



## Friday Flash

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# News you need to know about SkillsUSA NH!

## Meet Your New State Director

SkillsUSA New Hampshire would like to announce the arrival of Joshua Brunk as the organization's State Director. Joshua arrives to us from Pennsylvania with fourteen years as a member of SkillsUSA. Joshua is returning to his home state of New Hampshire to support the goals of SkillsUSA New Hampshire. He will be an asset as we cultivate new opportunities for our schools and communities to benefit from SkillsUSA.

Joshua has served SkillsUSA since 2002. He has been involved in SkillsUSA as a student competitor, delegate, State Officer, Alumni, and Advisor. In 2011 he earned his SkillsUSA National Statesmen's Award, and in 2014 he earned his SkillsUSA Professional Development Program International Degree. He was also named the National Outstanding Alumni of the Year in 2014.

Joshua holds an Associate's degree in Hospitality Management and a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from the Pennsylvania College of Technology. He is currently taking online classes at Johnson and Wales University for a Master's degree in Hospitality Operations. Joshua joins SkillsUSA New Hampshire after working for the following companies: The Hershey Company, Hershey Entertainment and Resorts, and Milton Hershey School.

"I am excited to take on the position of SkillsUSA NH State Director. When I joined in 2002 I didn't know where this organization would take me. Now, almost 14 years later I can say, with confidence, that SkillsUSA changed my life for the better. As State Director, I want to get as many people involved in SkillsUSA as I can. From personal experience, I know our organization is making a difference in people, both personally and professionally." -*Joshua Brunk*

Please join us in welcoming Joshua to our state organization. Joshua can be reached at [SDSkillsUSANH@gmail.com](mailto:SDSkillsUSANH@gmail.com)

# Meet & Greet

Please join us to meet and welcome the new State Director of SkillsUSA NH:  
Joshua Brunk

Thursday, October 6th, 2016 from 6-7 PM at Plymouth State College's Concord Campus, 5th floor of 2 Pillsbury Street in Concord in Classrooms 5 & 6.

RSVPs are appreciated but, not required. Please contact Courtney Ritchings at [Courtney.Ritchings@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Courtney.Ritchings@doe.nh.gov) or 603-516-0166.

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## Membership Registration is OPEN

SkillsUSA Membership Site is open and ready to accept membership. Please go to <http://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx> to input you membership this year. Check out the benefits below for joining as a professional member.

Why is it important to register yourself as a professional member of SkillsUSA? Becoming a professional member of SkillsUSA is one of the best ways you can demonstrate to your students the importance of the organization and the opportunities that membership will provide. As a professional member, you will receive online access to the following:

**-2017-2018 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards (new benefit)**

- Jump into STEM! (Curriculum)
- Career Readiness Curriculum (CRC)

**As a special membership incentive, register at least 15 student members in your training program plus one or more professionals by Nov. 15, and you will receive a SkillsUSA Framework podium banner!!**

**2016-2017 National & State Dues:**

**Student: \$16.00 (\$8 National & \$8 State)**

**Professional: \$30.00 (\$20 National & \$10 State)**

**Deadline: Feb. 1, 2017 Dues must be paid by state deadline. Students' home addresses required.**

## **Fall Leadership Conference**

**This year's fall leadership conference will once again be held at Great Bay Community College on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The conference will begin with registration being between 8AM and 8:30AM and Opening Ceremony starting at 8:30AM and with the conference ending around 1:15PM.**

**Registration for the Conference will be done again online and the cost will be \$15.00 per person. Reminder- students attending for not need to be SkillUSA members. This event is a great opportunity for students to learn more about SkillsUSA NH prior to choosing to join their local chapter.**

**More information about the conference will be available in the next Friday flash.**

## **SkillsUSA's Chapter Excellence Program**

The Chapter Excellence Program (CEP) honors chapter achievement relative to SkillsUSA's framework of developing personal, workplace and technical skills. The framework actualizes SkillsUSA's mission "to empower members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens." It also serves as the blueprint for workplace readiness — our ultimate goal as an organization.

By centering on industry demands, the framework builds the foundation for relevant and intentional student learning and employability skill development.

Paramount to framework success is the creation and implementation of an effective program of work — SkillsUSA's planning tool for chapters. By participating in program of work activities, SkillsUSA chapters become conduits for meaningful student growth. Students take part in the planning, organization and implementation of activities, which develops their skills and builds character. The CEP recognizes these efforts by offering every chapter an opportunity to attain measurable competencies in pursuit of framework objectives.

## **State Officers travel to Washington, DC**

Your SkillsUSA New Hampshire State Officers and State Director will attend the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI) from September 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. They will represent NH, SkillsUSA, and CTE through a variety of leadership activities and meetings on Capitol Hill.

### **The Power of One – The Legacy of SkillsUSA**

"SkillsUSA offers advanced training for students and advisors that focuses on the skills needed to be champions at work, in the communities and in their personal lives. It's known as the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI). Student attendees must apply to attend the conference, which will focus on developing advanced leadership, citizenship and employability skills."

<http://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/washington-leadership-training-institute/>

Stay tuned for WLTI updates in a future issue.

## **Analysis: Technical Education Students Can Earn More than Others**

A new white paper, *“Preparing our Students for Career Success — What Parents Should Know,”* is now available. It’s written by Douglas Young, managing partner of independent consulting firm Wilcap LLC, and prepared for Universal Technical Institute. Examining the U.S. Department of Education’s *College Scorecard* and U.S. labor-market trends, the paper provides insights to parents and prospective students on which educational paths will lead to well-paying jobs. It recommends that parents and students adopt an “occupation-driven” approach to education to improve post-graduation outcomes.

The analysis finds that students who choose an industry-aligned, quality postsecondary technical education can go on to earn more, on average, over the long term than their peers at some of the nation’s most selective liberal-arts universities. Career and technical students are better insulated from job losses driven by workforce automation, a growing factor affecting the labor market, according to Young. You can download the white paper here:

[www.uti.edu/prepare4future](http://www.uti.edu/prepare4future).

## **CareerSafe Offers New Training**

Katie George and Lisa London from CareerSafe visited SkillsUSA on Aug.16 to review their programs and our partnership procedures. CareerSafe now offers OSHA 10-hour training courses that cover all 16 career clusters, with the introduction of General Industry training courses geared toward agriculture and health care. Students who successfully complete one of these courses receive an OSHA 10-hour wallet card from the OSHA Training Institute (OTI). Several new CareerSafe online courses include one that teaches basic safety awareness and one that provides students with basic awareness to recognize and respond to cyberbullying. We’re happy to see Lisa London return to CareerSafe’s team as director of strategic alliances. Lisa was a supporter of CareerSafe’s partnership with SkillsUSA from the start, and we are glad to welcome her back.

## **Joining SkillsUSA Now Opens Chance to Win OSHA Training Vouchers**

**When advisors register at least 15 students and one professional member in SkillsUSA by Sept. 30, they will be placed in a drawing to receive up to 50 free OSHA training vouchers. The OSHA Outreach Training Program for General Industry teaches entry-level workers and employers how to recognize, reduce and prevent safety and health hazards in workplaces. The program also provides information on workers' rights, employer responsibilities and how to file a complaint. Drawings are being held each Friday in September.**