

# SkillsUSA Announcements 4 17 2019

## Reminder: National Officer Candidate Applications Sought

For this year's SkillsUSA national officer candidates, an application and national officer program guide are now available at: [www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/students/national-officer-selection-process/](http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/students/national-officer-selection-process/)

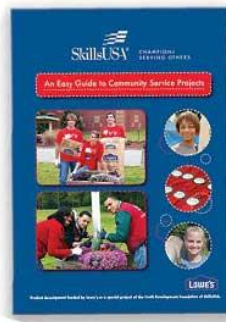
The deadline for SkillsUSA to receive national officer applications is **June 1**. Contact Kim Hegedus at [khegedus@skillsusa.org](mailto:khegedus@skillsusa.org) or 317-544-8750 with any questions.

## April Educational Resources Bundle Released

SkillsUSA is offering special pricing on a select bundle of educational materials. April's bundle pricing includes the *Champions Serving Others* and *Effective Chapter Meetings Book and Teachers Guide*. The bundle price is \$14.95, a savings of \$4.95. Order Stock No. BAPR2019.

### Champions Serving Others: An Easy Guide to Community Service Projects (P41)

This guide is designed to simplify the planning and executing of a community service project. Formatted as an easy-to-use PDF for both Macintosh and PC platforms, it contains documents, templates and exercises that will help you identify and carry out your community service project in a timely and effective manner.



### Leveraging Your Leadership with Effective Chapter Meetings Booklet and Teacher's Kit (P63 LYL)

The student booklet covers why meetings are important, successful meeting basics, ways to enhance meetings and tips for holding large meetings. The companion Teacher's Guide features six lesson plans to help your student learn about their officer roles and how to apply them within the chapters.



BAPR2019 Bundle Price: \$14.95



WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP  
TRAINING INSTITUTE

## Do You Want Your Students to Grow in Their Professionalism, Communication and Leadership Skills?

Consider budgeting for you and your student leaders to attend the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTi) held in the nation's capital Sept. 21-25. This conference offers advanced training for students and advisors that focuses on professionalism, communication and leadership. During the conference, participants will demonstrate the use of these key essential elements while advocating for SkillsUSA and career and technical education. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to tour Washington, visit the SkillsUSA National Leadership Center and watch the changing of the guards along with a wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Conference registration opens **Aug. 1** and is \$450 per participant. Visit the following website for additional information: <https://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/washington-leadership-training-institute/>

## Get Ready for SkillsUSA National Week of Service



As part of SkillsUSA's annual program of work, we ask local chapters to plan, promote and conduct a community service project during the SkillsUSA National Week of Service, May 5-11. This helps commemorate the organization's founding on May 8, 1965.

SkillsUSA advisors or chapter officers can email a brief description of their local events and photos to Gayle Silvey at [gsilvey@skillsusa.org](mailto:gsilvey@skillsusa.org). In return, we'll send you a SkillsUSA logo gift item valued at \$15 to say thanks.

Help build awareness of SkillsUSA in your community by publicizing your events. To locate

contacts for your local area newspapers, use the SkillsUSA Advocacy Site. Go to the webpage, click on the Media tab, enter your ZIP code, and choose up to media five outlets at a time. Next, click on Compose Your Own Letter, and paste in your press release or an invitation to cover your events. To see contact information for each media outlet, click on the name. The Advocacy Site is located here: [www.cqrcengage.com/skillsusa/?0](http://www.cqrcengage.com/skillsusa/?0).

## Tune Up Your Coaching Skills at SkillsUSA's Engage

SkillsUSA's Engage, a professional development training conference, is designed to help teachers better understand and use the many leadership development materials and interactive resources available through SkillsUSA. Engage takes place June 22-24 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky.

This year's conference will open with a half-day session from the Box of Crayons program "The Coaching Habit." Deseri Garcia (right) will facilitate "The Five Question Leader," in which participants will learn how to be more like coaches and support their students through consistent and ongoing feedback. Garcia will share practical ways to slay "the advice monster" and foster autonomous, accountable teams. Participants will also learn a proven framework for more productive, engaging conversations.

Garcia is the owner of Vida Aventura, a consulting and coaching company that helps individuals and organizations reach their true potential through team building and leadership development. She is an accredited facilitator of "Five Behaviors of a Cohesive Team," is certified by the Association for Challenge Course Technology, holds a certificate from the Coaching Clinic—Corporate Coach U and has a bachelor's degree in small business entrepreneurship.



Garcia is just the first of an incredible schedule developed for participants. The two-and-one-half-day Engage program is taught by experts within youth leadership development as well as by guest presenters. Advisors will discover how to use SkillsUSA as an educational teaching strategy and an integral component of any career and technical education program. Teachers will gain the latest techniques involved in giving clear directions, questions, processing and accessing student achievement. Answers will be revealed on how to successfully engage students in chapter meetings, committees, recruitment, fundraising, public relations and the entire SkillsUSA program of work. Participants will unpack resources and share best practices on how to implement these tools for the greatest impact in their SkillsUSA chapters. Teachers participating in Engage will receive educational resources as a part of the training.

The cost of SkillsUSA's Engage conference is \$165 per participant. Register attendees for Engage on the national registration site. For more information, visit: [www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skillsconference/training-opportunities/engage-advisor-training/](http://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skillsconference/training-opportunities/engage-advisor-training/)

## **Prepare Your Delegates to Vote on New Constitutional Amendments**

New constitutional amendments will be presented to each House of Delegates — high school, middle school and college/postsecondary — during SkillsUSA's National Leadership and Skills Conference in June. To see them, go to: <http://bit.ly/2019Amendments>.

If you have delegates representing your state at the conference, please ensure they arrive with a strong familiarity with the motions that will be discussed during their business meetings.

Training videos will be posted in the near future on the [SkillsUSA Delegate Sessions webpage](#) to assist with preparing your delegates with these motions.

## **GAERF Announces Student Design Competition**

An 11th annual Student Design Competition has been launched by the Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation (GAERF), in conjunction with its managing organization, the Association for PRINT Technologies. All students are invited to enter who are attending recognized secondary or postsecondary institutions in the continental United States and studying graphic communications/printing, advertising, graphic design or interactive media.

This year's competition, with "GREETINGS!" as its theme, challenges students to design and produce a printed greeting card for the occasion of their choice. One secondary- and one postsecondary-school winner will be identified for each of the first-, second- and third-place awards. The first-place award is \$2,000 plus a two-day all-expenses-paid trip for the student and instructor to attend PRINT 19 in Chicago Oct. 3-5. The second-place award is \$1,500, and the third-place award is \$1,000. Entry deadline is **June 7**.

For more information, go to: [www.printtechnologies.org/GAERF-SDC](http://www.printtechnologies.org/GAERF-SDC)

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