

## Friday Flash. . .

### The Best of the Week in SkillsUSA New Hampshire

#### → Celebrate CTE Month; What is your CTE story?

In celebration of CTE month, I would like to share how CTE shaped my life. Back when I was a sophomore in high school I decided to take a fun course, I took woodshop. I was the first girl in the class in a few years, and honestly I was not “typical” kid you would see taking woodshop. I fought my guidance counselor that told me I could not take it, I needed to take biology or my classes would be all messed up for the rest of my high school career. I fought and won, little did I know at the time that taking that class would set the path of what I would do for a career. One little decision!



Over the course of the year, I exceeded my woodshop teacher’s expectations with my attention to detail that when the drafting teacher came in with a special project he needed done, he assigned me to it. The drafting teacher, Mr. Upton, wanted something built for a physics class he was teaching. Mr. Upton had drawn up plans; after all he was a drafting teacher, but when he showed me the plans I pointed out 3 different mistakes he had done and a missing dimension. These were simple mistakes, made in haste, but Mr. Upton was impressed that he started to lobby me to take his class junior year.

I will be honest, I didn’t want to take his class, I didn’t really find it all that interesting, but Mr. Upton saw something in me, a spark of greatness. He would not take no for an answer. He brought me in his class to shadow for a day, contacted my parents (I had no idea), to try to talk me into taking his class. He was relentless, and I finally said yes.

So my “messed” up schedule, due to taking woodshop, came into play my junior year. I had to take a sophomore class that made me have to take Junior English when the junior drafting class was being taught. Mr. Upton was still relentless. Instead of having me come in 2 periods back to back, he gave up his lunch period to have me come in during that time, and during 1 of the 2 period blocks with the junior class. Again, he must have seen something good, even great in me to have given up his lunch every day for an entire year to allow me to take Drafting 1.

My junior year I was chosen to participate in the class VICA (now SkillsUSA) drafting competition. I did not place that year, but it made me want more. So when that opportunity came knocking my senior year, I competed again, and I took 1 of the top 3 places that allowed me to go to the State competition. I was so nervous, but I put my best effort in and ended up taking Gold for Architectural Drafting. That gold awarded me a scholarship to the New Hampshire Community College system for Architectural Engineering.



Now I can’t forget to mention going to VICA (SkillsUSA) National’s my senior year of high school. It was life changing! I competed against the best of the best. My worst

worry was would I not remember all the parts to a wall section. (Totally forgetting I had a graphic standards with me that had that in it) This was not the first time I had traveled without my parents, but I felt like such a grown up. The opportunities I saw at the Techspo, all the students from around the nation, sitting in a large ballroom with kids that had competed in 4 different contests (classroom, districts, regionals, states) before even getting to National's. And here I was from little old NH. How would I measure up? At the time we did computer and board drafting. My greatest concern once I was in competition was how would I print out my Floor plan so I could project down what I needed for the elevations? But I did it, and I placed 20th in the nation!

Going to school/college for something that I loved, a job I had always wanted was phenomenal. The community college system has an amazing program. Everyone that graduated from NHTI in my major had a job at graduation, and I was no different. But once I was in my job, I realized that I didn't want to sit by myself in a cubicle behind a computer all day without any human interaction. Which is why, when my old Vocational (now CTE) director called me from my old high school asking if I wanted to take Mr. Upton's old teaching position, I jumped at it!

I LOVE being a teacher, I love teaching drafting/CAD. I love looking at houses and house plans, I love getting my kids to think outside the box, but I needed something to complete that curriculum piece. I needed to include SkillsUSA. I was missing leadership, those soft skills. When I first went back to teaching I carried on SkillsUSA-VICA in my classroom, kids competed and went to national's. I passed my love for SkillsUSA-VICA along to others.

Since I have started teaching, I have become the Drafting Competition Coordinator for Architecture and Technical Drafting for SkillsUSA NH. I became the Alumni Coordinator for SkillsUSA NH, I became a board member, and three years ago I became the State Director for SkillsUSA NH. That one decision way back in my sophomore year in high school to take a woodshop "fun" class, really shaped my life. I would not be where I am today without CTE.

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

### → **CTSO State Officers planning a CTSO Event at the State House**

CTSO Day will take place on Thursday, February 11th in Concord at the State House. For the past two months, New Hampshire's CTSO's including Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); Future Farmers of America (FFA); HOSA-Future Health Professionals; Educators Rising; SkillsUSA; and Technology Student Association (TSA) have been meeting and planning a community service event and scheduled meetings with our state's representatives and senators to inform about CTE programs and CTSO's.



The officers have invited the representatives and Concord's Fire Department to participate in a bone marrow drive to delete blood cancer, that will take place in the afternoon. The people who volunteer will have their mouths swabbed. The swabs will then go through a database to determine if they match someone in need of a bone marrow donor. If matched, that person will be notified.

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A proclamation to officially declare the week of February 7th, 2016 to be New Hampshire CTSO Week has been written and sent to governor Maggie Hassan to read and potentially sign.

→ **Order Your SkillsUSA Week T-Shirt Now!**

Are you ready to show your Champion Pride? Chapters can order SkillsUSA T-shirts for \$12 each with a minimum order of just six T-shirts. To order, contact [khenderson@egroupengage.com](mailto:khenderson@egroupengage.com).

The creative, one-of-a-kind T-shirt 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.



→ **CTE Month Digital Blizzard Plan**

February is recognized as National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, with the opportunity to highlight the work of students and teachers in CTE. SkillsUSA is integral to your CTE program, so this is the perfect opportunity to raise awareness and share information about CTE and SkillsUSA. To reach a wide audience of students, parents and educators, one of the most effective forms of communication is through social media such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. How can you and your students get involved and get noticed? Follow the daily postings and tweets below for the most impact:

**Feb. 10 Theme:** Career and Technical Student Organizations

**Facebook Post:**

SkillsUSA is an integral part of career and technical education (CTE). Students enrolled in CTE programs participate in leadership development conferences and events, with the opportunity to travel and meet people from across the nation.

- Post photos of your favorite CTSO leadership development activity. Include a picture of students exhibiting leadership skills, participating in regional or national conferences, or contributing in the workplace, community and school

**Tweet / Instagram Post:**

Over 2 million students nationwide are currently members of CTSOs, and millions more are alumni. How did CTSO contribute to your career success? #CTEMonth

→ **Register Today: Chapter Excellence Program Webinars**

You know you are having a great year in SkillsUSA, so why not be recognized for it? Did you elect officers, hold chapter meetings, engage in chapter activities? Then take it to the next level. Complete the Chapter of Excellence program's Quality Chapter application to receive the recognition you have earned as a chapter. Join us for this easy-to-follow, 30-minute webinar that will take you step by step through the application process — after all, you've earned it!

- Register for Completing the CEP Quality Chapter Application webinar on **Feb. 9, 4 p.m. (EST)** at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4787015614308551938>
- Register for Completing the CEP Chapter of Distinction Application webinar on **Feb. 10, 4 p.m. (EST)** at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8539640003815115266>

→ **\$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](http://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx). If you have questions, contact Gayle Silvey ([gsilvey@skillsusa.org](mailto:gsilvey@skillsusa.org)/404-216-6040) or Debbie Peabody ([dpeabody@skillsusa.org](mailto:dpeabody@skillsusa.org)/844-875-4557) Download CEP resources at: [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.**

→ **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/](http://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/](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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**

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. Please check weekly for updates.**

<b>Contest Name</b>	<b>Entry Limits per Center</b>
Advertising Design (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Architectural Drafting (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Automated Manufacturing Technology (S & PS)	3 Teams Secondary / 3 Teams Post-Secondary
Automotive Service Technology (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Broadcast News Production (S & PS)	3 Teams Secondary / 3 Teams Post-Secondary
Cabinet Making (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Carpentry (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
CNC Technician (S & PS) *	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Commercial Baking (S & PS)	2 Secondary / 2 Post-Secondary
Computer Programming (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Cosmetology (S)	3 Secondary
Cosmetology Long Hair (State Only Contest) (S)	3 Secondary
Culinary Arts (S & PS)	2 Secondary / 2 Post-Secondary
Customer Service (S & PS)	OPEN

Diesel Equipment Technology (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Digital Cinema Production (S & PS) *	3 Teams Secondary / 3 Teams Post-Secondary
Electrical Construction Wiring(S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Esthetic (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Extemporaneous Speaking (S & PS)	OPEN
Industrial Motor Control (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Information Technology Services (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Internetworking (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Job Interview (S & PS)	OPEN
Job Skill Demonstration –A (S & PS)	OPEN
Job Skill Demonstration – Open (S & PS)	OPEN
Marine Service Technology (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Mobile Robotics (S & PS)	3 Teams Secondary / 3 Teams Post-Secondary
Photography (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Pin & T-Shirt Contest (S & PS)	OPEN
Plumbing (S & PS) *	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Power Equipment Technology (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Prepared Speech (S & PS)	OPEN
Promotional Bulletin Board (S & PS)	OPEN
Related Technical Math (S & PS)	OPEN
Restaurant Service (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Robotics and Automation Technology (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Technical Computer Applications (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Technical Drafting (S & PS)	4 Secondary / 4 Post-Secondary
Telecommunications Cabling (S & PS)	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
TV / Video Production (S & PS)	3 Teams Secondary / 3 Teams Post-Secondary
Welding (S & PS) *	3 Secondary / 3 Post-Secondary
Welding Fabrication (S & PS)	3 Teams Secondary / 3 Teams Post-Secondary
Welding Sculpture (S & PS)	OPEN

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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. 8, 2016 -- State Officer Meeting @ Sanborn HS 5:30- 7:30 pm (open to public)
- Feb. 11, 2016 -- State CTSO officers doing Delete Blood Cancer Community Service at State House
- Feb. 19, 2016 -- Board of Directors Meeting @ PSU in Concord, 4:30 – 6:30 pm (open to public)
- Feb. 19, 2016 -- Early Bird Registration Ends

### March 2016

- March 1, 2016 -- **State Deadline for registering for State Contests**
- March 1, 2016 -- **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 -- 52<sup>st</sup> 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

## → Champions Membership Circle

**OVER 800 members in 2014-2015!**

\* Increase from last week.

**Red** text indicates new entry for the week.

HS Members	PS Members	HS Professional	PS Professional	Alumni	Total
582	33	85	3	284	987

### Bronze Medal Membership:

**Cheshire Career Center (34) Students, (4) Professionals \***

Concord Regional Technical Center (76) Students, (5) Professionals

Dover Career Technical Center (31) Students, (5) Professional

**Lakes Region Community College (9) Students, (1) Professional**

**Lakes Region Technology Center (16) Students, (2) Professional \***

Manchester Community College (11) Students, (0) Professional \*

**Manchester School of Technology (36) Students, (4) Professionals \***

Mt. Washington Valley Career Tech Ctr. (46) Students, (7) Professionals

**Nashua Technology Center North (12) Students, (3) Professionals \***

**Nashua Technology Center South (9) Students, (1) Professional \***

Plymouth Applied Technology Center (14) Students, (2) Professionals

Portsmouth Career Technical Center (8) Students, (2) Professionals

**R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Center (17) Students, (3) Professionals \***

Seacoast School of Technology (83) Students, (5) Professionals

Sugar River Valley RTC – Newport (6) Students, (1) Professional

White Mountain Reg. High School (3) Students, (1) Professional

**Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Tech Ed Ctr (5) Students, (2) Professional \***

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

Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center (14) Students, (1) Professional

**Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE (87) Students, (20) Professionals \***

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

Dover School of Technology (10) Students, (1) Professional

Great Bay Community College (1) Student, (0) Professional

**Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (4) Students, (0) Professional**

J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (9) Students, (2) Professionals

Salem HS Career & Technical Center (32) Students, (8) Professionals  
**Sugar River Valley RTC – Claremont (34) Students, (4) Professional \***  
Thompson School of Applied Science @ UNH (1) Student, (1) Professional

## **Alumni Membership**

Alumni Members (284)

*Something happen in your week - tell us about it and we will post in the Friday Flash – just email [skillsusanh@gmail.com](mailto:skillsusanh@gmail.com)*

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