

Friday Flash SkillsUSA Announcements July 24 2020

Digital Cinema Production team wins!

The Vancouver School of Arts and Academics team entered and won the National contest sponsored by SkillsUSA and Sneak On the Lot. The film, "Neighborhood Watch" was shot and edited over the week of June 22nd-26th by Cassy Akimseu-Arnold, Timo Isreb, Nathan Keldsen, Ian MacDonald and Natalie McNulty. This is certainly the most complicated competition advisor Andy Berhow had a team involved in. Some cool highlights - they will get to do a zoom call with a USC film school professor who was one of the judges, and letters of recommendation from Sneak On The Lot for college applications and prizes.

Congratulations!!

Here is a link to the film - 5 min run time. The prompt was to use look at 3 films from Alfred Hitchcock - Rope, Rear Window and North by Northwest, and use that as inspiration.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fnbAULYwOtUAw2OOqePDhmF9c_AgoJKm/view?usp=sharing

Assembler Manufacturing Contest

At this year's annual SkillsUSA Washington Manufacturing Assembler Competition in late February, Christopher Wigestrund from Hazen High School in the Renton School District won first place, Jeric Liam of Renton High School was awarded second place, and Matthew Oakes of Elma High School earned third place. Sixty students from 20 high schools and skills centers across Washington participated in the event – twice the number of schools as last year! Check out the competition highlights and meet participating students, instructors, and a CTE director in our [video](#) and [blog post](#). Thank you so much Boeing for sponsoring and hosting our Washington Leadership and Skills Conference!

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Winners

Teachers are at the heart of everything we do. In challenging times for our country, we are especially grateful that it's part of our job to celebrate fantastic educators. We are excited to share that 50 outstanding finalists are in the running for the 2020 Prize for Teaching Excellence. A few fun facts about this talented group of teachers:

- 7,000 students take their classes each year.
- 18 of the 50 have been finalists before.
- A whopping 30% are automotive teachers.
- California and New York tied for most finalists of any state.

Congratulations Eric Morton - Skilled Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program from Peninsula High School!

Career Connect Equitable Student Supports Survey

[Career Connect Washington](#) is asking education and community program leaders to help us advocate for the needs of students, especially those who face systemic barriers when it comes to learning about, enrolling in, and completing career connected learning opportunities. This includes students of color, Indigenous students, low-income students, rural students, and students with disabilities.

Please help advocate for student needs by completing the [Equitable Student Supports survey](#). The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete, all responses will remain confidential.

Your responses will help advance policy and legislative solutions to lower barriers to career connected learning in our state. Questions? Contact Julia Reed julia.reed@kineticwest.com

FREE INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE

The ASE Education Foundation will host a free virtual instructor training conference on August 4-5. This conference designed for high school and college/postsecondary instructors from automotive, truck and collision repair programs nationwide.



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“Although we would prefer to meet in person for our annual meeting, we have developed an excellent alternative that will provide educational offerings for our high school and college instructors,” said Mike Coley, ASE Education Foundation president. “We have put together a robust agenda, and the speakers will address some of the most pressing issues that instructors will face this fall. This premier professional development event is packed with information that our participants won't get anywhere else and is focused specifically on the needs of automotive, truck and collision repair educational programs.”

The conference will provide training to hundreds of high school and college/postsecondary instructors. Some of the topics on the [agenda](#) include:

- Three scenarios for instruction: in-person, virtual and hybrid.
- The T-TEN "Safe Lab" plan.
- Keeping distance learners engaged.
- Classroom management tools in your e-learning curriculum.
- How COVID-19 affects ASE program accreditation.
- Putting work-based learning to work.
- Developing students' employability skills.

All sessions are 30-90 minutes and will count toward the 20-hour annual update training requirement. Seats are limited. Please [click here](#) to register for free.

Looking for Curriculum To Use this Fall?

Are you looking for a project-based curriculum which can empower students to define, implement and measure their career readiness skills?

Do you need curriculum that works in the virtual environment, as well as

face-to-face? Consider one of four SkillsUSA Career Essentials Suite Experiences:

- Exploratory Experience (Ages 12-14)
- Fundamental Experience (Ages 14-16)
- Advanced Experiences (Ages 17-19)
- Adult Experiences (Ages 20+)



For a limited time, SkillsUSA is offering a considerable discount on this tremendous curriculum. The exploratory and fundamental Experience bundles are \$15 per person, and advanced and adult learner Experience bundles are \$20 per person. A curriculum bundle includes the pre- and post-assessments. In addition to these bundle prices, the exploratory and fundamental bundles may also be purchased in three segments for \$5.95 per segment. Segments must be purchased and used in sequence of the curriculum bundle.

For more information about Career Essentials, visit www.careeressentials.org. To view the schedule and register to attend a Career Essentials overview, go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHakvnao6xmuGXILVAIqIUJPd3kZLH0DhLaOG-Oq_gfM6gQ/viewform.

To view the complete price sheet, visit: <https://www.careeressentials.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/UPDATED-PRICING-6.25.2020.pdf>.

The Rural Tech Project

The SkillsUSA Framework defines career readiness in three components: personal skills, workplace skills and technical grounded in academics. No matter where students want to or what they want to do, we recognize that today's learners need advanced technology skills. However, traditional teaching models may not effectively deliver transferable technology skills, especially in rural communities.



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The Rural Tech Project is a \$600,000 challenge to advance rural technology education and prepare students for the careers of today and tomorrow. The U.S. Department of Education invites high schools and local educational agencies to propose technology education programs that use competency-based distance learning. This project is open to any publicly funded school or local education agency that delivers education to a rural community and to students in grades 9-12.

After both phases of the project are complete, the Rural Tech Project will compile the insights from all finalists and share lessons learned as a resource for other rural communities who might adapt similar models.

For more information on this innovative challenge, visit the [Rural Tech Project](#).

Fine Homebuilding Scholarship Winners Announced

Fine Homebuilding has awarded 14 #KeepCraftAlive scholarships to SkillsUSA members studying in construction-related fields who plan to continue their education for the 2020-21 academic year. The \$2,500 scholarships can be used for further education including community college, undergraduate programs or industry certifications. The scholarship fund was created by Fine Homebuilding to address the skills gap and disparity between the employment demands of a growing housing industry and a shortage of trained qualified labor. The 2020 winners are:

- Alabama — Wesley Boyd (carpentry) and Joseph McDaniel (carpentry), Gadsden Community College.
- California — Wayson Lee (carpentry), Folsom High School.
- Georgia — Zebulon Floyd (construction), Savannah Technical College.
- Idaho — Johnathan Lockwood (HVAC), Kootenai Technical Education Campus.
- Kentucky — Alaina Davis (carpentry), Murray-Calloway Area Technology Center and Paul Mobley (electrical), Boone County Area Technology Center.
- Michigan — Paige Wooden (electrical), Wilson Talent Center.
- North Carolina — Jennifer Key (masonry), Columbus Career & College Academy.
- New York — Seth Hellings (HVAC), Charles H. Bohlen, Jr. Technical Center.

- Texas — Anellise Chavez (carpentry), Construction Careers Academy and Eli Smart (HVAC), Silsbee High School.
- Utah — Masen Holmes (electrical), Uintah Basin Technology College-Vernal.
- Wyoming — Jeremy Hartt (electrical), Guernsey-Sunrise High School.

SkillsUSA Seeks “Essential Skills, Essential Workers” Stories

Recently, we asked states to share with us which SkillsUSA chapters are or donating personal protective equipment (PPE) in light of the current pandemic. SkillsUSA is pulling together a few brief stories to highlight those chapters in our publications and social media.



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In addition to healthcare stories, we also seek stories on essential workers in fields such as automotive technology, culinary arts, welding, cabling or other areas where CTE skills are supporting communities during the current crisis. If you know of any students, advisors or chapters who are helping in this way, please share those stories and contact information so we can get the details. Photos are also greatly appreciated! Send your materials to Jane Short at jshort@skillsusa.org.

Youth in Registered Apprenticeship Standards

The Department of Labor and Industries Apprenticeship Section announced they are taking public statements regarding the [Youth In Registered Apprenticeship Standards boilerplate](#). The Apprenticeship Section is taking written public comment until **August 10, 2020**. There is also a meeting with the RCW/WAC/Policy Sub-Committee scheduled for **August 19, 2020**. Please submit written comments if you are not available to attend the RCW/WAC/Policy Sub-Committee in person to Jody Robbins, Department of Labor and Industries, Apprenticeship Section, P.O. Box 44530, Olympia, WA 98504-4530.

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