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Congratulations to Katelyn Stevenson from RJTC and Gregory Warwick from Boone Career Center as Tim Lawrence Honorary HOPE fund scholarship winners!

SkillsUSA WV was proud to see both the state officer team and members participating in CTE Day at the Legislature. Your attendance is an important way to advocate for Career and Technical Education! Thank you for taking the time to represent Skills USA WV and CTE!

At this time we will be following the guidelines from our national organization, the WVDE, and local administration regarding travel as we learn more about the Cronovirus. Meanwhile, practice the safety guidelines established by our state and national guidelines when conducting your daily routines. You will be notified immediately if any changes are made to our existing policy and procedures.

Thank you to all chapters who submitted a state officer application. We have a sufficient amount of candidates.

If you wish to receive live informational updates

during the SLSC conference register via link:
remind.com/join/2k7ef7

1. **Collision Repair** and **Cosmetology** update has been uploaded to website. **Cosmetology instructors are encouraged to bring an item to contribute to the prize package.*
2. Contest List updated to reflect changes as of 3/8/2020. (No changes will be made after April 1)
3. Please prepare your students to the national contest standards. If the WV chairperson wishes to publish any additional information OTHER THAN what is listed, that information WILL BE published via the website and weekly newsletter.
4. Culinary recipes will be sent out this week.
5. If you have an industry contact who is donating prizes, material, or other items; please send me the logo BEFORE March 17 to use in program.

Important 2019-2020 SkillsUSA WV Dates

March 16 - SLSC Registration Deadline

Payments will be made to SkillsUSA WV, P.O. BOX 335 Ripley, WV 25271
PLEASE CONTACT MELISSA WILKINSON FOR UPDATED W-9
DO NOT MAIL FEES TO ELEANOR ADDRESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Registration fee is \$95.00 which includes polo, lunch on the day the student competes, insurance, state conference pin, and Friday dinner for voting delegates.

NO REFUNDS will be issued AFTER April 1st.

All substitution and changes to registration MUST be made in writing on or before April 10th. NO CHANGES, EXCEPT FOR DROPS, WILL BE MADE AFTER April 10th.

One advisor per ten students must be registered.

Scorecards/National Updates www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/

Automotive Service Technology Information **2020 Automotive Service Technology Information** Also available on the website.

Commercial Baking recipes.

March 23- Advisor of the Year, Chapter of Excellence Application,

Honorary Member Applications, *Deadline*

New process for 2020: Only chapters of excellence recipients in 2019 are eligible to submit a nomination for Advisor of the Year. Those 3 schools are PCTC, MTEC, and RJTC. Application is now available.

April 8 - Health Occupations portfolios need to be mailed regular USPS and postmarked on or before April 8, 2020. Please mail to: Pierpont Community and Technical College Vickie Findley 500 Galliher Drive Fairmont, WV 265542.

April 17-18 SLSC, Fairmont WV

Changes for 2020. Contests will be held on Friday and Saturday. Making this change will give more time to input scores and time to offer additional contests.

Note: No exceptions will be made for late entries. Please plan early and according to the above deadlines. NO EXCEPTIONS!

NEW FOR 2020 SLSC

Delegate Voting

Each chapter's assigned delegates will be expected to attend the delegate session on Friday. The number of delegate/votes each chapter receives will be published by school after membership/dues deadline expires. NO VOTING will take place on Saturday afternoon of the conference.

Delegate Session/Dinner per SkillsUSA Chapter 2020 Delegate Count

Updates to SLSC:

1. Bus Transportation WILL BE provided to ALL offsite locations on Friday AND Saturday. Routes will be posted closer to the event.
2. NEW **Promotional Bulletin Board Standards** have been released from the national office.
3. Basic Residential Wiring contest standards update to reflect a verification form that student hasn't completed more than 540 hours. Standards located on website.
4. Carpentry and TeamWorks will have an orientation session on Friday, April 17th, from 12-4 PM.
5. There will be an AM and PM session of Welding Fabrication on Friday, April 17th. There will an AM and PM session of Welding on Saturday, April 18th. A schedule verifying the time frame for each team will be released upon the close of registration.
6. FSU and Pierpont will have tours available to students both days. When not competing, students can visit vendors, observe demos, and participate in a variety of activities that will be set up outside of the Falcon Center.
7. Revised version of the constitution has been published on the website for review (60) days prior to the delegate session. NC, VA, MI, OH and the national constitution was used to to draft the revisions in an effort to bring SkillsUSA WV's constitution to date with proper language and policy.
8. Chick-Fil-A, Chilica, and Starbucks will be open for dining services during the conference. If you would like to purchase lunch or dinner buffet from the DINING HALL, you must do so through the registration site as an "ADD ON" Lunch-\$8.00 and Dinner-\$10.00 Dining hours located at this link:
<https://www.fairmontstate.edu/falconcenter/dining-services>
9. The chairperson for Health Occupations Portfolio has requested that

portfolios be mailed regular USPS and postmarked on or before April 8, 2020. Please mail to: Pierpont Community and Technical College Vickie Findley 500 Galliher Drive Fairmont, WV 265542.

10. The Information Technology Service contest has been moved to Friday due to chairperson request.
11. Every competitor is expected to wear either official dress, national standard competition attire, or red polo (that will be given at registration) and dress pants for the awards ceremony. **NO MEDAL WINNER WILL BE PERMITTED ON STAGE IN JEANS, HAT, SHORTS, DRESS, or any attire other than what is listed above.** Students are permitted to wear industry standard attire during the contest.
12. Students will turn in resumes to judge at contest location. Resume cover sheet is available on the website. (Contestant numbers will be given at registration.)
13. Please inform your students there will be a SkillsUSA WV store at the SLSC.
14. Team Works agenda has been uploaded to the website

SkillsUSA National Information



SkillsUSA University Presenters Needed

Are you at the top of your game? Are you a leader in your industry? Are you on the verge of great discovery? Are you willing to share the wit and wisdom you have gained with others? If so, SkillsUSA invites you to share your dynamic, innovative and timely presentation with our SkillsUSA students, teachers, business partners and conference attendees at the 2020 SkillsUSA University. All sessions will take place in the West Hall of the Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC) on June 24, 25 and 26.

Sessions can include best practices with a local advisor who presents their experience-based wisdom related to local chapter activities, fundraising, community service, SkillsUSA Program of Work success stories, business etiquette or local industry partnerships.

To learn more and submit your 2020 SkillsUSA University request-for-presentation proposal, go to www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skills-conference/training-opportunities/skillsusa-university/. Interested presenters should submit their proposals by **March 15**.

NLSC Scholarship Opportunity for SkillsUSA Members

In partnership with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools, SkillsUSA is proud to announce a unique scholarship opportunity for SkillsUSA members attending this year's National Leadership and Skills Conference. Selected applicants will receive up to \$1,500 to help offset the cost of attending the event. Applications will be accepted from March 15-May 15, and recipients will be announced June 1. For full details and to apply online, visit www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/harbor-freight-tools-for-schools/.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities Now Available

Applications for several scholarships to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of higher education or certification in their chosen fields are now open. Help spread the word so SkillsUSA students can take full advantage of these opportunities:

- In conjunction with the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS), SkillsUSA will be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to SkillsUSA members who are also members of NTHS. Two of these scholarships will go to college/postsecondary winners, and two will go to high school division winners. Only students enrolled in accredited educational institutions with an active NTHS chapter are eligible, and past winners are ineligible. The deadline for applications is

April 1. For more information and to apply, visit www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/national-technical-honor-society/.

- The Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship offers a high school SkillsUSA student a \$500 award to help with continuing education in college or technical school. The award is presented in memory of Sharon Melton Myers, a former SkillsUSA member and student at the McMinn County (Tenn.) Vocational Center, and the deadline for applications is **April 15**. For more, visit <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/sharon-melton-myers-memorial-scholarship/>.

To stay updated on the most current scholarship information, check the website regularly at www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/.

Receive Up To \$2,500 To Pursue Career and Technical Education

More than 1,000 career and technical education scholarships at up to \$2,500 each are being funded through the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund and the generosity of Association Chairman Emeritus and Endowment Fund President Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarships are awarded to students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives and who wish to enroll in a career and technical education program at an accredited, nonprofit, postsecondary institution in the United States.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must have completed high school (or earned a high school equivalency credential) by spring
- Must exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a career and technical education program (up to 2 years) at an accredited, nonprofit, postsecondary institution in the United States
- Must demonstrate critical financial need (must be eligible to receive the Federal Pell Grant as determined by completion of the FAFSA)
- Must be under the age of 30 and must be a United States citizen

The CTE application is open Feb. 15-April 15 for high school seniors planning to enroll in the fall of 2020. To learn more and apply, please visit <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/>.

Registration for National Signing Day is Now Open!

SkillsUSA National Signing Day is May 8, and it's open to all SkillsUSA high school seniors and college/postsecondary members pursuing *any* of the skilled trades. Don't miss this opportunity to get your students recognized! Encourage local SkillsUSA chapters to host a SkillsUSA National Signing Day event by inviting business partners, school administrators, teachers, elected officials, SkillsUSA alumni, family and friends to honor students as they sign "letters of intent" for a job offer, apprenticeship or advanced technical training.

All participating students must register for the event at www.SkillsUSACONNECT.org. Advisors should also register to gain access to the SkillsUSA National Signing Day Event Planning and SkillsUSA National Signing Day Media & Promotion toolkits. These resources will provide all the guidance you'll need to hold a successful event!

GET THE SWAG:

- Three thousand SkillsUSA National Signing Day caps will be given away to the first 100 chapters that register 10 or more students for the event by the early bird deadline: **April 3**.
- A free SkillsUSA National Signing Day table runner will be shipped to each chapter that registers by the deadline: **April 24**.
- Additional SkillsUSA National Signing Day merchandise and event items will be available for purchase at www.SkillsUSASTore.org.

Watch for more information as plans develop. Additional details will be available at www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-signing-day/ and www.SkillsUSACONNECT.org.

QUESTIONS?

We're ready to help! Contact Kim Hegedus at khegedus@skillsusa.org or 317-544-8750.

Calling All Demand-Side Innovations and Success Stories

Teachers, has your CTE program filled a need for a local employer or business? Was the need filled by providing student interns or apprentices? Was it filled by ensuring that the company gained access to a solid pipeline of new talent? We want to capture those stories to help demonstrate how SkillsUSA and CTE are rising to meet the demands of business and industry in solving their workforce challenges. If you've got a story to share, we'd love to interview you and your business partners to learn about the challenge that the business faced, the solution applied through the

industry/education partnership, and the outcome and benefit of the partnership for the company.

To help get us your story, complete the short information form at <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/demand-side-innovationssuccess-stories/> so that we can get in touch with you for an interview. You could receive \$100 in SkillsUSA merchandise and educational resources for your time and story lead.

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