The Best of the Week in SkillsUSA New Hampshire

→ Region 1 Training, Where Ordinary Becomes Extraordinary
This past weekend, several SkillsUSA New Hampshire’s Board members, and State officers attended a State Farm Sponsored Region 1 training this past weekend. The board members attended the advisor training where they were introduced to several SkillsUSA curriculum products. This is what Jen Haskins, CTE Director from Sugar River Valley – Newport had to say:

“I would like to start by thanking the MA state director and the other state directors for taking the time to organize this conference. It was great to be able to meet other students that are involved in this organization outside of my own center and state. The workshop gave me an idea of how much this organization had to offer outside of the state competition. It enlightened me on how we can implement the resources available both with in my chapter and my center. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the professional development. “

Bob McIntosh, SkillsUSA NH VP of the Board and teacher at Concord Regional Career Technical Center had this to say:

I found most of the sessions very informative as an overview of the materials we received. This was what I was hoping for to have a better knowledge of the overall program so we can pass on this information in a concise, easy to follow manner.

Bob Nienhouse, teacher at R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Center had this to say about the training:

I felt that the Region 1 Training was exactly what I was looking for when I registered. The presentation did a great job of giving a brief overview of several major resources that SkillsUSA has to offer. I had heard of all of these resources briefly before, but the opportunity to delve more deeply into the purpose of each piece helped me more fully understand the implications for its use. It was a very useful training and I highly recommend it.

Our state officers attended a session where they presented SkillsUSA New Hampshire’s Program of Work to the other states that attended (ME, VT, MA, NY, NJ, MD, RI).

Our state Vice President, Brooke Gatchell had this to report from the training:

The purpose of the officers explaining their Program of Work to one another was to give an overview of what each state does throughout the year within each component from the program and to exchange ideas on community service and fundraising events.
During the afternoon session the officers were split up from their teams and were randomly assigned to groups. Each group was assigned a different type of audience to base their presentation around. The audiences included students, teachers/administration and business owners. The groups were given an hour and a half to put a slideshow presentation together and presented their final product as if they were actually presenting to the assigned type of crowd.

Region 1 training happens yearly, and this format was so successful that it will be repeated again next year at Norwood in October.

SkillsUSA New Hampshire does want to send a HUGE thank you out to SkillsUSA Massachusetts for hosting and running this event. It truly was Extraordinary.

→ **SkillsUSA New Hampshire’s New Website**
SkillsUSA NH has a new website, the web address is www.skillsusanh.org

We have been working hard this past week to update the site with current information. Please take a minute to check it out.

Information will be updated on a regular basis, and all of the Friday Flashes are now housed there as well.

Please let us know what you want to see on the new website!

→ **Have You Started Your Chapter Excellence Program Application Yet?**
Start your Chapter Excellence Program (CEP) application today and begin to earn recognition for your chapter! The online application is on the main page of SkillsUSA’s membership registration website once you have logged into your school account (www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx). Questions? Everything you needed to know about implementing the CEP can be found here: www.skillsusa.org/programs/chapter-excellence-program/. The CEP honors chapter achievement relative to the SkillsUSA Framework of developing personal, workplace and technical skills. It establishes a quality baseline that all chapters are encouraged to attain, with extra incentive for exemplary chapter performance. The program consists of four award levels, with the first three levels recognized by the state association and the final level eligible for national recognition.

→ **Membership site is open**
Membership has its advantages — and with SkillsUSA, the number of ways you and your students can benefit is immense.

1. As an advisor, when you register 15 student members in your training area plus one or more professional members by Nov. 16, you will receive a copy of *Ignite*, a new resource designed
around the SkillsUSA Framework with a variety of classroom activities that spark student engagement.

2. Professional membership that is submitted at any time during the school year grants advisors access to *Jump into STEM!* This new program teaches SkillsUSA members how to facilitate STEM workshops for elementary-school students. The downloadable curriculum includes 22 activities for hands-on learning.

3. The third resource, free to paid professional members who submit membership at any time during the school year, is the Career Readiness Curriculum (CRC). This program supports the framework of the SkillsUSA mission, which includes personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics — all essential to a successful technical education and future workplace success. The CRC includes 29 lesson plans and is based on national employability initiatives. For more details on these incentives, see the membership kit or visit the SkillsUSA website: [www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/advisors/membership-kit/](http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/advisors/membership-kit/)

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→ **Congratulations! Membership Soars Ahead of Last Year**

Advisors across the country are connecting their students to career success through membership in SkillsUSA! Membership in SkillsUSA allows students to develop their personal, workplace and technical skills through active engagement in program of work activities. It’s not too late to join and begin to immediately receive the advantages of membership. To join, simply log on at: [www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx](http://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx). Need help registering members? Call the SkillsUSA Membership Hotline toll free, 844-875-4557. Operators are on call from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (ET) Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (ET) Tuesday and Thursday. Or, you can send the operators an email at operators@skillsusa.org.

**Membership on the Rise** (states below have an increased membership as of November 16 over last year in middle school [MS], high school [HS] and/or college/postsecondary [CPS]):

- Alabama - MS
- Arizona – MS, CPS
- Arkansas - HS
- California – MS, HS
- Colorado – HS, CPS
- Connecticut – HS
- Delaware - HS
- Florida - CPS
- Georgia – HS
- Hawaii - HS
- Indiana – HS
- Iowa – HS, CPS
- Kansas – MS, HS, CPS
- Louisiana – HS, CPS
- Maine - MS
- Maryland - HS
- Minnesota - HS
- Mississippi – HS
- Nebraska - MS
- North Carolina - HS
- North Dakota - HS
- New Jersey – HS, CPS
- [New Hampshire - HS](http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/advisors/membership-kit/)
- New Mexico – MS, HS, CPS
- Nevada – HS, CPS
- New York - CPS
- Oklahoma – HS, CPS
- Oregon - HS
- Pennsylvania – HS, CPS
- Puerto Rico – MS, HS
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## Important Dates

### November 2015
- **Nov. 13-14, 2015**: Region One Advisor Training @ Norwood, MA
- **Nov. 16, 2015**: SkillsUSA membership deadline to receive free educational resource
  - State Officer Meeting @ GBCC, 5:30-7:30 pm (open to public)
- **Nov. 20, 2015**: Fall Leadership Conference @ GBCC

### December 2015
- **Dec 10, 2015**: Board of Directors Meeting @ PSU in Concord, 4:30–6:30 pm (open to public)
- **Dec. 14, 2015**: State Officer Meeting @ TBD, 4pm (closed to public)

### January 2016
- **Jan. 14, 2016**: Board of Directors Meeting @ PSU in Concord, 4:30–6:30 pm (open to public)
- **Jan. 18, 2016**: State Officer Meeting @ Sanborn HS, 5:30–7:30 pm (open to public)

### February 2016
- **Feb 1, 2016**: State & National membership deadline (must be submitted by this time)
- **Feb. 8, 2016**: State Officer Meeting @ Sanborn HS 5:30–7:30 pm (open to public)
- **Feb. 11, 2016**: Board of Directors Meeting @ PSU in Concord, 4:30–6:30 pm (open to public)
- **Feb. 7-13, 2016**: National CTSO Week

### March 2016
- **March 1, 2016**: State Deadline for registering for State Contests
- **March 7, 2016**: State Officer Meeting @ SST, 5:30–7:30 pm (open to public)
- **March 10, 2016**: Board of Directors Meeting @ PSU in Concord, 4:30–6:30 pm (open to public)
- **March 16, 2016**: State Skills & Leadership Conference @ Nashua North
- **March 18, 2016**: State Skills & Leadership Conference @ SST
- **March 20, 2016**: Awards Ceremony @ Sanborn HS, 2pm (Doors open at 1:30)
- **March 27, 2016**: Snow date for Awards Ceremony @ Sanborn HS, 2 pm (Doors open at 1:30)

### April 2016
- **April 5, 2016**: National Travel Meeting @ Concord HS, 6pm (DATE CHANGE)
- **April 14, 2016**: Board of Directors Meeting @ PSU in Concord, 4:30–6:30 pm (open to public)
- **April 15, 2016**: Deposit and paperwork due for National’s

### May 2016
- **May 1-7, 2016**: SkillsUSA National Week of Service
- **May 12, 2016**: Board of Directors Meeting @ PSU in Concord, 4:30–6:30 pm (open to public)

### June 2016
- **June 1, 2016**: Balance for National Conference Due
- **June 9, 2016**: Board of Directors Meeting @ PSU in Concord, 4:30–6:30 pm (open to public)
- **June 18-20, 2016**: Leverage, Activate and Engage Conference, Louisville, KY
- **June 20-24, 2016**: 52nd National Leadership and Skills Conference, Louisville, KY
→ **Champions Membership Circle**

**OVER 800 members in 2014-2015!**

* Increase from last week.

**Bold** text indicates new entry for the week.

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**Bronze Medal Membership:**

- Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center (14) Students, (1) Professional
- Concord Regional Technical Center (47) Students, (1) Professional
- Lakes Region Technology Center (13) Students, (1) Professional
- Manchester School of Technology (0) Students, (1) Professional
- Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE (17) Students, (18) Professionals

**Plymouth Applied Technology Center (14) Students, (2) Professionals**
- Salem HS Career & Technical Center (16) Students, (5) Professionals

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**Silver Medal Membership (25% higher membership over last year):**

None submitted yet

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**Gold Medal Membership (50% higher membership over last year):**

- Sugar River Valley RTC – Claremont (34) Students, (3) Professional

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**Alumni Membership**

Alumni Members (246)

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*Something happen in your week - tell us about it and we will post in the Friday Flash – just email* [skillsusanh@gmail.com](mailto:skillsusanh@gmail.com)

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