



**SEPT. 23-27, 2023**  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

# **FINAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**



## SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 2023

Attire: SkillsUSA business casual

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Conference Registration  
Plaza Ballroom Foyer

5:15 p.m. Doors open for Opening General Session  
Plaza Ballroom

5:30 p.m. Opening Dinner and General Session  
Plaza Ballroom

8:30 p.m. Students: Huddle Group Welcome  
Huddle Group Rooms  
During this session, students will network with other conference participants as they dive into the WLTi conference components, Essential Elements of focus and the SkillsUSA Career Model.

8:45 p.m. Advisors and State Staff: WLTi Takeaways  
Terrace East & West Room  
In this session, advisors and state staff will learn what constitutes a powerful CTE experience, what WLTi's student learning objectives are and brainstorm around the best ways to help our members grow in their newly acquired skills after this conference.

11 p.m. Curfew

9:30 a.m. Advisor Training: CTE Influence and Impact  
Terrace East & West Room

During this session, advisors will dive into understanding the three-part CTE model and our students' place in it, as well as the 8 steps of influence and impact process.

10:15 a.m. Student Training: Telling My Part of the SkillsUSA Story  
Huddle Group Rooms

Dig into effective storytelling, refine your SkillsUSA Framework Story, and craft questions to the lunch Advocacy Panel around their advocacy and career journey.

10:45 a.m. Advisor Training: Framework Story Coaching  
Terrace East & West Room

Understanding what a powerful Framework story is and how it benefits our students is the key to demonstrating career readiness. Learn how to prepare your students to deliver a Framework story that will make an impact.

12 p.m. Lunch and Advocacy Panel Discussion  
Plaza Ballroom

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. Advisor Training: Preparing for the State Work Session  
Terrace East & West Room

During this session, we'll focus on understanding how Perkins works for your state and what the current CTE efforts and concerns are. You will leave this session ready to facilitate your state meeting.

1:45 p.m. Student Training: The CTE Model and Our Place in it  
Huddle Group Rooms

Learn more about the 3-part CTE model, how funding works within your CTE program, and continue building evidence into your SkillsUSA Framework Story.

1:45 p.m. State Work Session: Understanding CTE in Your State  
Huddle Group Rooms

Students, State Directors and Advisors will collaborate to learn more about CTE within their state and the unique challenges within their state.

4:10 p.m. Advisor Training: Planning for Advocacy Visits  
Terrace East & West Room

This session will be dedicated to planning the details of your legislative visits that will happen on Monday. Create a roadmap to success so you can start coordinating the experience as soon as you can!

4:15 p.m. Student Training: Finishing My Framework Story  
Huddle Group Rooms

Put together the final touches on your SkillsUSA Framework Story and practice it with others!

5 p.m. Dinner

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 2023

Attire: SkillsUSA business casual and casual for twilight tour

7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. SkillsUSA Store and Educational Resources  
Plaza Ballroom Foyer

7:45 a.m. Breakfast  
Plaza Ballroom

8:30 a.m. General Session: Advocacy in CTE  
Plaza Ballroom  
Grab some breakfast and then kick off Sunday morning by exploring an advocacy formula in Career and Technical Education (CTE).

9 a.m. Student Training: My Career Development  
Huddle Group Rooms  
During this session, students will explore the three components of occupational identity and how occupational identity relates to their career journey and their time at WLTi.

9 a.m. Advisor Training: The SkillsUSA Career Model  
Terrace East & West Room  
The SkillsUSA Career Model, which includes Framework skill development and occupational identity, is one of the most crucial concepts for students to grasp during this year's WLTi. To serve as our students' mentors, we'll examine the concept for a deeper understanding and content mastery.



6:30 p.m. Buses depart for Twilight Tour (Casual)  
*Front of Hotel*

10 p.m. Buses depart for hotel  
*From Twilight Tour*

11 p.m. Curfew

## MONDAY, SEPT. 25, 2023

*Attire: SkillsUSA conference T-Shirt*

8 a.m. Breakfast  
*Plaza Ballroom*

8:45 a.m. General Session  
*Plaza Ballroom*  
*Grab some breakfast and then join us as we check out your knowledge on the POWERR formula during this general session.*

9:15 a.m. State Planning Session for Advocacy Visits  
*Assigned State Rooms*  
*This session is your state's dedicated time to plan out your advocacy visits and what will take place during them.*

10:30 a.m. Buses depart for 9/11 Pentagon Memorial  
*Front of Hotel*

11 a.m. Wreath Laying at 9/11 Pentagon Memorial  
*Pentagon Memorial*

12 p.m. Buses depart for downtown D.C.

12:30 p.m. Washington, D.C. Touring  
*Downtown Washington, D.C.*  
*States on their own for touring, lunch and dinner*

3 p.m. Buses begin departing for hotel (on rotation)  
*Air & Space Museum*

7 p.m. Last bus departs for return to hotel  
*Air & Space Museum*

7:30 p.m. Statesman Interview Process  
*Terrace Room*  
*Interview times will be assigned.*

11 p.m. Curfew

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 26, 2023

*Attire: SkillsUSA official attire*

8 a.m. Buses depart for Capitol Hill  
*Front of Hotel*  
*Grab and Go Breakfast will be available as participants board the bus.*

8:45 a.m. Group Photo on Capitol Hill  
*Front of Capitol*

9 a.m. Congressional Visits  
*Lunch on your own*  
*Capitol Hill*

2 p.m. Buses depart for Arlington National Cemetery  
*Front of Capitol Hill*

3:15 p.m. Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns  
*Arlington National Cemetery*

4:20 p.m. Buses depart for hotel  
*Front of Hotel*

6:30 p.m. Celebration Dinner  
*Plaza Ballroom*  
*Join us to celebrate the week's accomplishments and to recognize our SkillsUSA National Statesman Award Winners.*

11 p.m. Curfew

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27, 2023

*Attire: appropriate casual*

Travel home safely!



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