

SkillsUSA Friday Flash 2.5.2021

Welcome to SkillsUSA Week!

SkillsUSA Week is Feb. 7-13, and you can participate in many ways. Honor your community supporters, connect with local business and industry professionals or make a presentation about your CTE



program and SkillsUSA chapter at a school board meeting. We encourage you to celebrate all week by planning activities that follow this daily schedule of events created for local chapters nationwide:

- **Monday, Feb. 8, Recognition Day.** Celebrate and honor members, advisors, administrators, business partners, community leaders and supporters who make a meaningful impact on your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 9, Give Back Day.** Rally around your school and community by focusing on ways for your chapter to give back.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 10., Partner Day.** Invite local business and industry leaders to connect with chapter members as you highlight the importance of developing the career-readiness skills found in the SkillsUSA Framework.
- **Thursday, Feb. 11, Advocacy Day.** Amplify CTE in your community by conducting a local public relations activity, such as presenting to school board members, administrators or community leaders.
- **Friday, Feb. 12, SkillsUSA Day.** Celebrate SkillsUSA by wearing your favorite SkillsUSA shirt, planning a celebration activity or posting your Framework story on social media using the hashtag #SkillsUSAWeek.

For a packet of resources including information go to: <https://www.skillsusaconnect.org/SkillsUSA-week>.

Report your regional contest scores to your Regional Coordinator!

Meet your State Officer Team! Just chat with the officers or learn about being a state officer for the 2021-2022 school year. Join us February 25th - 2:00pm, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89239928699> Meeting ID: 892 3992 8699, One tap mobile +12532158782,,89239928699# US

Deadline Approaching for the SkillsUSA Honorary Life Membership and Outstanding Career and Technical Educator Awards

The deadline is approaching, and we are looking for additional nominations for both the SkillsUSA Honorary Life Membership and the Outstanding Career and Technical Educator awards.

The Honorary Life Membership is SkillsUSA's highest recognition for outstanding service that advances the purposes and goals of the national organization, and the Outstanding Career and Technical Educator Award honors individual educators for their service and dedication to career and technical education and SkillsUSA.

To nominate someone for Honorary Life Membership or Outstanding Career and Technical Educator, submit applications at the links below. The deadline is **Feb. 15**.

- Honorary Life Membership: skillsusaconnect.org/honorary-lifetime-membership.
- Outstanding Career and Technical Educator: skillsusaconnect.org/outstanding-cte-educator.



If you have questions, contact Laura Rauch at lrauch@skillsusa.org.

#KeepCraftAlive Scholarship

#KeepCraftAlive Powered by **FineHomebuilding**

Fine Homebuilding magazine will be awarding scholarships to SkillsUSA high school or college/postsecondary students continuing their education or certification programs in construction-related fields, such as architectural drafting, carpentry, cabinetmaking, electrical and residential wiring, HVACR, masonry, woodworking and plumbing.

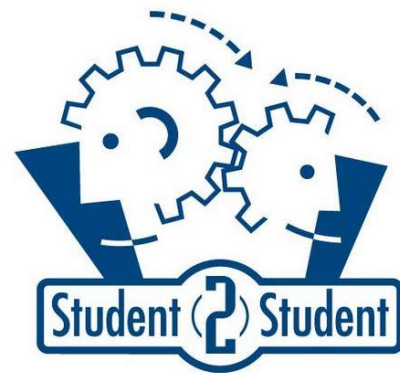
In the spirit of the #KeepCraftAlive movement, applicants should celebrate the value and meaning of true craftsmanship in their trades and plan to continue their educations through community colleges, undergraduate programs or industry certification curricula.

Selections will be based on completion of an application, along with a 300-word essay showing applicants' passion for their craft and a letter of support from a teacher, administrator, SkillsUSA advisor or educational/professional mentor.

Application deadline is May 30 at midnight ET. To apply, visit <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/2021-keepcraftalive-scholarship/>.

Weatherization Credential Opportunities

High Performance Insulation Professionals (HPIP) is offering its Department-of-Labor-approved weatherization credentials to SkillsUSA programs at a discounted rate. Learn more through a free webinar on Feb. 18, 4-5 p.m. ET. The program is knowledge-based, fully accessible online and features entry- and intermediate-level coursework and exams. No hands-on components are required. Instructor onboarding is also provided. If this credential opportunity applies to your program, [sign up for the webinar here](#) to learn more.



Gain National Attention for Student Mentoring

SkillsUSA sponsors a national recognition opportunity called the Student2Student mentoring program. Mentoring connects young people to personal growth and development, as well as economic opportunities. When a SkillsUSA chapter mentors an elementary- or middle-school classroom, it helps younger students imagine careers and helps older students practice their skills. Student2Student recognizes SkillsUSA chapters that are involved in a mentoring program in their communities. To enter, submit your mentoring project plan, description and outcomes. The winning chapter will be recognized at the National Leadership and Skills Conference with a plaque and a \$500 check for the chapter to use toward expanding next year's mentoring project. All entries must be submitted by **April 1**. Winners are announced in May. For more information, contact Tyler Chaffin at tchaffin@skillsusa.org or visit: www.skillsusa.org/programs/mentoring-student2student/.

“SkillsUSA Champions” Digital Hub Story of the Week

It's not in SkillsUSA member Omar Khasawneh's nature to sit by when his skills are needed most. Sparked by an innate desire to serve, Khasawneh took those skills to one of the hardest hit areas of the pandemic, changing lives in the process ... including his own. [Read his inspiring story and share it with your students here](#). You'll find many other success stories about SkillsUSA members and local chapters across the country on the SkillsUSA

Champions magazine digital hub, which can be accessed at skillsusachampions.org. And don't forget, you can always submit your own news and story ideas through the "Share News and Stories" link at the top of the web page.



Membership

Remember to register your student members before they compete. Remember to sign up your student members even if they are not competing. SkillsUSA is more than a contest and membership is needed to fulfill your requirement of providing a CTSO for your CTE students.

After your membership, Join Connect:

As a professional member make sure you login to connect – this is your pathway to ABSORB (top right at registration page – click join) to access technical standards (virtual edition) and curriculum. If you need assistance, contact the customer care line 844-875-4557. If needed, our WA authentication code is: gityjMWp

Technical standards are a little different to access, here is an instructional video at:

<https://youtu.be/aR9Jet0PRP8>.

Not interested in videos...

Login to the registration site

Bottom left, click on technical standards

Now, top right you **login to connect** (or sign up if you haven't done already)

In the middle area click on Professional membership benefits

You're in My courses – click on Professional member benefits

You will see Technical Standards on the far left. You can always call 844-875-4557

Looking for score cards? <https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/>

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