenneth Brown
(Region 2, North Carolina)

In the 1980’s, Kenneth Brown was a student at Richlands (N.C.) High School, roaming the same halls he does today as one of the school’s teachers. “My senior year, I had no idea what career I wanted,” he says, “so my parents suggested I visit the guidance counselor. When I did, she pointed to a shelf and told me to look through the college catalogs to find a profession.” Brown ended up at Pitt Community College in the architectural drafting program and loved it, which eventually led to a job as a drafting teacher. “As a teacher, I never want a student to go into his or her future having no sense of direction,” he says. My philosophy is to expose students to my content area and to present every possible career option.” Brown knows that future employees sit in his classes and SkillsUSA chapter meetings. Therefore, he sees his job as not only to teach the curriculum but to prepare students to enter their careers ready to be reliable workers. He aligns his lesson plans and chapter meetings to include skill sets from the SkillsUSA Framework, saying, “It is my philosophy that teaching content alone to students will not send competent, well-rounded people into the workforce. Instead, the content needs to be taught along with essential skills from the Framework to make sure students become the types of professionals that can excel in the occupation of their choice.”
SkillsUSA Advisors of the Year Continued

Warren Caskey  
(Region 3, Ohio)
A dedicated criminal justice instructor, Warren Caskey served in the U.S. Army for four years before going on to college and receiving his master's degree in career and technical education. He enjoyed a career in law enforcement for 30 years, serving as a patrol officer, school resource officer, detective, police chief and security driver. In 2013, Caskey was hired as a criminal justice instructor and volunteered to become the school’s SkillsUSA advisor. He’s also a SkillsUSA Ohio state advisor and annually leads a team of Courtesy Corps students at SkillsUSA Ohio’s State Leadership & Skills Conference. Caskey believes that CTE gives students an opportunity to explore their job interests while learning how to be career ready. To help them in that regard, he enforces workforce standards like dress code and behavior expectations in his class, and he puts students in positions with responsibility and accountability. Caskey teaches the Essential Elements of the SkillsUSA Framework in many different activities during the school year. “Having my classroom being student-led is key to students adopting the Framework,” he says. “They need to see their peers practice the ideals and activities in a professional way, providing a positive example in real-life practice.”

Jesse Zweep  
Region 4 (Nebraska)
Jesse Zweep has spent the last 15 years of his career at Louisville Public Schools in Nebraska. There, he teaches automotive, welding, small engines and home maintenance, an eighth-grade “Exploring Technology” course and a SkillsUSA leadership class. He has been a SkillsUSA advisor since starting the school’s chapter in 2007. In the time since, he’s been an advisor for state officer teams, assisting in leadership training and conference planning. He serves on the SkillsUSA Nebraska Board of Directors, and in both 2013 and 2022, he was awarded the SkillsUSA Nebraska Advisor of the Year award. In 2021, his chapter earned the SkillsUSA Chapter of Distinction award. Zweep incorporates the SkillsUSA Framework into his curriculum, saying, “The Essential Elements of the Framework help each student learn, practice and achieve their goals. By developing, practicing and applying elements like job-specific skills, teamwork, professionalism, communication and integrity, students are building their own road map for success.” Zweep advocated for the introduction of a SkillsUSA class in his school, and, for the last three years, students in grades 9-12 have been able to enroll in a class where they learn SkillsUSA’s creed, colors, motto, officer positions and methods of planning and organizing the Program of Work. The students also plan and participate in a community service project, and each completes OSHA training. Zweep sees career and technical education as a journey rather than a destination, adding, “It’s the variety of courses, the project-based learning and the connection to real-world experiences that make CTE so valuable and important. I never see my day of teaching as a chore, but as a blessing.”
Troy Reichert  
Region 5 (Wyoming)

“My philosophy on the value of career and technical education is a very simple one,” Troy Reichert says. “It doesn’t just teach you what you need to know; it teaches you how to grow.” Reichert’s lived that philosophy throughout his life. As a young person growing up on a Nebraska farm, he didn’t know what he wanted to do after high school, but he knew he wanted to work with his hands. He was introduced to SkillsUSA while attending college and eventually won the state carpentry competition in Nebraska. After graduating, he began a teaching career that started in Nebraska but has since placed him at Guernsey-Sunrise High School in Wyoming, where he’s served as a CTE teacher for the last 13 years. Reichert was selected as the Wyoming VFW Teacher of the Year in 2017 and was also a prize-winning teacher for the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence in 2019. Under his leadership, Guernsey-Sunrise High School’s SkillsUSA chapter membership has grown from five in 2019 to more than 60 in 2022 and now includes a new middle school chapter. Reichert knows that learning and applying the Essential Elements of the Framework are crucial to the success of students, both in school and when they go into the workforce. “All three parts of the SkillsUSA Framework, along with the 17 Essential Elements, overlap well,” he says, “and when developed properly, they will lead any student to a very successful and long career.”
State SkillsUSA Advisors of the Year

Along with the five finalists for the national award, SkillsUSA recognizes all state Advisors of the Year winners for their tireless dedication. The following states submitted their winners for inclusion in this publication.

Alabama
Jess Bowlin, Auburn High School

Arizona
Travis Black, Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education

Colorado
Kenny Bowlin, Cherry Creek Innovation Campus
Ralph Mills, Pikes Peak Community College

California
David Bayne, Pioneer High School

Georgia
Hal Funderburk, Cambridge High School
Stephanie Grant, Savannah Technical College

Hawaii
Renee Blue, Waipahu Intermediate School

Illinois
Chad McFarland, Morton Community High School

Iowa
Matt Hanson, MMCRU High School

Kansas
Kim McKeown, Labette County High School

Kentucky
Mitchell Mcнутt, Murray-Calloway Area Technology Center
Maxwell Taylor Caldwell, Murray-Calloway Area Technology Center

Louisiana
Adrienne Abel, SOWELA Technical Community College

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Kimberly Clements, Calvert Career and Technology Academy

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Elaine Batzer, Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School

Mississippi
Jeff Fulgham, J.Z. George High School

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Bradley Stone, Clinton Technical School

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Julie Roloff, Orleans/Niagara Career Center

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Vernon Blackman, Midway High School
Wil van der Meulen, Nash Community College

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Dennis Reinke, Sheyenne Valley Area Career & Technology Center

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South Carolina
Brittany Williamson, Anderson Institute of Technology

Tennessee
Samantha Childress, Lawrence County High School
Mike Mercer, Tennessee College of Applied Technology — Chattanooga

Texas
Isaac Gonzalez, Texas State Technical School, Harlingen Campus
Joanna Robertson, McMillan Junior High School

Vermont
Celine Champine, North County Career Center

Virgin Islands
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Washington
Elizabeth Dannen, Pierce County Skills Center

West Virginia
Thomas Bane, Brooke High School

Wisconsin
Timothy Schmitz, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
Jason Neukirchen, Green Bay Southwest High School
SkillsUSA 2022 Models of Excellence

SkillsUSA's Models of Excellence program recognizes the best chapters in the nation for the exceptional integration of the SkillsUSA Framework’s three components (Personal, Workplace and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics) into SkillsUSA chapter activities. The focus of Models of Excellence is student-led activation. These students learn and practice the skills that every employer seeks — including leadership, initiative, communication, teamwork and problem-solving — by taking the lead on all SkillsUSA activities. Their SkillsUSA instructors guide them, elevating learning from instruction to the successful application of skills. The top 24 SkillsUSA chapters will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on their goals, plan of action, results, evaluation and SkillsUSA Framework integration. The top three schools will be recognized on June 24 at the SkillsUSA Awards Session at State Farm Arena.

Congratulations to the following schools on being named 2022 Models of Excellence:

Buckeye Hills Career Center (Ohio)
Cambridge High School (Ga.)
Cape Cod Tech (Mass.)
Catawba Valley Community College (N.C.)
Center for Advanced Technical Studies (S.C.)
Cumberland County Technical Education Center (N.J.)
Deming High School (N.M.)
Dorchester Career and Technology Center (Md.)
Douglas High School (Ariz.)
East High School (Wyo.)
Gloucester County Institute of Technology (N.J.)
Gordon Cooper Technology Center (Okla.)
Greater Lowell Tech High (Mass.)
Louisville High School (Neb.)
Lynn Vocational Technical Institute (Mass.)
New Madrid County R-I Technical Skills Center (Mo.)
Niagara Career and Technical Center (N.Y.)
Putnam Career and Technical Center (W.Va.)
Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski (Tenn.)
Upper Valley Career Center (Ohio)
Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education (Ariz.)
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Mass.)
Wiregrass Georgia Tech College (Ga.)
Yuma High School (Ariz.)
2022 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.

**Bronze – Chapter Awards**
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School, Mass.
Sentinel Career and Technology Center: Public Safety, Ohio

**Bronze – Individual Awards**
Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Mass.
Alyssa Beach
Molly Cadigan
Sophia Dolan
Ryan Hollis
Etzer Lindor

Columbus High School, California
Richard Carlos

Downey High School, California
Savannah Fischer
Britney Ibarra
Hailey Lutz
Camila Miranda
Hunter Verstegen

**Silver – Chapter Awards**
Bergen County Academies, New Jersey
Ulster BOCES Career and Technical Center, New Jersey

**Silver – Individual Awards**
California Virtual Academies, California
Lance Mathis

Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical High School, Mass.
Shannen Hardy

Downey High School, California
Erick Felix, Jr.
Edgar Flores
Breanna Gaitan
Martin Poot

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, Mass.
Kara Koska

Lynn Vocational Technical Institute, Mass.
Angelis Amaro

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Mass.
Ariana Besse
Mary Quin

Penta Career Center, Ohio
Andres (A.J.) Ybarra, Jr.
2022 President’s Volunteer Service Awards

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Somerset County Academy for Health and Medical Sciences, N.J.
Daisy Dong
Jessy Dong

State College Area High School, Pa.
Tiffany Chen

Sussex County Technical School, N.J.
Abigail Oras

Gold – Chapter Awards
Dinuba High School, Calif.
Gwinnett Technical College, Ga.
Lynn Vocational Technical Institute, Mass.
Thomas A. Edison Career Technical High School, N.Y.
Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education, Ariz.

Gold – Individual Awards
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Mass.
Hunter Claflin

Blue Hills Regional Technical School, Mass.
Kayla Anastasio

Cumberland County Technical Education Center, N.J.
Michael Deem, Jr.

Downey High School, Calif.
Elaine Barraza
Celeste Corral
Isabella De Lira
Melisa Martinez
Helen Muro
Alexander Ortez
Karla Ramirez
Fidelia Rosales
Christopher Storey
Michael Vazquez
Caleb Verstegen

Lakeview Technology Academy, Wis.
Shu Lan Shaut

Paradise Valley High School, Ariz.
Tej Desai
Atharva Goel

Pinecrest Academy Cadence, Nev.
Colton Maxson

River Valley High School, Ariz.
Avalon Alexander
Kevin Guenther
Brayden Lott
Zachariah Morse

State College Area High School, Texas
Aaron Chen

Upper Cape Technical School, Mass.
Ronan Gleason

Upper Valley Career Center, Ohio
Quinci Voisard
**SkillsUSA Hall of Champions Award**

The SkillsUSA Hall of Champions Award is a new honor bestowed upon those who have dedicated their lives to helping youth develop the components of the SkillsUSA Framework: Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics. Hall of Champions candidates were nominated by a state SkillsUSA director, a current or past SkillsUSA board member or other leaders or stakeholders. Nominations were accompanied by up to five letters of support that demonstrated the nominee’s breadth and depth of impact on youth development within the SkillsUSA Framework. Hall of Champions honorees will be recognized at the new Recognition Session on Wednesday, June 22, at State Farm Arena.

This year’s Hall of Champions winners are:

**Denise Baxter**

“I’m here for the students” has been a personal mantra during Denise Baxter’s 20-year SkillsUSA career. “When the request to judge a district contest, coordinate a state contest, or chair the national contest comes in, I do not hesitate to say I can be there,” Baxter says. “SkillsUSA has provided the best Framework for our secondary students to learn directly from industry professionals, gain experience and achieve their goals.” Now retired, Baxter enjoyed a successful teaching career with Stafford County (Va.) Public Schools at Mountain View High School, teaching Culinary Arts I, II and Culinary Specialization from 2005-2015. The program started with an empty classroom and commercial kitchen and evolved into a secondary program worthy of American Culinary Federation certification. Students completing the program continued to study at The Culinary Institute of America, Johnson & Wales University, Le Cordon Bleu, L’Academie de Cuisine and J. Sargent Reynolds Community College. Baxter has worked with the SkillsUSA Championships Culinary Arts competition for over 20 years, working to help set up and execute the event smoothly. She has also served as the chair of the SkillsUSA Virginia Culinary Arts and Commercial Baking competitions and judged other culinary competitions in multiple states. When she retired from teaching in 2015, she stayed involved with SkillsUSA to ensure that events were rigorous and well designed. Her work in culinary arts has been far-reaching and difference-making, not only for students, but for other educators across the country.
Travis Black
Travis Black has served at the Valley Academy for Career and Technical Education (VACTE) in Cottonwood, Ariz., for four years and was instrumental in the initial planning and development of the program’s curriculum, shop design, classroom safety protocols, equipment and teaching resources. Black has used his previous 20 years of construction experience to see that his students are exposed to real-life construction projects. He takes students to a job site once a week where they work alongside adult workers and foremen while Black supervises and instructs. Black trains and certifies his students in the operation of Rough Terrain Forklift, Aerial Boom Lift, Skid Steer, Front End Loader and Scissor Lift, and these industry certifications allow the students to begin construction-oriented jobs at a higher level of pay. Black takes the placement of his students into the workforce seriously. His curriculum includes framing, drywall, electrical, plumbing, masonry and forklift operations. A crucial part of his curriculum is the effective way he teaches employability skills and incorporates the SkillsUSA Framework into his lessons. When a guest enters Black’s classroom, they are greeted with an introduction and handshake by every student. Black expects the students to show up on time, be respectful, work hard and be professional when they work with each other and when meeting prospective clients and employers. The projects the students complete for the community incorporate all components of the SkillsUSA Framework. Black’s chapter has earned a SkillsUSA Arizona Model of Excellence designation for the past three years and was a national winner in the Workplace Skills category in 2021. He has truly created a program that changes lives while inspiring excellence.

Kimberly Petronella
Kimberly Petronella has served as a health occupations instructor at Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES in New Hartford, N.Y., for 25 years. Prior to teaching, she worked as a nurse in various local health care facilities. Petronella has also been an award-winning SkillsUSA advisor for 20 years. In 2021, she was named the SkillsUSA New York Advisor of the Year and was also honored with the SkillsUSA Outstanding Career and Technical Educator Award. Petronella’s chapter has earned the SkillsUSA Gold Level in the Chapter of Excellence program for four consecutive years, and in 2021, her chapter was honored as a national Model of Excellence. She also helps the state association as a cluster manager and contest chair at both the Area 2 conference and the state conference. Petronella believes that career and technical education (CTE) is a gateway to a bright and prosperous career, because she once attended the same CTE high school where she now teaches. “My CTE experience provided me with the opportunity to explore and learn about my career of choice, and I am so proud that I have the ability to pay it forward to future generations of health care providers,” she says. Petronella understands the value of SkillsUSA involvement from both the student and the teacher perspective, and her exemplary career continues to make a positive difference in many lives. (Petronella is also a nominee for this year’s 2022 SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year.)
Scholarship Recipients

Each year, SkillsUSA awards members with a variety of scholarships and grants made possible by the generosity of committed partners and friends. Recipients of two of those scholarships for 2022 are listed below, and more will be named leading up to the week of our national conference. Stay connected with skillsusa.org for news on the latest winners, and keep up-to-date with all current scholarship opportunities on our Scholarships and Grants page. Congratulations to this year's winners, and thanks to our supporters who made these scholarships possible.

**Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship**
SkillsUSA is pleased to offer one annual merit-based $1,500 scholarship for college/postsecondary education to a state officer in memory of the legacy left by Marsha Daves, a beloved former national staff member and state director for SkillsUSA Oklahoma. The scholarship will recognize how SkillsUSA student leaders are empowered by the skills they have gained through their association with SkillsUSA to fulfill the mission of becoming world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.

This year’s recipient is:

**Marley Ray**
Midway High School, N.C.

**Fieldpiece #MasteroftheTrade Scholarship**
The Fieldpiece #MasteroftheTrade Scholarship was developed in partnership with Fieldpiece Instruments to support the next generation of industry professionals on their journeys toward mastering the awesome HVACR trade. Each award is $2,500 and will directly support the recipient’s college/postsecondary education.

**Cole Hamby**
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**Johnny Hammonds**
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**Josh Parish**
Kiarnichi Technology Center, Okla.

**Josh Parson**
Bevill State Community College — Hamilton, Ala.

**Leslie Plemons**
Moore-Norman Technology Center, Okla.

**Manuel Ramirez**
Western Technical College, Texas

**Rebecca “Bec” Thorstad**
Hennepin Technical College, Minn.

**William “Billy” Coughlin**
Career and Technology Center, Md.
Ernie Gary SkillsUSA Championships Volunteer of the Year Award

SkillsUSA is a volunteer-driven organization, and thousands of individuals donate more than 70,000 hours each year to make the national conference a reality. Outstanding SkillsUSA volunteer Ernie Gary attended 48 national conferences and helped manage the SkillsUSA Championships in many areas, including the collection and distribution of industry prizes for students. Gary’s family established this award in his honor and memory. The award honors one individual per year who makes a difference for the SkillsUSA Championships and is a true champion for students. This year’s winner is John Williams.

John Williams
A Farmington, Mo., native, John Williams has worked with the SkillsUSA Championships construction team since 1994. Always one of the first volunteers to arrive on site and one of the last to leave, Williams and his team supports the SkillsUSA Championships by building anything that needs to be built to support the conference. He was a former construction superintendent and building trades instructor, and that professional expertise has been an incredible asset to holding a quality national-level event year after year. Like many outstanding volunteers, he works quietly behind the scenes, seeking only to see the students he serves reap the benefits of his work. Williams represents so many other tireless volunteers who graciously and selflessly donate their time and talents to ensure student success.

NLSC Experience Team

The new NLSC Experience Team from Georgia features students who will serve as the welcome crew for SkillsUSA’s National Leadership & Skills Conference. Team members will serve as hosts and support conference logistics while demonstrating the SkillsUSA Framework Essential Element of Service Orientation. The NLSC Experience Team members are:

Raquel Kangalee, Gwinnett Technical College
Anna Melvin, Worth County High School
Hana Siddiqi, Cambridge High School
Monica Sifuentes-Velazquez, Gwinnett Technical College
Bhavya Siva, Alliance Academy for Innovation
Jennica Watson, West Laurens High School
Eyan Zupko, Worth County High School

A special thank you to the SkillsUSA Georgia state associations, led by Ashley Brown and Tjazha Mazhani, for their support of this new program.
2022 National Pin and T-shirt Design Winners

The national conference Pin and T-shirt Design Challenge is open to all dues-paying student members of SkillsUSA. The winning designs become the official pin and T-shirt of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. Both are available online at the SkillsUSA Store during the national conference.

The national conference pin design winner is:

John Peterson
Moore Norman Technology Center (Okla.)
Advisor: Trisha Marlow

The national conference T-shirt design winner is:

Allison Rowell
Thomas Edison High School of Technology (Md.)
Advisor: Carol King Bolden
National Courtesy Corps

The National Courtesy Corps is an elite group of students, advisors and chaperones selected to represent their state delegations at the national conference. These individuals are afforded the opportunity to work with and build a network of industry and educational resources while gaining skills and leadership qualities, developing friendships and having fun. The Courtesy Corps helps the conference run smoothly through its members’ behind-the-scenes participation in a wide variety of conference events and activities. Their invaluable service each year is incredibly appreciated. This year’s members are:

Matt Akos
Joshua Anatra
Brianna Begay
Stephen Bowman
Brian Brown
Aiden Brown
Susie Buckman
Cadence Burr
Rey Calderon
Daniel Ciraiz
Samantha Clark
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SkillsUSA State Officers IMPACT Award

SkillsUSA’s IMPACT program for state officers guided these leaders to facilitate intentional chapter officer trainings to create high-functioning school chapters. Each chapter officer training was centered around a specific topic that elevates the member experience. Individual state officers who successfully complete at least three chapter officer trainings throughout the school year earn the national State Officer IMPACT Award. This year’s winners are:

Nick Huber, Colorado
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SkillsUSA Championships Overview

Held each June during SkillsUSA’s National Leadership & Skills Conference, the SkillsUSA Championships is one of the largest hands-on workforce development events in the world. The 2022 SkillsUSA Championships features 108 career competitions, the most in SkillsUSA history. Participating in those hands-on skilled and leadership events are 5,200 state champions from across the United States, representing the most highly skilled career and technical education students in the nation. The philosophy of the SkillsUSA Championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers’ needs. This year’s event will encompass an area equivalent to nearly 31 football fields!

The SkillsUSA Championships process begins with career competitions held in local chapters across the country. Winners advance to district or regional competitions, where they test their skills against competitors from other schools. First-place district or regional winners advance to state competitions, and those state gold medalists then move on to the elite national level at the SkillsUSA Championships. Along with their gold, silver and bronze medallions, winners earn scholarships, tools of the trade and irrefutable evidence of a commitment to excellence that will serve them well throughout their careers.

So many groups of selfless volunteers are responsible for making the SkillsUSA Championships possible each year: our National Technical Committee members, competition judges, National Education Team members, industry partners directly supporting the competitions, state SkillsUSA directors, advisors and more. Their support truly changes lives and, in doing so, changes the face of our nation for the better.

Best of luck to all our competitors. Whether you emerge from this year’s event with a medal or not, your passionate and persistent commitment to your skills is an inspiration to SkillsUSA and our entire nation. Thank you.
SkillsUSA Championships Executive Committee

The Executive Committee assists the SkillsUSA Championships team in all management functions required to ensure a safe, orderly and successful SkillsUSA Championships. Current members are:

James King (representing education), retired as executive vice chancellor for the Tennessee Board of Regents and president of Northeast State College

John Hinesley (representing management), Meritor Inc.

Matthew White, (representing labor), director, program support, Construction Ready

Darren Gibson, program director, SkillsUSA Career Competition Events
SkillsUSA Championships Official Career Competitions

The 2022 SkillsUSA Championships will feature 108 hands-on career competitions, the most in SkillsUSA history. More than 5,200 students — all of them state champions — are expected to participate. Each career competition falls into one of four categories: Leadership Development, Occupationally Related, Skilled and Technical Sciences or Demonstration. The full list is below. Best of luck to all our competitors, and thank you to the industry support that makes it all possible!

Click here for specific competition information and schedules.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**
- 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
- Job Skill Demonstration Open
- Occupational Health and Safety (Multiple)
- Occupational Health and Safety (Single)
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Outstanding Chapter
- Pin Design (State Conference)
- Prepared Speech
- Promotional Bulletin Board
- Quiz Bowl
- T-shirt Design

**SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES**
- 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
- Broadcast News Production
- Building Maintenance
- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- CNC Milling Specialist
- CNC Technician
- CNC Turning Specialist
- Collision Damage Appraisal
- 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 Childhood Education
- Electrical Construction Wiring
- Electronics Technology

**OCCUPATIONALLY RELATED**
- 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
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SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES
(Continued)
Engineering Technology/Design
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
Internetworking
Internet of Things (IOT) Smart Home
Marine Service Technology
Masonry
Mechtronics
Medical Assisting
Mobile Electronics Installation
Mobile Robotics Technology
Motorcycle Service Technology
Nail Care
Nurse Assisting
Photography
Plumbing

Power Equipment Technology
Practical Nursing
Residential and Commercial Appliance Technology
Restaurant Service
Robotics and Automation Technology
Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue
Screen Printing Technology
Sheet Metal
TeamWorks
Technical Computer Applications
Technical Drafting
Telecommunications Cabling
Television (Video) Production
Web Design and Development
Welding
Welding Fabrication
Welding Sculpture

DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS
Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair
CNC 5-Axis
Commercial sUAS Drone
Emergency Medical Technician
Faciliton — Facility Management
2022 SkillsUSA Championships Competitors

SkillsUSA congratulates every member who competed in a career competition this year at the local, regional/district, state and national levels. Your participation exemplifies your dedication to personal and professional growth. You are a champion!

This year, more than 5,200 students progressed through the annual career competition process and were named eligible to compete at the national level in 108 skilled and leadership career competitions. Each student may have taken a different path to the SkillsUSA Championships, but the road traveled is one that prepares every individual who participates with enhanced career-readiness skills that empower them to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.

National medalists will be named at our Awards Session on June 24. Go here to stream the event live, which begins at 5 p.m. ET. Winners will be posted on the SkillsUSA website in the days following the ceremony.

For a full list of our distinguished 2022 national competitors, click here.

For specific competitor information related to the SkillsUSA Championships, please visit: compete.SkillsUSA.org.
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SkillsUSA TECHSPO

SkillsUSA TECHSPO is always one of the highlights of an in-person NLSC, an opportunity for members to engage directly with partners from industry and education. The 2022 TECHSPO event is a triumphant return to in-person form, held across three competition floors in the midst of the SkillsUSA Championships. As a career and technical education destination, SkillsUSA TECHSPO showcases the latest technology and its application by our future workforce, teachers and experts. Exhibitors are placed right alongside national career competitions and leadership sessions that are shaping and celebrating our nation’s career-ready students. Interactive experiences inspire participants while industry connections are forged to enhance classrooms and develop the country’s talent pipeline.

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