It is 2021 SkillsUSA WV SLSC WEEK!!!

Congratulations to Bricie Hamrick from Nicholas County Career & Technical Center for being chosen to sing the national anthem during our conference.

Congratulations to Emily Reed from Putnam County Career & Technical Center for the design cover for the 2021 SLSC program.

- Please print the agenda [CLICK HERE](#)

- 50% of registered contestants have completed their PD test and resume upload.

- A virtual program will be emailed to all registered advisors and contestants later this week.
- ALL Tests MUST be proctored by any employee in your school and students are encouraged to show the INTEGRITY component of the SkillsUSA Framework while competing in the 2021 SLSC.

- All students may be in the same room while testing. The testing times are staggered in the event of technical issues and providing assistance.

- Students will be required to wear SkillsUSA apparel while competing in the LI contests.

- If your contest requires a portfolio upload, that must be completed before Thursday, March 25 to allow judges time to score. Please save the filename as contest, contestant number, pdf. Example: WS_121.pdf

- Contestant numbers were emailed to the advisor registered for the conference at your chapter.

- NO BOOKS ALLOWED FOR TESTS.

- All links for LI contests will be available inside the LMS.

- Only one camera is required for the WV SLSC when setting up the room for LI contests. This may be the same camera used for the zoom call with the judges.

- If you have issues with LMS login during school hours, and need immediate assistance, please contact customer support at 844-875-4557.

- 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. Due TODAY by 4:00pm

- Professional Development Test SkillsUSA Study Guide.

- If you are having issues opening any of the attachments use a different browser other than chrome. All documents are located at SkillsUSAWV.org also.

- Delegate Count by School

- If you questions about the SLSC please plan to attend a Zoom meeting on 3/24 at 3:00 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<mark>Mail Dues to the National Office: 14001 SkillsUSA Way Leesburg, VA 20176</mark>

<mark>Mail Conference Registration: PO Box 335 Ripley, WV 25271</mark>

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

- 2020-2021 Esthetics Competition theme is "Carnival."

Important 2020-2021 SkillsUSA WV Dates

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

April 1, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. SkillsUSA WV Closing/Awards Ceremony

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National News

Registration for Connect to My Future Conference Opens March 15

SkillsUSA's Connect to My Future conference is a two-day virtual event designed to allow students to explore career pathways and connect directly with employers. Connect to my Future is unique, in that it facilitates conversations between SkillsUSA members and employees of partners and affiliate organizations. These important conversations will connect students with their future. There are three tracks to Connect to My Future:

- Explore (Middle School track)
- Aspire (High School students)
- Connect (High School seniors and College/Postsecondary students)

Plan now to attend! Registration opens March 15. One-time chapter registration fee of $25 covers all of your students. Register at: www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx.

Gain National Recognition for Student Mentoring

When a SkillsUSA chapter mentors an elementary or middle-school classroom, younger students gain exposure to future career options and older students experience a meaningful opportunity to practice Framework skills. **The Student2Student** mentoring program, sponsored by SkillsUSA, connects young people to personal growth and development, as well as economic opportunities, by supporting chapter mentoring programs!

Student2Student recognizes SkillsUSA chapters that are involved in a mentoring program in their communities. To apply for chapter recognition, submit your mentoring project plan, description and

project outcomes. The winning chapter will be recognized at the National Leadership and Skills Conference and will receive a plaque and a $500 check for the chapter to use to expand next year's mentoring project. All entries must be submitted by April 1. Winners will be announced in May.

For more information, contact Tyler Chaffin at tchaffin@skillsusa.org or visit: www.skillsusa.org/programs/mentoring-student2student/.

Career Essentials Can Help You Teach Career-Readiness Skills in the Classroom

Career-readiness skills, sometimes referred to as "employability skills," are essential to career success and job-specific skills, but they are not always easy to teach in the classroom! The Career Essentials Suite is housed in an online learning management system, so it is compatible with remote and face-to-face learning. Instructors use this industry-validated, turnkey career-readiness curriculum to fully prepare their learners — who range from age 12 to adult -— for the world of work.

Each age-specific curriculum defines, implements, and measures the attainment of the seventeen Essential Elements in the SkillsUSA Framework as learners move through a pre-assessment, an engaging course with project-based learning events, and post-assessment. Career Essentials curricula can be offered as a stand-alone course or integrated into your current content/course. Learners who complete the advanced (ages 17-19 years) or adult learner (age 20+) curriculum and score an 80% or higher on the final post-assessment earn the industry-validated Career Essentials Certification. The result is career-ready students who are equipped with the job-training and career-readiness skills they will need to reach their career goals. You're invited to attend a virtual Career Essentials Overview to learn how the Career Essentials Suite can help you meet your goals in the classroom. Register at https://forms.gle/JtVMoe7iQKnhLvPR7.

Register by March 19 for Summer Immersion Program with "Girls Who Code"

The 2021 Summer Immersion Program (SIP) offered by "Girls Who Code" is a FREE two-week virtual program for 9-11th grade girls and non-binary students who want to build a coding portfolio, meet industry employees, and build community with other peers. Girls Who Code is committed to ensuring equity and diversity across all of their programs, which is why over 50% of the students they serve are from historically underrepresented groups.

Current 9th-11th grade girls and non-binary students are eligible to apply. The final deadline is March 19. Students from underrepresented groups in tech are strongly encouraged to apply early, including Black, Latinx, and students from low-income backgrounds.

Why should you join Girls Who Code this summer?

- Join a sisterhood of supportive peers and make lifelong friendships!
- Learn how to use HTML, CSS, and Javascript coding skills to make an impact on what matters to you. Not a coder yet? No problem!
- Meet women in tech from top corporations like Disney, AT&T, Walmart and more.
- You can join for free! Plus, Girls Who Code will provide need-based tech support for those who qualify.

Join a webinar or check out this flyer and the FAQ page for more information.

Congratulations to SkillsUSA's Newest Career Essentials Certified Teachers!

In February, 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:

California
- Omar Castro, Shadow Hills High School

Iowa
- Robert Mulcahy, North Iowa Area Community College
- Jordan Mohonan, North Iowa Area Community College
- Brenda Meyer, Western Iowa Community College
- Nicole Syfert, Southeastern Community College
- Martin Distelhorst, Southeastern Community College

New Mexico
- Kymbr Mordecki, San Juan Community College

Virginia
- Brittney Broadus, Adult Continuing Education (ACE) of Virginia

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 efforts 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.