

## Friday Flash. . .

### The Best of the Week in SkillsUSA New Hampshire

#### → **Last Week to Register for Fall Leadership Conference**

You do not have to be a SkillsUSA member in order to attend this conference. The intent of this conference is to share what SkillsUSA is all about to everyone and to prompt interest in SkillsUSA.

The Nov 1 registration deadline is fast approaching. Make sure to register before the deadline so you and your students don't miss out.

Any advisor that is registered as an Advisor and attends the Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) will receive

1. Current Technical Standards
2. Ignite
3. Impact
4. CEP guide

**Date:** November 20, 2015

**Time:** 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

**Location:** Great Bay Community College

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person



Flyers for Fall Leadership are with this week's Friday Flash.

#### → **Schools attending Fall Leadership Conference at GBCC**

Registration deadline is Nov. 1, 2015. At this point we have the following schools registered:

Concord Regional Tech Center

Pinkerton Academy

R.W. Creteau Regional Technical Center

Sugar River Valley RTC – Claremont

Sugar River Valley RTC – Newport

→ **Brooke Gatchell, State VP, won Ms. University (UNH)**

Brooke Gatchell, SkillsUSA NH's Vice President has been competing in pageants since her senior year of high school. The platform that she runs on is about CTE and how CTE is keeping America alive. This has been her platform for the last 2 years. We are very proud to have a state officer that is going that extra mile to bring attention to the Skills-gap. Congratulations Brooke!

*Promoting Technical Careers that keep America Alive  
by: Brooke Gatchell*

Did you know that 10,000 people over the age of 65 will retire every day for the next 19 years? Most people who are retiring are the tradesman of our country. They are our plumbers, electricians, construction workers, chefs, HVAC specialists, carpenters and many more. These jobs are essential for everyday life and imperative for a well-functioning country. An ongoing and current crisis that the United States is going through is the "skills gap". The skills gap is happening because so many people are retiring every day and we don't have enough skilled and educated workers to put out into the workforce. As many as 600,000 skilled jobs are vacant.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are the answer to this problem. By promoting and informing about technical education we can then get more people involved and enrolled into these programs to produce the skilled and educated workers we need. SkillsUSA is a national organization that was created 50 years ago to assist filling in the skills gap and to prepare secondary and postsecondary students in their skilled and technical occupations. The leadership conference is made up of 99 trade and leadership skill competitions where students compete at the state level and if they win gold, they compete at the national level.

So why are CTE programs and SkillsUSA so important to me? I began my culinary class during my junior year of high school at the Seacoast School of Technology and it changed my life. It gave me direction and guidance as to what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I made lifelong friends and connections and also networked throughout the culinary/hospitality industry within the seacoast area. I was able to complete two college courses during my senior year and graduate with my Managers ServSafe Certification. It got me involved with SkillsUSA where I won two gold medals and became a part of something bigger than myself.

What would have my life been like if I didn't know about my trade school? I still wouldn't know what I would've wanted to do with my career. There are so many young adults that don't know what they want to do with their lives and the opportunities that lay right in front of them that could potentially make and change their life. I personally feel as though it is my obligation to reach out to inform and educate about the skills gap and SkillsUSA to give my peers the amazing opportunities that I am blessed and appreciative to have. I want to bring light to the importance of the dignity of work and education.



→ **Become a Professional Member of SkillsUSA!  
Career Readiness Curriculum (CRC)**

What's the CRC, and why do I need a code, you ask? The Career Readiness Curriculum (CRC) can help ensure that students are prepared for workplace success. CRC supports the framework of the SkillsUSA mission, which includes personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics — all essential to a successful, student-oriented career and technical education program. The curriculum includes 29 lesson plans. If you are using the PDP curriculum in their classroom, it is still a perfect fit. CRC is a prequel curriculum to PDP and teaches concepts and strategies versus specific skill sets in the PDP.



Best of all, the Career Readiness Curriculum is a free benefit as part of payment for SkillsUSA professional membership dues. Once you have submitted your membership as a professional member, the registration system will automatically send you a link and a code so you can log in and download lesson plans and resources. If you haven't joined yet, please do so soon so that you, too, can begin using these resources with all of your students.

→ **Shop till you drop**

Fall is fast approaching, which means it's time to purchase your Straight-A Accessories! Whether it's studying for exams or applying for college, we've got the tools every SkillsUSA member needs for success. Shop our incredible SkillsUSA classics, find essential supplies, or purchase the perfect gift for your member, parent, teacher or advisor. Explore our store for new and exciting items to kick off a great 2015-2016 year: [www.skillsusastore.org/skillsusa/welcome.asp](http://www.skillsusastore.org/skillsusa/welcome.asp)

→ **Champions Magazine Lesson Plan**

Did you know that you and your students have access to the new fall SkillsUSA Champions magazine any time online? What's even better, there is a lesson plan ready for use in your classroom based on the content of the Champions magazine! If you are looking for ways to infuse the SkillsUSA theme into your classroom, look no further, as the fall issue of the magazine focuses on SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Connecting You to Career Success. Connect your students today!

Online *Champions* magazine link: [www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=272536](http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=272536)

Online *Champions* magazine lesson plan: [www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/SkillsUSA-Champions-Fall-2015-Lesson-Plan.pdf](http://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/SkillsUSA-Champions-Fall-2015-Lesson-Plan.pdf)



→ **SkillsUSA Black Jacket**

Step into the chilly fall weather in a “Proud to Work, Proud to Wear” SkillsUSA black jacket! Own a personalized jacket designed exclusively for the SkillsUSA by Carhartt. Place your order now and receive *free* personalization, all for \$77. **Get full details and reserve yours today at:**

[www.proudtowearskillsusa.com/](http://www.proudtowearskillsusa.com/)

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PROUD TO WEAR.  
MADE IN THE USA**

→ **2015-2016 Membership Kits**

SkillsUSA advisors will receive three educational resources when they register 15 student members plus one or more professional members by **Nov. 15**. They will receive a copy of *Ignite*, a new resource designed around the SkillsUSA Framework with a variety of classroom activities that spark student engagement. They will also receive a copy of *Jump into STEM!* This new program teaches SkillsUSA members how to facilitate STEM workshops for elementary-school students. The downloadable curriculum includes instructions for running 22 activities for hands-on learning. The third free resource, free to paid professional members, 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 curriculum includes 31 lesson plans and is based on national employability initiatives. For more details on these incentives, see the membership kit or visit the SkillsUSA website <http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/advisors/membership-kit/>



You can also download those membership kits here <http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/advisors/membership-kit/>

→ **Membership site is open**

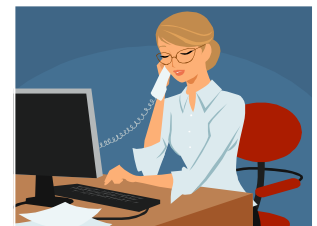
The national membership site is open. If you have not received your membership packets please contact your State Director, Kate Krumm, [skillsusanh@gmail.com](mailto:skillsusanh@gmail.com) to get one. If you submit your membership of at least 15 students and 1 or more professional member **by November 15, 2015** you will receive a commemorative banner to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the SkillsUSA’s newest resources *Ignite!*

Membership fees:

	High School	Post-Secondary
Student	\$16.00	\$18.00
Professional	\$24.00	\$24.00

→ **SkillsUSA Membership Hotline – Call toll free 1-844-875-4557**

Hotline operators are ready to answer your questions on how to start a new chapter, engage chapter members and strengthen an existing chapter — you name it, they are ready to tackle it! Operators are on call from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Eastern) Tuesday and Thursday. **Don’t have time to call?** Send the operators an **email** at [operators@skillsusa.org](mailto:operators@skillsusa.org) or **chat** with them online at the membership registration site.



# Important Dates



## November 2015

- Nov 1, 2015 -- **Deadline for Registering for Fall Leadership Conference**
- Nov. 11, 2015 -- Board of Directors Meeting @ PSU in Concord, 4:30 – 6:30 pm (open to public)
- Nov. 13-14, 2015 -- Region One Advisor Training @ Norwood, MA
- Nov. 16, 2015 -- SkillsUSA membership deadline to receive free educational resource
- Nov. 20, 2015 -- 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 7, 2016 -- National Travel Meeting @ Concord HS, 6pm
- 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 -- 52<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Bronze Medal Membership:

Concord Regional Technical Center (45) Students, (1) Professional

**Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE (0) Students, (18) Professionals**

Salem HS Career & Technical Center (12) Students, (3) Professionals

**Sugar River Valley RTC – Claremont (0) Students, (1) Professional**

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

None submitted yet

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

None submitted yet

*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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