



Champions' Report

SkillsUSA Ohio

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The Summer Season of SkillsUSA is winding down quickly and the busses have started to run. It is time to kick-off the school year in fashion and commit to giving your students the best Career-Technical Experience possible.

SkillsUSA is a tool that can enhance the CTE classroom by providing opportunities for student leadership development around a focused program of work. Each school has the opportunity to earn the Outstanding Achievement Award and receive State recognition. For those schools that attended Summer Leadership Camp you have the opportunity to achieve the Gold Standard.

Speaking of Summer Leadership Camp 238 students and advisors attended the camp held at Hocking College. Barry Jolliff, Rick Metzger and the Ohio Army National Guard returned this year and we joined forces with the Nelsonville Rotary, Downtown Nelson Inc., the Hocking Valley Railroad Association and the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center in a City-wide Community Service Project. Congratulations to our statesman award winners and competition medalists.

At the National Leadership and Skills Conference, Ohio placed 5th in the nation with 45 medalists and 2

National officers. The Criminal Justice Program at Penta Career Center was also recognized for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. This is a great award opportunity that is available to any individuals and chapters that are willing to document the Community Service work they do.

Congratulations to all these winners and thank you to the advisors who gave up part of their summer break to support SkillsUSA students.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to engage your students and chapters in valuable programs that will enhance the Career-Technical Experience.

Special points of interest:

- * NHRA Career Day at Kirkersville Sept. 23
- * High School Fall Leadership Conference Nov. 3-4
- * SkillsUSA Ohio Deer Creek Advisor Training Oct. 20-21
- * OTIESA Conference Nov. 10-11

SkillsUSA Ohio now on Facebook and LinkedIn

One of the goals set out by last year's Regional and State Officers was to establish a presence for SkillsUSA Ohio on Facebook. Earlier this month the SkillsUSA Ohio Facebook page and LinkedIn pages were posted. We invite chapters and members alike to follow-us on Facebook.

The 5th Annual Chapter Advisor Training Institute—Oct. 20-21

On October 20-21, 2011 we will hold the 5th Annual Chapter Advisor Training Institute at Deer Creek State Park and Conference Center.

New and returning advisors are invited to attend this two day session. Deborah Tripp, Associate Director of Training for SkillsUSA will join us and update advisors on new curriculum offerings and how to integrate the curriculum into the SkillsUSA Classroom. In addition we will provide a variety of updates on local, regional and state opportunities and resources that are available.

The conference will include breakout sessions and/or roundtable discussions on:

- Basic Chapter Management Institute (New Advisors)
- Advanced Chapter Management (Returning Advisors)
- ASK CD and implementing it in the classroom
- Marketing your SkillsUSA Chapter
- Use of online resources available through SkillsUSA

- The SkillsUSA Advisor Leadership Program
- Best Practice Sessions from seasoned advisors

The conference will be held at the Deer Creek State Park Lodge and Conference Center. The cost of the workshop is \$185.00 and includes curriculum materials and selected meals.

Registration materials are available on the SkillsUSA Ohio Website by clicking on [Advisor Training](#)

Program Guidelines and Competitive Events Handbook

Each year we put together a guidelines book that outlines the policies and procedures for our various events. This book is available as a free download on the [SkillsUSA Ohio website](#).

Each advisor/administrator attending the SkillsUSA Ohio Fall Leadership Conference, Chapter Advisor Training or OTIESA will receive copies.

If you have a new Administrator that you would like to have a hard copy sent to, please email contact information to Tammy at Tamyra.plotts@ode.state.oh.us.

Last year we mailed each school a copy of the 2011-12 SkillsUSA Technical Standards. This CD will be good for this year's competition season. Please check back regularly to the State and National website for updates and contest changes. These may be ordered from SkillsUSA

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SkillsUSA Membership Update

The SkillsUSA membership website has been updated with some new features to make it easier to enroll your members. I encourage advisors to watch the tutorial video prior to starting the process. The SkillsUSA Ohio Deadline for Registering is March 1 or one week prior to your Regional Competitions, whichever is earlier. All membership must be done online, no paper rosters will be accepted.

For those chapters that register 20 or more student members plus 1 professional member by the Early Bird deadline of November 15, they will receive the "Leveraging Your Leadership through Effective Chapter Meetings". This handbook is a great classroom resource and part of a new series of materials offered by SkillsUSA.

When completing membership online, if you have all the students in a teacher section registered and the teacher is a professional member please make sure you check off the 100% chapter box. Those 100% Chapter Advisors with at least 15 students will be eligible for some great membership prizes this year.

High School Fall Leadership Conference Update

The High School Fall Leadership Conference will be held on Nov. 3-4, 2011 at the [Hyatt Regency Hotel](#) in Columbus Ohio.

The goal of this conference is to provide our members with a high-quality professional development experience in a conference setting.

Formalized training will be conducted for Local Chapter Officers and Regional Delegate Assemblies will be held to elect this year's Regional Officers.

The evening session presentation will be Teen Truth.

On Friday during the Delegate Sessions we will hold Local Officer Training and your Local

officers will be eligible to earn the Statesman's Award.

Registration information and lodging information will be handled through the SkillsUSA Ohio Office.

For more information and updates go to the SkillsUSA Ohio website and click on Fall Conferences.

Regional Officer Screening

The SkillsUSA Ohio Regional Officer Screening website will open on September 1.

This fall the Regional Officer Candidate Exam will again be done online. Once your school request the test, you will be given log-in and access information. The candidates will need to take the test under a proctors supervision. More

information is available on the [SkillsUSA Ohio Website](#) under the [Fall Conference Tab](#) or [Regional Candidate Tab](#).

Schools are encouraged to start this process earlier this year to account for the earlier date of Fall Conference.

Regional Officers will be required to attend the Regional Officer Training Institute in January.

We will use the 2011-2012 Technical Standards again this year for competitions.

Proposed New Contests Areas for 2011

SkillsUSA Ohio is currently reviewing potential new contests for the 2012 Competition Season. In order for a student to compete at the national level in a contest area, we must hold a state contest in that area.

The SkillsUSA Ohio Board of Directors will be meeting on October 20. At that time they will Contest numbers and make a determination of what contest we will officially hold in Ohio.

In order to run a contest we need to have a contest technical committee that includes business and industry representation, a minimum of 8 schools or 80% of eligible programs in the state and a proposed contest description and equipment needs list.

If you are interested in seeing a competition added that is part of the National Standards please submit a proposal for the contest to Mike Cowles by October 1.

Proposal for a new contest must include:

- Contest Chairperson
- Scope of Contest
- 8 schools interested in participating
- Equipment/Supply list

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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](#).

A message from State Farm Insurance

Every 26 seconds in America, a student drops out of high school. State Farm Insurance has launched a campaign to address this startling statistic and engage those who can most directly affect change – young people themselves. The campaign, titled “26 Seconds,” is using interests – like music, sports and video – to engage youth. It provides an online venue for youth to express feelings on the issue and creatively share thoughts and talents – encouraging them and their peers to make graduation a priority.

The campaign’s online presence at <http://www.26seconds.com> and facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/26seconds>, strongly relies on the creative talents of young people. Please encourage youth to visit the website to learn about this important issue and share their own perspective, story and talents via the facebook page.

The “26” campaign will offer incentives (t-shirts, gift cards, experiences and scholarships) to participants.

For more information, please contact Mia Jazo-Harris by email at

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