State Conference Registration deadline is approaching! If you are not registering your students on the invitation list, please notify bhirst@gmail.com so we can ensure alternates from your region are invited! Registration ends March 4th for students on original invitation list. You must register an advisor as well. Exceptions for schools sending their student with another school.

Exciting News! SkillsUSA’s new Executive Director, Chelle Travis, is coming to speak at our state conference in Yakima!! She is amazing and I am so glad you will get the opportunity to meet her!

State Officer Applications Due: March 16 to tlufkin@comcast.net Mandatory New officer training is May 31, June 1 and June 2nd. Applications available at www.skillsusawashington.org / “about us” / state officers. I can also email you an application!

SkillsUSA Membership It’s not too late to join SkillsUSA members to be in alignment with your Frameworks! Contact the membership hotline if you need any assistance. They can help you register, pay and access your membership roster. SkillsUSA Hotline: 844-875-4557 operators@skillsusa.org

SkillsUSA has updated the “SkillsUSA: Clothing and Tools” app for 2020. This is a great starter resource that does not replace the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards but connects users to SkillsUSA’s membership site, where educators can join as professional members to receive the full standards at no charge.

For each contest, the new “SkillsUSA: Clothing and Tools” app includes an overview, clothing requirements, and eligibility and safety guidelines, as well as lists the specific tools, equipment or materials that contestants need to provide.

It is offered completely free of charge for students, instructors and SkillsUSA business partners. The app is available now in both the Apple Store: http://apple.co/2dtlb8d and the Google Play Store: http://bit.ly/2e5fRec. This app was created and sponsored by our valued partners at Pearson Education (www.pearsoned.com).

SkillsUSA Washington Blood Drive – Sign up and get your parental permission slip signed! Details at www.skillsusawashington.org at the “SLSC” tab (State Leadership and Skills Conference”.

Summer camps available https://girlswhocode.com/summer-immersion-programs/
4-H code
https://snoco4htech.wixsite.com/bytebybyte4h
iD Tech summer school assistance
https://www.idtech.com/tuition-assistance
Seattle area
https://www.codingwithkids.com/amazon/
(Amazon is in Spokane now)
STEM camp Tri-cities
https://tricities.wsu.edu/summersciencecamp/

American Sign Language State Contest – Help update our technical standards for 2020-2021! I would love to try again to see if this contest could go national. Contact tlufkin@comcast.net to help with this online process!
SkillsUSA Alumni Mylo Lang: Program leads to career growth, education opportunities

Just months after graduating high school in 2018, Mylo Lang landed a job as an aircraft structures mechanic – a direct result of his proactive approach to career planning. As a student at Capital High School in Olympia, Mylo enrolled in Core Plus Aerospace, led by Career and Technical Education teacher William Murray. Through the program’s rigorous courses, Mylo gained real-world manufacturing skills through hands-on experiences with advanced composites, welding, and precision machining.

Mylo has continued to sharpen his manufacturing skills since graduating. While working as a mechanic, Mylo took college courses designed to help him advance in his career. Recently, Mylo completed South Seattle College’s CNC (Computer Numerical Control) Machining Program funded through IAM/Boeing Joint Program’s Education Assistance. It’s clear that Mylo’s career will continue to soar as he plans for an engineering degree. Way to go Mylo and thank you William Murray!!

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/.

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.

**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**.

**Professional Development Opportunity**

Are you using (or planning to use) *SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Experiences* courses and their associated assessments? If so, consider joining SkillsUSA’s virtual opportunities for Career Essentials Certified Teacher training.

There is an option to complete online training in one four-hour session, and there are several options for completing the online training in four one-hour sessions or two two-hour sessions. In addition, there are opportunities to set your own date for on-site training for 12 or more teachers or to set a virtual training date for five to 20 teachers.

Contextual information about the SkillsUSA Framework and basic resource information is assumed to be known by individuals participating in this training. If additional contextual information is needed for trainees prior to participating, our trainers will work with you as needed.

Virtual training sessions require a minimum of five registrants, and a maximum of 20 will be accepted for any given date. Check out the many opportunities [here](#).

Please remember you cannot reply to this email. If you have questions, my email is below!

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