



Congratulations to Dewayne Walker of Nicholas County Career Center on his CEP Mega Prize Winning!! \$1,000 value 2020-2021 Chapter of Excellence Application information!!

Elevate - Chapter Officer Development Conference

Friday, November 20 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
(SkillsUSA National Office will provide this training for SkillsUSA WV)

SkillsUSA WV Virtual Fall Leadership Registration is OPEN!!

Fee--FREE

T-Shirt Option--\$10.00

(Mailed to the participants Technical Center)

2020 FLC Agenda

Mask & T-Shirt design deadline is FRIDAY!

The FIRST 500 students/advisors that register membership will receive a 2020 commemorative lapel pin!



I would like to introduce Devon Edwards, SkillsUSA WV Treasurer. Please view his welcome video for students below.

Treasurer Welcome Video

- SkillsUSA WV developed a “What is SkillsUSA?” online learning module that each advisor may use for remote learning assignments. You may access the files at the [Teams Link](#)
 - 2020-2021 SkillsUSA Theme: SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Empowered to Succeed
 - Our State Officer team chose the 2020 Fall Leadership Theme -- "Unmasking SkillsUSA in 2020"
 - SkillsUSA Membership is OPEN --The FIRST 500 members will receive a 2020 lapel pin.
 - The State Officer team would like to issue a design challenge to ALL WV Chapters
- 1) Design a SkillsUSA WV mask for 2020 using the national theme: SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Empowered to Succeed
 - 2) Design a SkillsUSA WV Fall Leadership T-shirt: [Rules for Contest](#)

Important 2020-2021 SkillsUSA WV Dates

October 2, 2020 - Mask & FLC T-Shirt design Deadline

October 9, 2020 - FLC Registration Deadline

October 28-29, 2020 - SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference
[VIRTUAL DELIVERY](#)

November 20, 2020 - Elevate - Chapter Officer Development Conference 9:00 am - 2:30 pm (SkillsUSA Nationals will provide this training for SkillsUSA WV local chapter officers!)
[VIRTUAL DELIVERY](#)

January 31, 2021 - Dues must be submitted by midnight.

March 1, 2021 - Registration Deadline for SLSC 2021

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

SkillsUSA National Information



Introducing the New Program of Work

Get ready for a great year in SkillsUSA by launching into the newly revised Program of Work. Simply stated, the Program of Work is a chapter management tool. It is also an individual growth plan for the chapter members and the ultimate student engagement tool. The Program of Work allows students to define, develop and demonstrate the Essential Elements that make up the SkillsUSA Framework. A well-planned Program of Work provides intentional instruction in the SkillsUSA Framework and its Essentials Elements. Through active participation in the Program of Work, students experience important skill-building opportunities.

Ensure you and your students are accessing all of the Program of Work materials and resources to help get the school year off to a great start. Resources include a Program of Work Launch Activity Guide, which in turn includes a Virtual Classroom edition, videos and resources to help you implement effective activities.

Program of Work resources can be accessed here: <https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/program-of-work/>.

Join one of the upcoming professional development sessions on the Program of Work on Sept. 30, Oct. 12 or Oct. 28 to explore the new Program of Work Toolkit. To view the full schedule of opportunities and register to attend, click <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/SkillsUSA-2020-Professional-Development-Opportunities.pdf>.

Membership Incentive Time — Register by Nov. 15

Becoming a professional member of SkillsUSA is one of the best ways to demonstrate to students the opportunities that membership provides. Professional members receive online access to the following as a benefit of membership: Framework Integration Toolkit, consisting of 45 separate resources; Program of Work Toolkit for in-person and virtual chapter activities; SkillsUSA Championships Toolkit, including 2021 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards and local competition guides; Jump into STEM! Toolkit, including virtual lesson plans.

As a special membership incentive, those who register at least 15 student members plus one or more professionals by Nov. 15 will receive a complimentary copy of *JumpStart 2.0*, a collection of 33 mixers and icebreakers to engage SkillsUSA students in meetings, workshops and other activities.

JumpStart 2.0 will help you find immeasurable success in the rewarding and fulfilling venture of being a SkillsUSA advisor as you coach your students to excellence. We hope you enjoy making this resource a part of your classroom and chapter environment.

Visit register.skillsusa.org to register yourself and student members. If you or any chapter advisors need assistance with SkillsUSA membership or registration, our Customer Care Team is ready to answer questions about starting a new chapter, ways to engage chapter members or strategies to strengthen an existing chapter. Customer Care Team members are on call 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday (Eastern time). To reach the team, call 844-875-4557 or email customer care@skillsusa.org. You can also chat online on the membership registration site.

Join the Conversation

In addition to advisor resources and Empowering Experiences for students, SkillsUSA CONNECT provides a collaboration space for you to connect and engage with other SkillsUSA advisors from

across the nation. Create your account today!

You will find instructions to create your complimentary account when you login at register.skillsusa.org and click the CONNECT logo for registration instructions.

New CHANNELLOCK® Wire Stripper Giveaway Winners

Congratulations to state directors Jackie Walker (Ohio) and Katie Paulson (S.D.) for winning the new 968 Forged Wire Stripper, courtesy of CHANNELLOCK®. To win your own pair of CHANNELLOCK® 968s, visit CHANNELLOCK®'s Facebook and/or Instagram giveaway on Wednesday, Sept. 30. For more, visit channellock.com.

NASSP Democracy Powered by You(th)

NASSP Student Leadership has launched a nationwide get-out-the-vote initiative with DoSomething!, a self-described “youth movement for good.” All schools — public, private, charter, etc. — are welcome to participate in *Ready, Set, Vote*, the largest online voter registration drive led by students. Completely free, the online voter registration tool allows students *at any school* to create personalized voter captain pages to help get their age-eligible peers and community registered to vote this year.

Volunteer credit from NASSP and DoSomething, opportunities for scholarships, and even school competition awards (most number of registrations by state, most creative campaigns, etc.) are available as part of this initiative this fall.

Election Day is November 3. Visit dosomething.org to get info to share and learn more.

Virtualize Classroom Computers to Perform High-End Graphics Work Remotely

As a part of their pandemic response initiatives, Epic Games Inc. has offered an Epic Megagrant to Parsec Cloud Inc. to allow them to make Parsec for Teams available to any educational institution and nonprofit in the Unreal community at no charge for the 2020-21 school year.

Parsec for Teams is a low latency, high frame rate remote desktop solution that allows schools to virtualize their lab and classroom computers so students can do their high-end graphics work remotely. Taking advantage of the school's hardware and software investment on campus, students with almost any computer, laptop or even a Chromebook/mouse can do class projects remotely. Teachers can also use it to access their more powerful Windows computers and licensed software remotely to do online demonstrations or lectures. Parsec for Teams can be an essential part of a remote teaching solution for Unreal Engine, Twinmotion, and other technical graphics and design software. If students and teachers have broadband that can stream movies in HD, they should be able to remotely run even the most demanding Windows graphics applications that they teach.

If your school needs better remote desktop software to teach game design/development, animation, modeling, film/vfx, simulation, TV/broadcast, AEC visualization, technical design, AR/VR/MR remotely, check out <https://parsecgaming.com/teams/>.

Empowering Experiences

SkillsUSA's Empowering Experiences help students find new ways to connect, engage and stay motivated. Students have shared that through SkillsUSA membership, they are seeking community, growth and recognition. Each of these themes have been ingrained in the experiences that have been created. As an advisor, you will find instructions to create your complimentary account and help your students set up their SkillsUSA CONNECT accounts by [clicking here](#). Through SkillsUSA CONNECT, students can engage in all of the exciting student experiences that have been created specific to their needs. There's never been a better time to be connected to SkillsUSA!

Chapter Officer Video Series

If you are looking for new ways to build strong local chapters, consider promoting CHARGE with your officer team. This newly launched video series focuses on chapter officers' growth and development. From digging into their leadership potential to learning more about working effectively as a team, your officers will be empowered to lead their peers and create impactful chapter experiences this year, even if they are in a completely virtual environment. The second episode launches Oct. 2, and you can review previous episodes in SkillsUSA CONNECT. Encourage your officers to create their account in SkillsUSA CONNECT to access CHARGE.

SkillsUSA Membership: Connect, Learn, Grow

Looking for new ways to share what SkillsUSA is all about? Show your students, other instructors and school administration the *SkillsUSA Membership: Connect, Learn, Grow* video [here](#).

myOptions Student e-Survey

myOptions is proud to be a long-standing education partner of SkillsUSA and is excited to continue to support students and educators by providing a career success planning program. This year, we realize our traditional SkillsUSA and myOptions planning survey is secondary to the critical issues facing teachers, students and families. To that end, we understand it may not be possible to distribute the student forms currently due to COVID-19 and remote learning. Please hold onto the student forms until students are able to return to class to participate and return the forms later this fall or after the first of the year.

We are also working on a student e-survey and should have that available later this fall. If you would like us to provide you that link for your students when the e-survey is ready, please send an email to educators@myoptions.org and include "requesting access to the SkillsUSA e-survey" in your message.

To learn more, visit us at myOptions.org.

Professional Development for Advisors

This year, SkillsUSA expanded professional membership benefits to include:

- Technical Standards.
- Foundations Lesson Plans.
- Jump Into STEM!
- Local Championships Guides.
- Framework Integration Toolkit.
- Program of Work Launch Toolkit.

Professional development is available on these new resources to help you gain confidence for successful integration into your classroom and SkillsUSA chapter. To view the full schedule of opportunities and register to attend, log in to your SkillsUSA CONNECT account and choose "Professional Development Opportunities" from the "Advisor Resources" tab. Or, visit: <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/SkillsUSA-2020-Professional-Development-Opportunities.pdf>.

Upcoming sessions include:

Sept. 29 – What is SkillsUSA?

Sept. 30 – Program of Work

Sept. 30 – Framework Integration Strategies and Foundation Lesson Plans

