

# Champions Report

SkillsUSA Ohio

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## Comments from the Director

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### Special points of interest:

- \* NW Regional—Feb. 12
- \* NC Regional—Feb. 27
- \* NE Regional—Mar. 6
- \* SW Regional—Mar. 13
- \* SC Regional—Mar. 6
- \* SE Regional—Feb. 27
- \* SkillsUSA State Conference April 23-24, 2010
- \* OTIESA Spring Conference Mar. 18-19, 2010
- \* Summer Leadership Camp July 19-23, 2010
- \* Fall Leadership Conference Oct. 21-22, 2010

Growing up I was a fan of Captain Kirk and his team on the Enterprise on their adventure seeking new frontiers. He was always pushing Mr. Scott to give him power. Mr. Scott would reply: "I'm giving it all I got." then he would always seem to find one more notch and success. To me this was more than just another TV Show but a recipe for my professional life. I believe success comes from applying 100% of your talents and training and being willing to step up one more time just outside that comfort zone. That is the mark of a Champion.

This year I have asked our SkillsUSA Ohio staff and partners to take us to that

next level. Give us more opportunities for our students to showcase their skills and talents at the 2010 SkillsUSA Ohio Championships. When you arrive in April, you will see a new atmosphere, new partnerships and many new opportunities.

In today's update I will outline some of the major changes and expectations for this years conference. I encourage all competitors and advisors to take a fresh look at the 2010 SkillsUSA Technical Standards and make sure you review the tool lists for both the Regional and State levels before attending the event. This will help you better schedule a winning game.

The SkillsUSA Championships program is a showcase of Career-Technical education: our students, our industry partners and schools. Our contest coordinators, judges and industry partners are committed to running a fair and high quality event, whether at the Regional or State Level. They have donated time, resources and energy to do what is right for students. We ask our chapter advisors to work with your students, instructors and parents to insure they display proper professionalism and sportsmanship at all events. Best of luck this year.

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## Resume Clarification

SkillsUSA Ohio has removed the resume requirement from the Regional and State Contest. While resumes may be listed as a reference tool on a regional or state tool list for Skill competitions or listed in the National Technical Standards, **they are not to be collected and points will not be deducted by the coordinators or judges.** The only contests that are exceptions to this rule are Basic Health Care, Health Occupations Professional Portfolio and Job Interview.

## Criminal Justice/Crime Scene Investigation Competition Update

The Criminal Justice/Crime Scene Investigation Planning Team met last week to evaluate the current Criminal Justice Competition and plan for the implementation of the new demonstration contest in Crime Scene Investigation.

**Criminal Justice Contest** - We are excited about the return of OPOTA to the team as they will provide leadership and technical expertise in the operation of the event. The event will be held on Saturday April 24 in the Lausche Building. The contest has been streamlined to manageable

number of stations and they have added a physical fitness component to the event. The guidelines for the physical fitness component will be posted on state tool list. This is a industry standards based component, not head-to-head competition.

**Crime Scene Investigation Contest**—This is a new team competition and will focus on the processing of a Crime Scene. This contests will be supported in part by the Ohio State Patrol Criminal Investigations Division. Only those schools pre-registered may be a part

of this competition. Each team will be asked to process a crime scene and complete a couple stations related to the collection and processing of evidence, including a written test and written report. This contest is not geared toward Bio-Technology programs that deal with Forensics Lab activities. More information will be forthcoming on the State Tool list.

### Tech Prep Showcase—Human Services

This contest will be moved to Saturday in Lausche as well to give us the Total Public Safety Package.

## TeamWorks Competition—earns Lowe's Grant

We are pleased to announce that again this year SkillsUSA Ohio has been awarded a grant from Lowe's to support the State TeamWorks Competition.

The Lowe's Grant will provide all the materials, equipment and supplies as well as prizes for the top 3 places. The grant will also support this ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday

morning in the mallway outside of Bricker. Special thanks goes to Lowe's store on Silver Dr near the fairgrounds for their support of the SkillsUSA Ohio Championships.

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## Albert Mensah - to Keynote Opening Ceremony

Rising from his humble beginnings in Ghana, Africa, Albert Mensah has become one of the world's leading motivational speaker, leadership coach and trainer for employees at top companies throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Some of his corporate clients include Starbucks, Merrill Lynch, Boeing, John Deere Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank.

Albert is a successful Entrepreneur who seized the American Dream and is an avid learner.

He is a master of creating and seizing opportunities and will share his story and how you can maximize the hidden opportunities that are knocking on your door. Whether you are a student, teacher or Administrator he has a message for you.



## Volunteers Needed—Be a part of a Winning Team

The SkillsUSA Championships is only as successful as the volunteers that support the event. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

### **SOC Staff Volunteers:**

Assist in the setup, logistics and General building management. Arrive on Thursday travel, meals, registration and lodging are covered by SkillsUSA Ohio.

### **Areas of Need are:**

Lausche Building—Arts and Comm.  
Ohio Building Cosmetology/IT  
Rhodes Building Information  
Celeste Information Area  
Scoring (2 people)  
Sunday Teardown team

### **Education Chairs/Proctors:**

Handle registration, orientation, scoring and general management of the competitive event. Complimentary registration, lunch and parking pass.

Job Skill Demo  
Medical Terminology  
Engineering Technology  
Chapter Display  
Entrepreneurship  
Outstanding Chapter  
Quiz Bowl  
Prepared Speech  
Computer Programming  
Tech Prep Showcase (3 people to handle registration and orientation)

### **Judges/Proctors:**

Serve as judges within competitive event. Complimentary registration, lunch and parking pass.

Job Skill Demo  
Medical Terminology  
Engineering Technology  
Chapter Display  
Outstanding Chapter  
Quiz Bowl EMCEE  
Quiz Bowl Proctors  
Tech Prep Showcase all areas

### **To volunteer contact:**

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## Tech Prep Showcase Update

After extensive review and discussion between ODE, our Ohio Championships committee and SkillsUSA National Office, we have decided to make a change in the way we will be handling the Tech Prep Showcase Industrial and Engineering Systems Cluster.

In accordance with the 2010 Technical Standards we will be breaking this cluster into the following 4 sub-clusters:

- Manufacturing
- Construction,
- Transportation
- Science, Math and Technology.

The top team at the state level in each of the 4 sub-clusters will advance to National Competition. where they will compete head-to-head part of the Industrial & Engineering Cluster.

Consequently this category will advance straight to State Competition and will not be held at the Regional Level.

Thank you for your patience in this area. This has been a long drawn out process, but we believe this is in the best interest for students in these program areas.

Don't forget to schedule time for the SkillsUSA Career Tech Expo while at the championships



**Have you checked your membership—Don't forget the Submit Button**

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**SkillsUSA Ohio is a partnership of students, teachers and business and industry working together to ensure Ohio has a Skilled Workforce.**

**The Ohio Association of SkillsUSA is a non-profit Career-Technical Student Organization serving students in High School and College Post-Secondary Career and Technical Training programs in Ohio. We are affiliated nationally with [SkillsUSA](http://www.skillsusa.org).**

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## Plan now for Fall Conference 2010

We are in the process of revamping the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference. Over the last few years we have run into conflicts with other events such as the High School Improvement Institute, OTIESA and ACTE. We have also met challenges in trying to make our conference fit into the facilities at the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

To address these issues we are happy to announce the 2010 Fall Leadership Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Columbus. The conference will be held Oct. 21-22, 2010. The move to the Hyatt will give us a professional environment and the flexibility to offer different breakout and smaller sessions and access to the downtown area while enabling schools to stay onsite.

Later this spring we will have more details on the agenda and proposed changes in structure and pricing. If you are interested in working on the planning committee for this event please email us at: [Mike.cowles@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:Mike.cowles@ode.state.oh.us).

## ALUMNI & FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP

The SkillsUSA Alumni & Friends Association is offering two annual merit-based \$500 scholarships to qualifying students. The scholarships will recognize the qualities in SkillsUSA students for whom the SkillsUSA Alumni & Friends Association support, including leadership, commitment to community service, improving the image of career and technical education, and improving the image of his/her chosen occupation. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Niki Clausen at [nclausen@skillsusa.org](mailto:nclausen@skillsusa.org) or call 703-737-0639.

For an application, go to: <http://www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumnischolar.shtml>.

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