Friday Flash. . .

The Best of the Week in SkillsUSA New Hampshire

→ **SkillsUSA NH is celebrating its 40th year**
SkillsUSA NH was granted its charter for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) back on June 23, 1975. New Hampshire joined VICA 10 years after its founding in 1965. VICA became SkillsUSA in 2004, but still has the same rich traditions and history.

We would like to hear your stories of the last 40 years with SkillsUSA NH, or VICA. Please email them to Kate Krumm at skillsusanh@gmail.com

→ **Letter from SkillsUSA NH’s Board President**

SkillsUSA NH has been rebuilding its Board of Directors for the past six months. The twelve member board is comprised of:

**3 Industry partners:**
- Al Lawrence – Artesian Electric
- Trevor Pope – Intelitek
- Emily Gagnon – Albany International

**2 CTE Directors:**
- Jack Grube – Pinkerton Academy (President)
- Jennifer Haskings – Sugar River Valley Newport

**6 Regional Advisors:**
- Doug Morton – Sugar River Valley Claremont
- Terry Berube – Salem HS Career & Tech Ed Ctr. (Secretary)
- Steve Nugent – Creteau Regional Technology Center (Treasurer)
- Bob Nienhouse – Creteau Regional Technology Center
- Steve Meserve – Lakes Region Technology Center
- Bob McIntosh – Concord Regional Technical Center (Vice- President)

**1 Representative from the NH DoE**
- Courtney Richings

Kate Krumm has been appointed as State Director for this school year. Kate attends the Board meetings but is not a voting member of the Board. The Board will be rewriting the State Director job description which will be posted as an open position late next spring. The board, comprised of all volunteers, is interested in hearing good and bad SkillsUSA NH experiences that you feel will help to make us a stronger organization. Please send those to jgrube@pinkertonacademy.org

The priority this year for the Board is providing quality experiences for all our members especially at the competitions hosted across the state each spring.
The board meets monthly and our meetings are open to the public. Please contact Jack Grube at jgrube@pinkertonacademy.org for a schedule of upcoming meetings, our agenda or meeting minutes. Our intent, as a Board is to be very transparent. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 8th at 4:30 in Concord (location TBD).

→ Fall Leadership is BACK!
SkillsUSA NH is excited to announce that our Fall Leadership Conference is back! Great Bay Community College at the Pease International Trade port will be hosting the event this year. There will be 2 community service projects with this year’s Conference along with advisory trainings that can be counted as PD. Registration will open September 21st.
  
  **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.
NH brings home 8 Medals from National Conference

SkillsUSA NH would like to announce the medal winners from the 2015 Skills and Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY this year. You represented NH well. The winners are as follows:

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SkillsUSA NH’s top 10 of the Nation!

SkillsUSA NH is very proud of our champions that placed in the top 10 of the nation. They worked hard and strutted their stuff. There were 50 individuals that competed at the National level representing NH, 19 of those placed in the top 10, that is almost 40% of our delegation. We are very proud of you and your advisors. You represented NH well.

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2015-2016 Membership Kits
This fall as teachers return to their classrooms they will be greeted by 2015-16 SkillsUSA membership kits that are specifically designed for high school or college/postsecondary. Materials and resources have been developed to meet the individual needs of each of these target markets. Membership kits have been mailed to all chapters that affiliated with SkillsUSA last year and extra kits have been mailed to all state offices. The kit includes: three posters, DVD containing three videos and 27 educational resources, tools for recruitment, lesson plans, enrollment instructions, programs, scholarship and recognition opportunities, membership cards, and information on products. 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 to get one. If you submit your membership of at least 15 students and 1 or more professional member by November 16, 2015 you will receive a commemorative banner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of the SkillsUSA’s newest resources Ignite!

Membership fees:

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SkillsUSA Membership Hotline – Call toll free 1-844-875-4557
Have questions? Need answers? The SkillsUSA membership hotline can take care of all of your chapter questions. From how to start a new chapter, ways to engage more of your chapter members, or strategies to strengthen your existing chapter, the hotline operators are standing by and ready to help. If you have questions or need assistance with online membership registration, the hotline operators can take care of that as well. Call toll free 1-844-875-4557

DIY with SkillsUSA!
Create attention-grabbing Bulletin Boards
The new school year always provides a great opportunity to dust some things off, spruce some things up and create traffic stopping bulletin boards! Wait, you don’t consider yourself a crafty person? No worries. We have you covered with an easy, do-it-yourself (DIY) project. What’s even better is, if you get a few members involved, they will have an incredible time working together and create something that will improve membership recruitment.
The designs below were created using posters from the SkillsUSA membership kit and inexpensive, easy to find items in your school or local community. For complete details on how to create these bulletin boards, see Page 15 of the High School membership kit: [http://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2015-16-High-School-Membership-Kit.pdf](http://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2015-16-High-School-Membership-Kit.pdf)
## Important Dates

### October 2015
- **Oct. 8, 2015** -- Board of Directors Meeting @ Concord, 4:30 – 6:30 pm (open to public)
- **Oct. 9, 2015** -- State Officer Meeting @ SST, 5:30 pm (open to public)

### November 2015
- **Nov 1, 2015** -- Deadline for Registering for Fall Leadership Conference
- **Nov. 11, 2015** -- Board of Directors Meeting @ 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
  - 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 @ 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 @ Concord, 4:30 – 6:30 pm (open to public)
- **Jan. 18, 2016** -- State Officer Meeting @ TBD, 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 @ TBD 5:30- 7:30 pm (open to public)
- **Feb. 11, 2016** -- Board of Directors Meeting @ 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 @ 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 @ 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 @ Concord, 4:30 – 6:30 pm (open to public)
- **May 8-9, 2016** -- Founder’s 50th Anniversary Gala @ National Headquarters, Leesburg, VA

### June 2016
- **June 1, 2016** -- Balance for National Conference Due
- **June 9, 2016** -- Board of Directors Meeting @ Concord, 4:30 – 6:30 pm (open to public)
- **June 18-20, 2016** -- Leverage, Activate and Engage Conference, Louisville, KY
- **June 20-24, 2016** -- 52st 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:
None submitted yet

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**

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