Friday Flash. . .

The Best of the Week in SkillsUSA New Hampshire

→ **Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and have a great New Year!**

Everyone at SkillsUSA New Hampshire wishes you a great Holiday session. We hope that you enjoy your down time, time with family, and the time to just recharge for the upcoming year. (Enjoy all those wonderful cookies too)

This will be the last Friday flash of the year until the next full school week in January.

→ **SkillsUSA New Hampshire has its 2nd Quality Chapter**

Congratulations to Pinkerton Academy on achieving the first level of the Chapter Excellence Program. The first level honors chapters for achieving essential standards of excellence as a “Quality Chapter.” To achieve the Quality Chapter Award you need to be able answer yes to the following questions:

- Chapter paid membership dues
- All section/program advisors paid professional dues to SkillsUSA
- The Chapter elected chapter officers
- The chapter conducted well-planned, regularly scheduled chapter meetings
- The chapter completed a projected budget (list of planned income and expenses for the year)
- The chapter completed a Program of Work (list of planned activities for the year)

AND

List one activity conducted within each of the three framework areas – personal skills, workplace skills, and technical skills.

→ **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](http://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/](http://www.skillsusa.org/programs/chapter-excellence-program/).

**Deadline for submitting the Level 1 CEP application is January 29, 2016.**

**Deadline for final submission of CEP is March 1, 2016.**
Cool idea from Eldon Career Center, MO

Joey Baker, SkillsUSA State Director had a great visit to Eldon Career Center! Check out the wall of CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organizations) of fame! These images display all the national medalists. SkillsUSA is red, FFA is blue, and FBLA is white.

This is a great way to showcase your centers success. You could even do this for state level winners!

On another way they have all their state officers’ photos to show as well.

Plan Now for a Successful SkillsUSA Week

Make plans now for your chapter to celebrate SkillsUSA Week Feb. 7-13. It provides state associations, advisors and student members the opportunity to promote SkillsUSA programs and activities at the local and state levels.

During SkillsUSA Week, members can also help raise awareness of our organization. This can be accomplished through field trips to local businesses, an open house for parents or industry partners, a visit to local community organizations to make a brief presentation about SkillsUSA, or providing news releases and public service announcements to local media outlets for possible distribution. Involvement in activities such as these brings positive recognition to SkillsUSA as well as to local schools and their students. But even more so, these opportunities provide the perfect time to embed the essential elements of the SkillsUSA Framework. Students learn the essential elements of the framework best when they are actively applying them to the SkillsUSA program of work.

Conducting chapter activities during SkillsUSA Week also helps to satisfy Chapter of Excellence Level 2 Indicators. For more information and ideas on celebrating SkillsUSA Week, check out: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/skillsusa-week/ideas-for-celebrating/.
SkillsUSA Scholarship Opportunities

Don’t miss these incredible scholarships opportunities available for students on the SkillsUSA website.

- Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship: [https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/sharon-melton-myers-memorial-scholarship/ — deadline is April 29.](https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/sharon-melton-myers-memorial-scholarship/)
- Southeastern Construction Owners and Associates Roundtable (SCOAR) scholarship: [https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/scoar-scholarship/ — deadline is April 1.](https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/scoar-scholarship/)
- SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Merit Scholarship: [www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/alumni-friends-scholarship — deadline is May 1.](www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/alumni-friends-scholarship)

For additional scholarship information, please continually check the website at:

[www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/](www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/)

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](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. There have been several updates already in the last 2 weeks. Please check weekly for updates.

- Advertising Design (S & PS)
- Architectural Drafting (S & PS)
- Automated Manufacturing Technology (S & PS)
- Automotive Service 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)

* Pending location approval
→ Where Do I send Payments?

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Fall Conference Payments
State Conference Payments
National Conference Payments

All SkillsUSA Dues (National & State)
Workforce Assessments
Educational Materials for the classroom

SkillsUSA Clothing
Emblematic items
Chapter Supplies
Scrapbooks
Graduation Regalia
Etc.
Important Dates

**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)
- Jan. 29, 2016  -- **Deadline for the Level 1 CEP application (online submission)**

**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**
  -- **Deadline for Final Submission for CEP**
- 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.

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
Plymouth Applied Technology Center (14) Students, (2) Professionals
Salem HS Career & Technical Center (20) Students, (8) Professionals *
Thompson School of Applied Science @ UNH (1) Student, (1) Professional

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

Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE (81) Students, (19) Professionals *

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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