



Important 2020-2021 SkillsUSA WV Dates

October 28-29, 2020 - SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference
Cedar Lakes, WV

March 26-27, 2021 - SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference
Fairmont, WV

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SkillsUSA National Information



SkillsUSA State of the Association Report

The recently produced "State of the Association" report has been uploaded to our press room and can be found directly at this link: <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/SkillsUSA-State-of-the-Association-2020-1.pdf>. This interactive, content-rich document features details on much of SkillsUSA's work (and the challenges we've faced) from June 2019 to the present. You may find this useful as a resource, and we encourage you to download the document and view from your computer rather than the web browser to take advantage of the document's navigation structure.

SREB offers free Professional Development

The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) is launching a free series of 2-hour introductory workshops on innovative practices for teaching students in a virtual setting. With seven topics to choose from, participants will be prepared with tools and strategies for building lesson plans and creating formative and summative assessments in the first weeks of school. All sessions will take place from 2-4 p.m. (EDT) and will include 30 minutes for peer collaboration or one-on-one support from SREB staff.

To view session descriptions and register to attend, visit https://www.sreb.org/free_workshops.

Help is Only a Call, Email or Chat Away!

Everyone needs a little help now and then. Let the SkillsUSA Membership Hotline operators help you solve your problems. Hotline operators are ready to answer your questions on how to start a new chapter, engage chapter members and strengthen an existing chapter. Operators are on call from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (EDT) Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (Eastern) Tuesday and Thursday. Call the hotline toll free: **844-875-4557**.

Don't have time to call? Send the operators an **email** at operators@skillsusa.org or **chat** with them online at the membership registration site.

SkillsUSA Celebrates Career Essentials Certified Teachers

In July, the following individuals achieved their Career Essentials Certified Teacher status, becoming part of a national network of educators committed to preparing learners for success in the workforce:

Alabama

Lisa Keeton, Russville High School

Georgia

Jeff Eller, Flat Rock Middle School

Massachusetts

Electra Manley, Franklin Co. Technical School

Kelly Jenkins, Assabet Valley Regional Tech High School

New Mexico

Tracy Galligan, Taos High School

New York

Brandilyn Gage-Steves, SkillsUSA New York State Office

Vicki Gardiner, Chateaugay Central School

Pennsylvania

Lana Barth, Seneca Highlands

Texas

David Lanman, Wylie East High School

Virginia

Debbie Elliott, Cornerstone Learning Center

West Virginia

Megan Flinn, SkillsUSA

As a Career Essentials Certified Teacher, these educators are now exceptionally equipped to use the Career Essentials curriculum as a turnkey tool to equip learners to define, implement and measure their career-readiness skills. To acknowledge the effort of our Career Essentials Certified Teachers, we maintain a digital map at <https://mycareeressentials.org> that depicts the number of Career Essentials Certified Teachers in each state.

The Career Essentials Certified Teacher Training is designed for individuals who intend to implement a Career Essentials Experience course in the year ahead. To learn more about this free professional development opportunity, please visit <https://www.careeressentials.org/professional-development/career-essentials-certified-teacher/>.