

Friday Flash. . .

The Best of the Week in SkillsUSA New Hampshire

→ Relive the SkillsUSA NH Fall State Leadership Conference.

SkillsUSA NH's Fall Leadership Conference was an amazing experience for all that attended. There were close to 300 people either attending, working, or presenting at the conference this year. This is 130 more than we had at our Fall State Leadership Conference in 2013 (the last year it was held). We thought we had amazing numbers than!

A huge thanks goes out to SkillsUSA Maine for coming down to help, past state officers who lent a hand, XMP Media who set the stage (literally) and captured the moments through photography, SkillsUSA NH's Board of Directors, and of course we could not thank Great Bay Community College enough for hosting us this year! GBCC went above and beyond in making sure this was an event to remember. SkillsUSA NH was the first outside vendor who came in and used their brand new gym for something other than basketball. It went so well, that GBCC has already booked dates for next year.

The advisor session that was led by Hal Casey (SkillsUSA Maine's State Director), had a huge turnout with 27 advisors attending! These advisors walked away with SkillsUSA curriculum, new SkillsUSA books, and idea's that they could implement into their classroom right away.

SkillsUSA NH of course continued the tradition it had set in 2013, of running a community service project where schools brought non-perishable items to the conference to be given to a local food bank. Thanks to Emily Gagnon, a SkillsUSA Board member, the NH food bank was contacted and come to pick up the donations that had been collected that day. We brought in 197 non-perishable items! Way to go SkillsUSA NH! The NH Food Bank was extremely happy to receive our donations, especially so close to Thanksgiving.

The Fall State Leadership Conference photos have been uploaded to our Facebook page (SkillsUSA New Hampshire). The photos are amazing and if you came, we would highly recommend you take a peak. Even if you did not come, take a peak, they really captured the event. Please feel free to tag yourself as well. A few are included here to whet your appetite.



→ **Pinkerton Academy SkillsUSA Students represent at Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference**

This past week is when the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference (NHCMTTC) happens each year. Pinkerton Academy students ran a Help Desk for any and all conference participants and exhibitors that might need some technology help. Mike Eno along with Jenn Lowton are co-advisors for this club that runs at Pinkerton Academy. Mike Eno is also a SkillsUSA NH advisor. All the students that run the help desk were also SkillsUSA members. Our SkillsUSA students do some amazing things.



→ **Envision Your Chapter Reaching the Pinnacle of Success through the Chapter Excellence Program**

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). Everything you needed to know about implementing the CEP can be found here: www.skillsusa.org/programs/chapter-excellence-program/.

Next spring, 24 chapters that have successfully completed all levels of the Chapter Excellence Program will be selected as Models of Excellence. Your chapter could be one of these, but the time to get started is now! The beauty of the CEP is that it actualizes the SkillsUSA mission on the local level. Achievement is based on student efforts in assuming key workplace skills including personal responsibility, integrity, work ethic and organization in chapter activities. The program is focused on the learning and skills developed by students as a result of chapter involvement versus honoring chapters simply by the number of activities they employ throughout the year. The success of the program is evident when you read the article below by our national winner in Workplace Skills, Palestine (Texas) High School.

**Bring Smiles to Girls Who Need Them
Ground 4 Justice at Refuge of Light in Tyler, Texas
Palestine (Texas) High School**

Highlighted Framework Skills: planning, organizing and management, multicultural sensitivity and awareness, teamwork

Using talents for a higher purpose is exactly what SkillsUSA members at Palestine High School did with the "Bring Smiles to Girls Who Need Them" program. Chapter members worked with a local emergency shelter to support girls who had been victims of sex trafficking and sexual abuse. Members used their cosmetology training to bring self-worth and healing on an ongoing basis. The SkillsUSA Framework skills of planning, organizing and management, multicultural sensitivity and awareness, and teamwork were in full force as members navigated life-changing moments and strict confidentiality requirements.

“This was the first year we conducted this project as part of our chapter Program of Work,” said chapter advisor Renda Songer. “We will definitely continue with it, as the learning and service orientation were outstanding. Putting students in a sensitive situation in service to diverse members of our community taught them how to adapt, provided valuable technical experience and required exemplary professionalism. The goals of this project were measurable and relevant with everything we’re learning in the classroom.”

Each month, members would go to the shelter for two hours, where they would provide mini spa services in an effort to make the girls feel beautiful and worthy. Students developed a plan to document their impact on the girls while also remaining sensitive to privacy concerns of shelter employees. They also used the highest standards of professionalism by keeping stories they heard from the girls private, and refraining from letting girls they might recognize know they’d seen them before. They also had to be diligent in dealing with constant turnover, knowing the girls they helped one month may not be the next month.

According to member Shelby Songer, the essential element of multicultural sensitivity and awareness was constant throughout this program. “We live in a diverse world, and you need to be able to serve all,” she said. “Before we did this, I was not nearly as aware of the needs and diversity in my own community. It taught me that you learn from those you serve. This includes everything from cultural differences to styling different types of hair.”

Angela Norman added, “The framework helped us realize that a beneficial learning experience needs to have measurable results. It also helped us find areas of improvement. For example, we now know how to improve our packing whenever we go to the shelter so that we don’t forget things like hairspray or bobby pins. We also decided to create a more set schedule so that each member had a chance to go back multiple times.”

The program was 100-percent successful in bringing “Smiles to Girls Who Need Them” while also creating awareness to sex trafficking in the local community. Well done!

→ 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/

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→ State Contests to be Run this year

Below is a list of the state contests that are being run this year. To find out more information about each, go to the state website www.skillsusanh.org under Events & Conferences, select State Leadership and Skills Contests, State Contests. Just click on each contest to find out where, when and a short description. If there are special instructions, ie must wear official SkillsUSA dress for a contest that information will be there as well. This section will be updated as information from the Contest Chairs is shared with the State office. Check back often for updates.

- Advertising Design (S & PS)
- Architectural Drafting (S & PS)
- Automated Manufacturing Technology (S & PS)
- Broadcast News Production (S & PS)
- Cabinet Making (S & PS)
- Carpentry (S & PS)
- CNC Technician (S & PS)
- Commercial Baking (S & PS)
- Computer Programming (S & PS)
- Cosmetology (S)
- Cosmetology Long Hair (State Only Contest) (S)
- Culinary Arts (S & PS)
- Customer Service (S & PS)
- Diesel Equipment Technology (S & PS)
- Digital Cinema Production (S & PS)
- Electrical Construction Wiring(S & PS)
- Esthetic (S & PS)
- Extemporaneous Speaking (S & PS)
- Industrial Motor Control (S & PS)
- Information Technology Services (S & PS)
- Internetworking (S & PS)
- Job Interview (S & PS)
- Job Skill Demonstration –A (S & PS)
- Job Skill Demonstration – Open (S & PS)
- Mobile Robotics (S & PS)
- Photography (S & PS)
- Pin & T-Shirt Contest (S & PS)
- Plumbing (S & PS)
- Power Equipment Technology (S & PS)
- Prepared Speech (S & PS)
- Promotional Bulletin Board (S & PS)
- Related Technical Math (S & PS)
- Restaurant Service (S & PS)
- Robotics and Automation Technology (S & PS)
- Technical Computer Applications (S & PS)
- Technical Drafting (S & PS)
- Telecommunications Cabling (S & PS)
- TV / Video Production (S & PS)
- Welding (S & PS)
- Welding Fabrication (S & PS)
- Welding Sculpture (S & PS)

→ Where Do I send Payments?

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Fall Conference Payments
State Conference Payments
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Etc.

Important Dates



December 2015

- Dec 4, 2015 -- Officer Applications Due to State Office.
- 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 -- 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:

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 Community College (2) Students, (0) 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

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

None submitted yet

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

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

Alumni Membership

Alumni Members (246)

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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