

Friday Flash. . .



The Best of the Week in SkillsUSA New Hampshire

→ **Registration site will be down for a limited time at midnight tonight!**

The registration site will be down for a limited time tonight 2/19 for maintenance. Please make sure to have your contestants registered and SUBMITTED before midnight.

Please also make sure you have downloaded your invoice before midnight as there will be a change in rates charged. If you print an invoice after today it will reflect the new rates.



→ **SkillsUSA New Hampshire welcomes new State Officers**

Last night six new students walked into Sanborn Regional High School, home of SkillsUSA New Hampshire to start a new journey. These students came to attend State Officer training. We are VERY happy to welcome:

Ally Arcand	Concord Regional Technology Center	Cosmetology
Tia Buntin	Concord Regional Technology Center	Cosmetology
Brad Goldstein	Pinkerton Academy CTC	Computer Networking
Zach Goldstein	Pinkerton Academy CTC	Computer Networking
Chase Hanies	Concord Regional Technology Center	Culinary
Sarah Irving	Concord Regional Technology Center	Cosmetology

Walking into the building they may have known a few of the others that joined them, but I think I am safe say at the end of the night, they had a few more friends....maybe even family. They got to meet the current officers, Ina and Brooke as well as the State Director, Ms. Krumm. They participated in some great ice breakers, social media training, and what it takes to be an officer.

We at SkillsUSA NH look forward to working with such a great group!



Centers Taking advantage of Early Bird Registration ENDS TODAY

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 Career and Technology Center
- Dover School of Technology
- Lakes Region Technology Center
- Manchester School of Technology
- Nashua Technology Center - North
- Nashua Technology Center-South
- Pinkerton Academy
- Portsmouth Career Technology Center
- Salem HS Career & Technology Center
- Seacoast School of Technology
- Sugar River Valley RTC- Claremont
- Sugar River Valley RTC – Newport
- Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Tech Ed Center



ENDS TODAY!

→ 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.



→ Celebrate CTE Month; What is your CTE story?

This story comes from one of our state officers that was inspired to share her story after reading the story in the Feb 5 Friday Flash.

I have always loved to cook. Food was something that my family always bonded over and cooking was something that I turned to when life wasn't going so well. Sophomore year was the time to apply to a program at the Seacoast School of Technology (SST). I heard a lot about the Culinary Arts program through a few of my friends who attended and instantly knew that I had to be a part of it.

I asked my parents if I could enroll in the class for my junior year and both of them told me no. The reason they gave me was that people who go to "voc school" are students who don't plan on going to college, but I knew of people who went to SST and went to college afterwards. I also knew that college was in my future. I was really upset and frustrated because cooking was my passion and they were keeping me from what I really wanted to do because of a misconception.

When junior year began I ended up going to a charter school that was in the same building as SST. Upon arrival I spoke to my new guidance counselor and explained how much I wanted to be in the Culinary Arts program. He called down to the chef instructor and asked if it was too late to enroll and if there was room for another student. There was still space and I knew this was something that I had to do. My determination and adavance finally lead to a yes from my parents. Little did we know that enrolling in this class would change my life.



Every day was a good one at SST. It was my favorite class and I always looked forward to attending it. The program had the most beautiful kitchen that was fully equipped with everything a culinary student could possibly need. Chef James Collins was so passionate about culinary and the success of his students and this only motivated me more.

During the second week of classes there was an election for SkillsUSA chapter office. I ran for Vice President and wasn't elected in. That spring I competed in the Job Interview competition and didn't place. But while I was at the awards ceremony I witnessed the state officers perform the SkillsUSA Emblem Ceremony. Right upon seeing it I knew that I wanted to be up there on the stage doing what they did.

I wasn't going to let my SkillsUSA chapter election discourage me from fulfilling my dreams. Many of my classmates didn't believe that I could do it. Chef Collins gave me the information to become a state officer and from there I contacted the state director and sent a letter of application. In August I traveled up to Lincoln, NH to attend Summer State Officer Training, which was where we assigned officer positions. After two days of training and getting to know my fellow officers, I went home as the elected State President.

The SkillsUSA New Hampshire officer team became my second family. I could go to the officers and to my director about anything and they were always supportive and caring. Spring time rolled around and once again I was not going to be discouraged because of my previous year competing and not placing.

I practiced with my friends, family, and Chef Collins. I was determined to win gold. This determination lead to me being medaled gold by one of my fellow officers at the awards ceremony. It was truly one of the most amazing moments of my life. All of my hard work paid off and I had earned the opportunity to go to nationals. I looked out into the audience to see the proud faces of my mom, dad, and chef.

Three years as a state officer and two gold medals later I am still pushing myself to be the best me that I can be. I am never fully satisfied because I know that there are always things that can be improved upon. If I had let myself get discouraged from my failures and didn't keep pursuing my dreams I would not be where I am today.

I have SST and Chef Collins to thank for all of my successes whether they be in SkillsUSA, school, or the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program. Without that school and without my passionate instructor, the domino effect of all of the amazing events that I experienced would have never happened. I am so grateful for CTE and if I could go back in time I would not have changed a thing.

→ **\$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 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. 19, 2016 -- Early Bird Registration Ends

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)
-- 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