

Friday Flash. . .

The Best of the Week in SkillsUSA New Hampshire



→ **CTSO Week at Salem High School**

SkillsUSA Salem member Jacob Attarian created a SkillsUSA informational pamphlet explaining what a CTSO-Career & Technical Student Organization is and why it is important to join SkillsUSA at Salem High School. Jacob also included the dates and times for SkillsUSA meetings, as well as a directory of Salem Officers and Advisors. Jacob, along with fellow committee members Joshua Attarian, Chris Nikitas, Anthony Morganelli, and Mrs. Terry Berube-Advisor, made announcements in the cafeteria and distributed the pamphlets to the students at all four lunches on Wednesday, February 10, 2016.



Pictured is a photo of Jacob Attarian, wearing his purple SkillsUSA NH Leadership T-shirt (donated by Gemini Electric at the Fall Leadership Conference), proudly holding his creation. Jacob is currently a junior and enrolled in both the Marketing and the CSMA-Computer Software Media Applications programs at Salem's CTE Center.

What is your CTE story? (to share your CTE story, email it to skillsusanh@gmail.com)

→ **CTSO State Officers taking the State House by Storm**



We just ended SkillsUSA week, and our SkillsUSA officers joined together with the other New Hampshire CTSO officers, Educators Rising, FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA, and TSA. All the CTSO officers met at the state house in Concord on Thursday morning to showcase each of their organizations to our State Representatives.

SkillsUSA Officers set up a booth, and explain and answer any questions the State Representatives through at them. They even met a NH State Representative who was a pass SkillsUSA member, back when in was called VICA. Her name was Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien, she works for the Labor Committee. She was a school officer at her CTE center in Massachusetts. She got a sense of

nostalgia when she saw us and got to try on one of the officer's blazer. The CTSO Officers hosted a community service project that was a drive to delete blood cancer. It was simple process; all you had to give was your information and a swab on the inside of your mouth. Then they will contact you if you're a match, and then you donate at a later time.



→ Centers Taking advantage of Early Bird Registration

SkillsUSA New Hampshire is excited that we were able to have an early bird registration for State Conference this year. This is a discounted rate for those that register for contests early. The following centers have taken advantage of this discount:

- Cheshire Career Center
- Concord Regional Tech Center
- Dover School of Technology
- Lakes Region Technology Center
- Manchester School of Technology
- Nashua Technology Center-South



Don't forget to register before Feb. 19 to take advantage of this!

→ State Officer Application

It is that time of year again where we are seeking young individuals to be a State Officers for the 16-17 school year. Being a State Officer is a life changing experience. You get to travel, work with a great team, and network with students / adults outside of your normal day to day life, advocate for CTE, and gain those professional skills!

Please fill out the attached application (or get it off our website under the downloads section) and return to skillsusanh@gmail.com by March 7th. We have added a check off page to the application to help getting all those pieces in.



→ Tech Tip of the Week

Master Graphic Design in 10 Minutes: If you've ever wanted to send out a "Happy SkillsUSA Week" graphic on social media but didn't have the time or the graphic design skills to do so, this tip is for you. Canva.com is a free website that provides professionally designed templates in a variety of sizes and formats, for both print and digital use. From posters, to email headings, to social media images — Canva makes it easy to create and download an image with just a few clicks. You can edit text on its templates, drop in your own images or start from scratch with easy-to-use design tools. Canva also offers a variety of tutorials and walkthroughs for beginners. Basic Canva is free, and a premium version can be free for state SkillsUSA associations with proof of nonprofit status. If you can't subscribe to a premium version, don't worry — paid templates are only \$1 per piece.

→ \$2,000 School Grant Sponsored by Lowe's for the Chapter Excellence Program – Models of Excellence Award Grant

Your chapter or section may qualify for this award. Don't miss this exciting opportunity for your chapter to be recognized and honored for exemplary chapter performance as well as the chance to receive \$2,000. The Chapter Excellence Program (CEP) establishes a quality baseline that all chapters are encouraged to attain with extra incentive for exemplary chapter performance. The program consists of four award levels, with the first three levels recognized by the state and the final level eligible for national recognition. Twenty-four chapters will be recognized as Models of Excellence and will receive a \$2,000 grant. It's not too late, but state deadlines are quickly approaching.

Ensure that your chapter is receiving the recognition it deserves by completing the Chapter of Excellence application. Complete your CEP application online at: www.skillsusa-

register.org/Login.aspx. If you have questions, contact Gayle Silvey (gsilvey@skillsusa.org/404-216-6040) or Debbie Peabody (dpeabody@skillsusa.org/844-875-4557) Download CEP resources at: 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.

→ **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.**
- National Technical Honor Society Scholarship: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/national-technical-honor-society/ — **deadline is April 1.**
- Southeastern Construction Owners and Associates Roundtable (SCOAR) scholarship: <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/scoar-scholarship/> — **deadline is April 1.**
- SkillsUSA STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Scholarship: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/skillsusa-stem-science-technology-engineering-mathematics-scholarship/ — **deadline is March 15.**
- SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Merit Scholarship: 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/

IMPORTANT State Conference Information

→ **Eligibility Statement for State Contests**

In order to participate in SkillsUSA NH's state contests, a student has to be currently enrolled (at contest time) in a program with (insert program title here) as the occupational objective. (*From national technical standards*).

For instance, if there is a senior that completed a computer programming CTE course (1 & 2) their junior year, and are enrolled in an ELO (Extended Learning Opportunity) or Independent Study their senior year for computer programming, AT CONTEST TIME, that student would be eligible to compete. If they are only enrolled in the fall semester they would not be eligible to compete.

Additionally, students can only register for **ONE** competition.

→ **Cost**

Due to a grant all costs are lowered for this year (one year grant)

Early Bird Registration (Feb 1-Feb 19)

All contests: \$20.00 (team contest base price plus 5 dollars per each additional person)
Models & Advisors: \$5.00
Stewards: Free

Regular Registration (Feb 20-March 1)

All contests: \$25.00 (team contest base price plus 10 dollars per each additional person)
Models & Advisors: \$5.00
Stewards: Free

→ **Contest Updates, Locations & Entry limits**

As updates for different contests arrive at the state office, they will be posted to our website www.skillsusanh.org Please check under Events & Conferences to find your contest. The page as also been updated with a time stamp of when it was last updated.

→ **Membership**

Please be reminded that all competitors and advisors must be dues paying members of SkillsUSA. All memberships must be done online through the National Registration site. Registration deadline is **February 1, 2016**.

→ **Conference Registration**

The Conference Registration will open on February 1, 2016 and close on March 1, 2016.

The school is responsible for any person registered through the conference registration system, even if they do not show up day of contest, the school is responsible for paying for that person. All invoices must be paid in full before the day of the contest.

→ **Conference Payments**

All payments for all contests must be **paid in full** prior to conference date. Payment must be in check form sent to:

SkillsUSA NH
c/o Kate Krumm
17 Danville Rd
Kingston, NH 03848

→ **Entry Limits**

Due to space and cost there are limits to how many students or teams can enter each contest. If you have multiple kids who wish to compete, think about Job Skills Demo or other leadership contests. This is a great way to involve more students in the state level contests. Check website for entry limits per contest.

→ **Leadership Contest**

Leadership Contests have unlimited entry slots. We would like to get this area of SkillsUSA more involved within the classrooms.

→ **All competitors MUST have a one page typed resume**

All competitors in every contest must have a one page typed resume to hand in on day of competition. There is up to a 10 point deduction for not having the resume. There will be a dedicated email this year for those send in contests to send their resume to.

→ **How do I get that invoice**

To get the invoice for payment please follow these instructions.

- Log into the registration site from our website, www.skillsusanh.org
- On the top bar you will see 5 tabs, (Main, Membership, Conference, Help, Logout) choose Conference
- Select Fees per program

You will get a PDF with invoices for ALL programs individually broken out. Print your page, and voila you have an invoice.

→ **State Contests to be Run this year**

The contest list is on our website. 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. **There have been several updates already. Please check weekly/daily for updates.**

**CHECK THE SKILLSUSA NEW HAMPSHIRE WEBSITE WEEKLY FOR
CONTEST UPDATES!**

→ **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
State Conference Payments
National Conference Payments

SkillsUSA Inc.
14001 SkillsUSA Way
Leesburg, VA 20176
Phone (703) 777-8810
Fax (703) 777-8999
www.skillsusa.org

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

SkillsUSA Store c/o E Group
PO Box 3851
Frederick, MD 21705
Phone (800) 401-1560
Fax (301) 631-0108
www.skillsusastore.org

SkillsUSA Clothing
Emblematic items
Chapter Supplies
Scrapbooks
Graduation Regalia
Etc.

Important Dates



February 2016

- Feb. 7-13, 2016 -- National CTSO Week
- Feb. 19, 2016 -- Early Bird Registration Ends

March 2016

- March 1, 2016 -- State Deadline for registering for State Contests
- March 7, 2016 -- Deadline for Final Submission for CEP
- March 7, 2016 -- State Officer Meeting @ SST, 5:30- 7:30 pm (open to public)
- March 7, 2016 -- State Officer Application Due
- 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



MODELS OF EXCELLENCE

- Chapters are selected via committee to attend the NLSC* as a Model of Excellence
- Receive travel stipend**
- Students participate in sponsor interviews
- Invited to Models of Excellence Dinner*
- Recognized in NLSC session
- Receive school banner
- Receive school plaque**
- Recognized in promotional materials highlighting Models of Excellence

States may send gold applications up to 10 percent of the total number of chapters in the state.

No schools

CHAPTER OF DISTINCTION
Gold Recognition

- Complete Level 1 and 2 of application
- Achieve essential activities and distinction indicators
- Receive banner
- Receive advisor lapel pin
- Invited to attend NLSC*
- Invited to Chapter of Distinction Gold Reception
- Recognize students and advisors at NLSC

No Schools

CHAPTER OF DISTINCTION
Bronze and Silver Recognition

- Complete Level 1 and 2 of application
- Achieve essential activities and distinction indicators
- Receive certificate

No Schools

QUALITY CHAPTER

- Complete Level 1 of application
- Achieve quality indicators
- Receive certificate

Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE
Salem HS Career & Technical Center

Something happen in your week - tell us about it and we will post in the Friday Flash – just email skillsusanh@gmail.com

To learn more about SkillsUSA, then visit our website at www.skillsusanh.org