

Champions' Report

SkillsUSA Ohio

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Comments from the Director

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Meeting January 8, 2010
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- * SkillsUSA State
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2010
- * OTIESA Spring Conference
Mar. 18-19, 2010
- * Summer Leadership Camp
July 19-23, 2010
- * Fall Leadership Conference
Oct. 21-22, 2010

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. In a few short weeks I will be traveling to Washington D.C. with my 10th team of Regional Officers. That first year I traveled as a chaperone for then State Director Jeff Merickel and really didn't understand what SkillsUSA was all about. I understood the competition side and had been active with some local activities as an administrator or advisor.

It wasn't until I sat down at the National Center and listened to the student leaders and how SkillsUSA had changed their lives. This was an exhausting and exhilarating trip.

But what I remember most about the trip was the passion the advisors and SkillsUSA staff had for this organization. They believed in a core value of Career Technical Education and the talents and abilities of our students. They were determined to make sure these students would excel.

Over the last ten years the passion has been replicated at many events, our volunteers work endless hours to support the SkillsUSA mission, to support Ohio's kids. As we begin the 2010 competition season, I would like to salute our advisors and support teams that make SkillsUSA a success.

This year as we go to Washington D.C., we will begin looking to the future. Here are some of the questions we will be asking or Regional Officers and State Advisors:

What will SkillsUSA look like in 2020 at the State level?

What will SkillsUSA officers look like in 2020?

How many of these students that are in SkillsUSA today will be advisors in 2020?

From all of us at SkillsUSA Ohio best wishes in the new year.

High School Competition Deadline—Jan. 8

The High School Regional Registration form is due January 8, 2010. If you have not already done so please make this a priority. Don't forget to include on that registration form any state only competitions that your school will be competing in. Failure to pre-register on this form may cause you to forfeit the opportunity for your students to participate in a particular contest.

If you have College Post-Secondary Competitors please contact our office and a registration form will be emailed to you.

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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](#).

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.

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 or call 703-737-0639.

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