Friday Flash. . .

The Best of the Week in SkillsUSA New Hampshire

→ Membership deadline approaching!
The membership deadline to become a SkillsUSA NH state and national member is fast approaching. The deadline for submissions of students and advisors is Feb. 1, 2016. In order to compete in the State Leadership and Skills Contests in March you need to be registered as a SkillsUSA member and your advisor needs to be registered as well.

→ 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](http://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

CHECK THE SKILLSUSA NEW HAMPSHIRE WEBSITE WEEKLY FOR CONTEST UPDATES!
→ **SkillsUSA Week is Right Around the Corner**
   Are you ready to show your Champion Pride?

   The SkillsUSA Store has created a SkillsUSA Week T-shirt that will be available for purchase soon. The design is almost complete and will be released next week with additional details and pricing. This creative, unique and one-of-a-kind design captures the energy and excitement of this dedicated week.

   Feb. 7 will be here before you know it. Be prepared to show your skills with the SkillsUSA Week T-shirt.

→ **New Year, New Opportunities to Shine! Chapter Excellence Program**
   SkillsUSA’s Chapter Excellence Program (CEP) recognizes and honors chapters for their achievements. Ensure that your chapter is receiving the recognition it deserves by completing the Chapter of Excellence application. This new program provides lots of opportunities for chapters to receive recognition. Learn how to get started here:

   - **CEP Webinar** — [www.skillsusa.org/events-training/webinars/](http://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/webinars/) (second, third and fourth webinar from the top of the page)
   - **CEP Online Application** — [www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx](http://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx)
   - **CEP Questions** — We are here to help; contact Gayle Silvey (gsilvey@skillsusa.org/404-216-6040) or Debbie Peabody (dpeabody@skillsusa.org/844-875-4557)

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

   Deadline for final submission of CEP is March 1, 2016.

→ **Mike Rowe Speaks Up for SkillsUSA**
   Welcome to SkillsUSA Champions Magazine, Winter 2016 issue! The lesson plan below will help you facilitate activities and discussion in the classroom based on the content of the magazine. Students will develop reading comprehension and critical thinking skills; they’ll also be able to practice the skills listed within the SkillsUSA Framework. The guided reading questions can be given to students prior to their assigned reading or browsing of the magazine. Have students read the article as homework or during class individually, in small groups or aloud as an entire class. Follow up in-class reading with a quick discussion of the article. Finally, use the discussion questions to help students apply the article to their own SkillsUSA experience. Activities are provided for practice and extended learning. The lesson below focuses on public service announcements that are presented by Mike Rowe (featured on Page 7). Students can view the magazine online at [http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=284065](http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=284065)
Content Discussion Questions

1. The article mentions “the growing skill gap.” What is Mike Rowe referring to?

2. How does SkillsUSA help students develop needed skills for the future?

3. Besides radio, where could PSAs be played or read?

In-Class Activity, 12 minutes

*Personal Skills: self-motivated, demonstrates a willingness to learn*

*Materials needed: paper (one piece per student) writing utensil (one per student), and copy of the SkillsUSA Framework (one per student)*

Students will evaluate their own skills using these instructions:

1. Draw a line vertically down the center of the paper.
2. Take three minutes to consider your future career, and on the left side of the paper, list skills, traits and qualities a successful person in that job would possess.
3. Now take three minutes to individually review the framework, and on the right side of the paper, list skills you have practiced and developed through SkillsUSA participation.
4. Finally, compare the two lists. Circle all skills or qualities on the left side of the paper that you have not yet developed or practiced.

Have students share in small groups, discussing at least one of the undeveloped skills and what can be done to improve. Facilitate a discussion by asking questions including:

- What skills still need to be developed?
- What can we do to improve and add to our skills?
- How do you demonstrate a willingness to learn at home? In school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?
- Why is it important to learn daily?

Extended Learning Activity

*Personal Skills: responsibility, contributes to success*

Have students contact local radio stations and distribute Mike Rowe’s PSAs to be aired
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/](https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/sharon-melton-myers-memorial-scholarship/) — **deadline is April 29.**
- Southeastern Construction Owners and Associates Roundtable (SCOAR) scholarship: [https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/scoar-scholarship/](https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/scoar-scholarship/) — **deadline is April 1.**
- SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Merit Scholarship: [www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/alumni-friends-scholarship](https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/alumni-friends-scholarship) — **deadline is May 1.**

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

[www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/](https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/)
Where Do I send Payments?

SkillsUSA New Hampshire
c/o Kate Krumm
17 Danville Rd
Kingston, NH 03848
Phone (603) 781-1351
Fax (603) 642-6947
www.skillsusanh.org

Fall Conference Payments
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Leesburg, VA 20176
Phone (703) 777-8810
Fax (703) 777-8999
www.skillsusa.org

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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
- 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
No schools

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Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE
Salem HS Career & Technical Center
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
- Cheshire Career Center (17) Students, (1) Professional
- Concord Regional Technical Center (47) Students, (1) Professional
- Dover School of Technology (10) 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
- 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
- Salem HS Career & Technical Center (25) Students, (8) 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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