

Champions' Report

SkillsUSA Ohio

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Comments from the Director

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SkillsUSA: Skilled and Motivated. This year we will test this theme as our schools deal with new challenges to the way we do business. As you work through these tough decisions we hope you will keep the SkillsUSA Ohio office in the loop so we can work with you accordingly to provide the best opportunity for your students.

The early-bird membership deadline is Nov. 15 and the final deadline is March 1 or

prior to your Regional Competition if you have a February Regional. Membership rosters submitted after the deadline will not be eligible to compete in the Regional, State or competitions.

SkillsUSA recognizes our 100% chapter advisors with various special incentives. 100% chapter advisors are Advisors who have 100% of their students enrolled in SkillsUSA. Please make

sure you check the 100% box by in the registration system. We also encourage all Advisors and Administrators who work with students in SkillsUSA to consider Professional Membership. Professional Membership dues provide schools with the training and resources needed for chapter management.

Thank you again for all you can do for students and we look forward to working with you this school year.

Special points of interest:

- * SkillsUSA Ohio Deer Creek Advisor Training Oct. 20-21
- * High School Fall Leadership Conference Nov. 3-4
- * OTIESA Conference Nov. 9-10

Points of Interest for Fall Conference

- Registration is now closed for Fall Conference.
- Regional Officer Screening Test will close Friday Oct. 14.
- Each School will receive a follow-up confirmation letter and paperwork that needs to be brought with you to Fall Conference.
- Keep an eye out for Parking information in the mail. If you do not receive the packet by Oct. 27 call Tammy. Our office will be closed on Wednesday Nov. 2.
- Advisors are asked to wear Business Attire or SkillsUSA Attire on Thursday during the Opening Session and Professional Development Sessions.

Fall Conference Sessions Special Announcement

The opening session at Fall Conference will feature a presentation by the TeenTruth Live. This session will address the very important topic of teenage bullying. Due to the nature of this program there is a special permission slip that will need to be signed for each student participating in the program.

The Ohio Army National Guard will sponsor the Registration activities and do a breakout session on diversity.

The evening session this year will feature the return of Harvey Alston to the SkillsUSA stage. In order to insure that all students make it back for this session we are encouraging all schools eating in the short north district to plan to arrive at their dinner location prior to 5 pm.

On Thursday evening there is a Columbus Blue Jackets Game and the restaurants will begin to get very busy the closer to game time.

SkillsUSA Ohio welcomes back Peyton Holland to assist National Officers Kathryn Berry and Caleb Houston and State Officers Nick McCullough and Krista Frost with the Local Officer Training Program. This program is in partnership with Lowe's and the US Army. Students completing this training will receive the Local Officer Statesman's Award.

SkillsUSA Technical Standards—2011-2012

Last year we mailed to each school a copy of the SkillsUSA Technical Standards. Those standards are good for the 2012 competition season as well and will be the guidelines for the State and Regional Competitions. In addition to the competitions we will post tool list updates on the SkillsUSA Ohio website Regional

and State Competition pages. These tool list will contain specific site specific information regarding the Regional and State Competitions. As you prepare for

competitions please make sure you use the appropriate materials. SkillsUSA Ohio will continue with its dress code policy for competition as spelled out in the Ohio Guidelines books. For those that qualify for national competition official competition dress will be required.

**SkillsUSA: Champions at Work—
Skilled and Motivated**

Ohio Delegation Visit Washington D.C. and speaks on Capitol Hill

During the week of Sept 19, SkillsUSA Ohio National Officers, Kathryn Berry (Eastland), Caleb Houston (Warren Co), State President Nick McCullough (Penta) and State Reporter Krista Frost (Miami Valley) attended the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI). 279 students and advisors from 27 states were involved in this year's event. WLTI is a capstone leadership event with the focus on preparing students to serve as advocates for Career-Technical Education and the federal level and at home. While in D.C. the officers participated in a tour of the monuments and the Holocaust museum and visited the offices of Congressman Robert Latta and Congressman Steve Austria to discuss the value of Career-Technical Education and support of the Perkins legislation. While we do a similar event in January for Regional officers, this experience had a totally different flavor and theme. I am encouraging all schools to visit the National website and review the WLTI section. This would be a great capstone event for seniors returning as local officers who have participated in the Summer Leadership Conference at Hocking College. While in Washington D.C. Nick and Krista received their National Statesman's Award. Only three state officers have received this award during my tenure as State Director.

For more information go to www.skillsusa.org/wlти.shtml

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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](#).

SkillsUSA Ohio Alumni and Friends

Where are they now? Each year nearly 15,000 students graduate from SkillsUSA Chapters across the state of Ohio. Some go on to further schooling, others the military and others join the workforce. The SkillsUSA Ohio organization was initially founded in 1952 as the Vocational Industrial Clubs of Ohio and later in 1965 became Ohio VICA or Ohio Association of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. In 1999 we became Ohio SkillsUSA-VICA and in 2004 we officially became SkillsUSA Ohio.

In 2012 we will celebrate our 60th Anniversary as a state organization. In preparation for that celebration we would like to locate and connect with alumni that have made a difference in business, industry, education, government and/or the community

The gauntlet has been thrown down at the National level. They are now recognizing Alumni Associations with the largest membership and membership increases. I would like to bring those awards back to **Ohio**.
