Congratulations to our Region 1 Vice President, Leanna Nicholson, for being chosen as the 2021 Marsha Daves Scholarship winner by the national office.

2021 SLSC Registration is DUE TODAY!! Please enter all students with a valid email address before 4pm.

**Mail Dues to the National Office:** 14001 SkillsUSA Way
Leesburg, VA 20176

**Mail Conference Registration:** PO Box 335 Ripley, WV 25271

For a list of contest events [CLICK HERE](updated 2/1)

**An agenda will be distributed next week once registration closes.**

- SkillsUSA WV finishes membership for 2020-2021 at 1740 members. EVERY state shows a reduction in membership for a TOTAL loss of 152,000 members across the USA.
• The state officer team would like to put together a tribute to WV SkillsUSA Advisors. Please encourage your students to complete the google form for the SLSC presentation. Click HERE for nomination form.

• Click HERE for the 2021 Closing Award Ceremony and Future SLSC survey.

• 2021-2022 STATE OFFICER APPLICATION

• 2021-2022 Advisor of the Year and Chapter of Excellence Applications are found in the registration log in screen at skillsusa.org

• 2020-2021 SkillsUSA Theme: SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Empowered to Succeed

• 2020-2021 Esthetics Competition theme is “Carnival.”

**Important 2020-2021 SkillsUSA WV Dates**

**January 31, 2021 - EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 28th** Dues must be submitted by midnight.
PLEASE MAIL DUES TO:
14001 SkillsUSA Way
Leesburg, VA 20176

**February 28, 2021**-- DUES must be submitted BEFORE MIDNIGHT (payment may be sent later)

**March 1, 2021** - Registration Deadline for SLSC 2021
PLEASE MAIL PAYMENTS TO:
SkillsUSA WV
March 8, 2021 - State Officer Applications DUE by 4:00pm
March 12, 2021 - Advisor of the Year & CEP Applications DUE by 4:00pm
March 26-27, 2021 - SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference VIRTUAL

National News

SkillsUSA Membership Deadline is March 1 – Join Now
The SkillsUSA national membership deadline is March 1 each year, but many state deadlines fall earlier. Please ensure membership dues are current for all chapter members in order for them to be able to fully participate in all SkillsUSA programs and activities. Visit www.skillsusa-register.org to register yourself and student members. If you need assistance, please contact our Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557 or customercare@skillsusa.org. You can download state dues and deadlines here.

ACTE Offers Virtual Fundraising Webinar March 4
The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is conducting an “Innovation Through Virtual Fundraising” webinar on March 4 from 3-4 p.m. ET. This webinar — held March 4 from 3-4 p.m. ET — will discuss successful tools and strategies to implement new virtual fundraising efforts. ACTE is working to place career and technical education at the forefront of innovation, including activities that improve the conditions for student learning, teacher practice and other facets of the CTE experience. Prior to COVID-19, many students participated in in-person fundraising opportunities to support student-led activities. With a worldwide pandemic underway, student-supported activities are a challenge to maintain. Please bring your own successful virtual fundraising ideas so all educators can implement effective strategies to support virtual fundraising activities. To register, click here. For further questions, please reach out to Megan Kmiotek at ACTE at mkmiotek@acteonline.org.

As a young automotive technician, Hailey Hedrick already faces one challenge: being a female in a male-dominated industry. Now, she’s also facing the challenge of COVID-19 as she continues working to keep her community ready for the road. Read Hailey’s story on the SkillsUSA Champions digital hub here. The SkillsUSA Champions digital hub is an online publication that includes stories like Hailey’s centering on SkillsUSA members and local chapters across the country. Submit your own news and story ideas through the “Share News and Stories” link at the top of the web page at skillsusachampions.org.

SkillsUSA is a certifying organization for the President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). Recipients can receive an official lapel pin, personalized certificate of achievement, and a congratulatory letter from the president of the United States. To apply for the award, candidates must document their volunteer activities and the number of hours served. This record of service may be a diary, calendar or timesheet with proof of service documented and verified by an agency representative. Candidates must submit a letter of nomination from one of the following: the direct supervisor/agency representative working with the candidate, a school administrator, school SkillsUSA advisor or state SkillsUSA director. Proof of SkillsUSA membership must also be submitted. Candidates must meet the number of hours designated by the President’s Volunteer Service Award to reach the bronze, silver or gold levels of service. Please view application requirements and instructions at: https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/awards/presidents-volunteer-service-award/.