



Executive Update 3-23

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To:

- **State SkillsUSA Directors**
- **National Corporate Members**
- **Board of Directors**
- **National Officers**

Important Dates:

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SkillsUSA Members Advocate at the Washington Leadership Training Institute

More than 500 SkillsUSA students, teachers and state leaders from 29 states traveled to Washington, D.C., last week to participate in the in-person Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI) advocacy conference. Attendees learned how to become effective leaders, gained a broader understanding of how government operates and witnessed some of the inspiring history that helped shape the United States. Members

then had the opportunity to share their SkillsUSA and career and technical education experiences with elected officials. They also explored the monuments and museums of D.C. and saw first-hand some of the inspiring history that helped shape the United States. [Read the full story and see the recap video and photos here.](#)

Registration Closing for ELEVATE!

Please remind your advisors and their local chapter officer teams about Elevate, our upcoming interactive virtual conference that focuses on building successful chapters by equipping officers with the skills to lead and serve members. The conference will be held on Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET. The registration fee is \$10 per participant and registration closes **Oct. 5**. [Register through the membership site here.](#) If you have questions, contact [Taryn Erminio](#).

National Apprenticeship Week in November

This year's National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) is Nov. 14-20. This national celebration established by the U.S. Department of Labor brings together business leaders, career seekers, labor, apprentices, educational institutions and others to showcase the positive impact apprenticeship programs have on addressing the skills gap and preparing the American workforce for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Join the celebration by hosting an event — such as an apprenticeship graduation, business open house, high school career fair, skills competition or industry roundtable — or submit a proclamation supporting NAW and apprenticeship. [Learn more about NAW.](#)

SkillsUSA's Updated Fact Resource Now Available

[SkillsUSA's Fact Resource](#) has been updated for the new school year. It includes national membership statistics, survey results that show the benefits of SkillsUSA and CTE involvement; talking points for various audiences; quotes of support from various sources to use in your presentations and more. This is the official resource for national SkillsUSA statistics.

Support the Trades — and SkillsUSA — in Fashion

The latest [“Support the Trades” campaign](#) from [Tractor Supply Company \(TSC\)](#) and [Carhartt](#) is underway. As part of this campaign, Carhartt and TSC have an expanded “Support the Trades” line of shirts and hats designed by Carhartt, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to SkillsUSA! Show your pride for the skilled trades you proudly represent and the “Champions at Work” who keep our nation moving. The exclusive T-shirts and hats for men and women are now available at [Tractor Supply Online](#) or your local TSC store.

Wolverine and Ram Trucks Put Boots on the Ground for SkillsUSA

Wolverine and Ram Trucks have collaborated again this year on a campaign to support SkillsUSA through the “Wolverine x Ram” boot and clothing line, built in the USA and inspired by the iconic details of Ram Trucks. To support the next generation

of skilled workers, Wolverine and Ram will donate \$10 to SkillsUSA for every pre-order for the new line (which includes boots, sweatshirts, T-shirts and socks). [Check out the collection now](#), and please share this information with your members.

State IRS Reporting Forms Due Oct. 15

SkillsUSA state IRS Reporting Forms are due to the national office by **Oct. 15**. You can download Form No. 2 (IRS reporting form), the letter requesting a state's federal ID number and the instructions [from this link](#). When you open the Excel form, there are two tabs at the bottom of the worksheet.

- The first tab, "**Form2Coverltr**," contains the letter giving permission for your state association to be included in the group return. Simply fill in the required information, sign and date. *Be sure to include your state association's federal ID number.*
- The second tab, "**990Form2**," contains the financial information required by the IRS. The Excel file will automatically calculate the totals. The form is password-protected, so you can only enter information into the required fields. This form is lengthy, so please scroll to the end (Line 108). Again, fill in the required information, sign and date.

Please return the signed form and letter by email to the [Finance Office](#). Blank forms and a history of previously submitted 990s are available on the [SkillsUSA Gateway](#). *No extension will be filed for this filing year as to avoid any occurrence of non-filing notices being sent by the IRS.*

Apply Now for ACTE Teacher and Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is seeking nominations for the National Trade and Industrial Education Division Awards to be presented at the annual CareerTech VISION conference. This year's conference will be held Nov. 30 - Dec. 3 in Las Vegas, Nev. The deadline for nominations is **Oct. 10**. Qualified individuals may be nominated for **Teacher of the Year**, **New Teacher of the Year** or **Lifetime Achievement**, and you may nominate yourself. (If you nominate someone, please notify the nominee.) Click [here](#) to make nominations. For additional conference information, visit [ACTE CareerTech VISION 2022](#).

Share Your Champions

The [SkillsUSA Champions](#) magazine staff is always looking for potential feature stories. If you know of a SkillsUSA student, advisor, industry partner or graduate whose story would be motivating and inspirational, please submit the information [through our online form](#). We also welcome your chapter news and photos for a possible school Spotlight story.

State Director Position Update

Here is the latest update in state SkillsUSA director positions. The SkillsUSA website is [kept current with the latest information](#). In **New Jersey**, please welcome **Ralph Starace** (rstarace@scvts.net).

Due Dates

October

- Oct. 5 Registration closes for Elevate
- Oct. 10 ACTE Teacher and Lifetime Achievement nominations due
- Oct. 15 State IRS Reporting Forms due

November

- Nov. 15 Deadline for membership registration of at least 15 students and one professional member due to receive a free resource