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State Director's Flash Report:

Dear Advisors:

Congratulations to all Students who won Medals at this Year's Great State Conference:

This year's State Conference was one of the biggest and best we have had and was well attended by both students and advisors. We had LT Governor Kathy Hochul who attended for the first time and was very impressed with the level of work and knowledge that the students showed in all areas. We also had Regent Onderkirk who was very impressed with the student's dedication and determination in their area of study.

I would like to thank the Advisors for their support of the students as without your support many of these students would not have been here to compete.

The staff of New York SkillsUSA did an outstanding job of making this a great experience for all.

We cannot thank the men and women enough from the different industry areas who gave of their time to make many contests happen. Without the industry support, we could not have this level of competition.

There are also many teachers who give of their time to help with these contests and we thank them for taking the time from their teaching to serve on many contests.

There are countless others, who I may not have mentioned here, who also make this conference happen and I thank you all.

State Director Action Item



The scores are now online at the following link:

<http://www.skillsusa-register.org/rpts/EventScores.aspx>

Click on detailed scores, then scroll down to NY -2017 SkillsUSA NY Leadership Conference and Skills Championships Choose the contest you want. Put in the contestant number and birthdate and your scores will come up.

Every contest should be there.

Please remember the decision of the judges is final. Sometimes a student might not do as well as we might have expected. They are under pressure and this can lead to mistakes.



Nationals Conference Issues:

NOTE: All Contestants going to Nationals Must take the National PDP Test online <https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=x4x58eb99dae9f1a>

Below is the link for the 2017 National Professional Development Test. The following are the limits placed on the test. The test is based on levels 1 & 2 of the National PDP.

1. The test window will be open Monday May 1, 2017 at 12:00 am
and will remain open until Friday May 19, 2017 at 12:00 am
2. **One** attempt allowed per contestant
3. Required information: First name, Last name, Email address
4. Time Limit: 30 minutes

<https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=x4x58eb99dae9f1a>

Please Note: The National registration site is open. **Please** contact Midge McCloskey if you have questions on registration.

If you are going to Nationals and have a student in a single room who needs a roommate please let Katrina know so we can hook you up. Rooms are at a premium and we would like as few singles as possible so we don't run out of rooms.

New York Winner Photos:

Winner photos were taken back stage and if you would like to purchase them follow the procedure below

Log on to www.EventProofs.com

Type in name NYS Skills USA

Select month and year click the search button

Select your event click the view button

Enter password and your name and email to register

The password will be [winner]

View images and select your picks.

Buy print by clicking on BLUE buy prints button on the left side of the screen

Select each photo you are ordering and pick quantity and add to cart.

View cart go to Check out

Pay with check payable to Mark Folsom or use credit card or PayPal

If paying by check: Send check to Mark Folsom
 7793 Vernon Rd. S.
 Cicero, N.Y. 13039

Place your order.

Print your order for an invoice

You will have 4 weeks to order photos and send payment

Photos will be ordered and sent upon receipt of received payment

You can expect photos 3-5 days after the event provided payment is received

Please call or e mail with any questions

315-452-0785

Mark mefolsom1@verizon.net

Morrisville: Scholarships:

Morrisville State College has offered a \$500 dollar per year scholarship to any SkillsUSA member if they attend Morrisville State College. Please contact the Admissions Office at Morrisville to learn more about this scholarship.

Celebrate National Week of Service May 7-13

SkillsUSA's National Week of Service kicks off on May 7. Chapters are encouraged to conduct or promote a community service project during the week. This will help commemorate the founding of SkillsUSA as well as harness the power of combined efforts to showcase the good work being done by student members.

To help you plan and carry out this event, SkillsUSA offers a downloadable Community Service Guide and Community Service Checklist. There are also customizable media releases, PSAs, a proclamation and thank-you letters to help generate publicity. Visit: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-week-of-service/

Share what you did to celebrate the National Week of Service. We want to hear from you! Advisors are encouraged to submit a National Week of Service project report to the national headquarters by **May 15**. Photos are also appreciated. Send the reports and photographs to gsilvey@skillsusa.org. The first 50 chapters that report their plans will receive a free item.

Great Values for Your End-of-Year Budget Spending

Many school systems require instructors to expend all the funds in their consumable budgets before the end of the school year. If you have budget dollars remaining, consider using them for SkillsUSA educational resources. Materials such as *The Four Pillars*, *Ignite* and *Impact* will make great additions to your chapter and classroom resource items. The ultimate in chapter officer preparation is the *LYL Series Officer Mega Package*. Learn about these educational resources and a whole host of others by visiting the SkillsUSA Educational Resources Catalog at: www.skillsusa.org/store/index.html.

mikeroweWORKS Foundation Again Offers Travel Scholarships for Competitors

For seven consecutive years, the mikeroweWORKS Foundation has contributed \$50,000 to a SkillsUSA scholarship fund for students who compete and place first in their state's SkillsUSA Championships but face a financial challenge in going on to the national event. This year's mikeroweWORKS Travel Scholarship Program has been enhanced through a grant of additional \$50,000 from the Charles Koch Foundation and Koch Industries, bringing the total to \$100,000 to support CTE students.

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation focuses on high-school and college/postsecondary students working toward careers in manufacturing, construction, automotive, engineering and STEM-related trade occupations. However, this opportunity is open to all state gold medalists attending the SkillsUSA Championships who have a financial need for the travel funds.

Scholarships are awarded based on students' written narratives describing their need for the scholarship, how they have benefited through participation in SkillsUSA and why they chose their particular trade or technical skill. Applicants must also provide a recommendation written by their SkillsUSA advisor or the state association director in support of the financial need.

Applicants need to apply online at: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/the-mikeroweworks-foundation-competitor-scholarship/. Scholarship applications must be received by **Friday, May 26 (midnight EDT)**. Applications submitted after this time will not be considered.



Act Now: Horatio Alger National Career and Technical Scholarship Program

High-school graduates who are currently or soon pursuing postsecondary CTE studies may be eligible for up to \$2,500 to pursue a career or technical certificate/associate's degree. By completing a simple 45-minute application, they will be considered for one of 1,020 scholarships being awarded in 2017.

Act now to take advantage of support for your CTE pursuit. The educational program must result in a certification, credential or associate's degree. For more information or to apply, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/gmwm171>. The application is now available for students who will be enrolled in a postsecondary program in Fall 2017. The first application deadline is **June 15**.



If you have any questions or would like more information about the scholarships or the Horatio Alger Association, email Enrique Ramirez at eramirez@horatioalger.org.

Congratulations, Top 24 Chapters Recognized as Models of Excellence

Congratulations to the 24 SkillsUSA chapters nationally recognized as a "Model of Excellence" recipient for 2017. Models of Excellence is a national program that recognizes the exceptional integration and application of personal, workplace and technical skills for SkillsUSA chapter activities. This is one of the highest awards bestowed on chapters by SkillsUSA, one of the largest student organizations for career and technical education.

All Models of Excellence chapters will participate in the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Ky., June 19-23. Activities include Models of Excellence finalist interviews, an awards dinner at the Kentucky Derby Museum, and recognition during the SkillsUSA awards ceremony in front of more than 12,000 students, instructors and business partners. This is the third year Lowe's has sponsored this program.

The Models of Excellence program promotes the intentional learning of personal, workplace and technical skills outlined in the SkillsUSA Framework for student development. Specific characteristics defined within each skill area help ensure tangible benchmarks for student achievement and chapter programming. Achievement is measured by the effectiveness of student efforts in implementing essential workplace skills including personal responsibility, integrity, work ethic and organization in chapter activities. The hands-on approach of this program actualizes the SkillsUSA mission of empowering members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.

Congratulations to the following schools on achieving the Models of Excellence awards:

- Alabama — Carver High School
- Arizona — Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology, Kofa High School
- California — Southeast ROP/Norwalk High School
- Georgia — Cross Keys High School, Stephens County High School, Union Grove High School
- Massachusetts — Lynn Vocational Technical High, Greater Lowell Technical High
- North Carolina — Catawba Valley Community College
- New Jersey — Bergen County Academies, Gloucester County Institute of Technology
- New Mexico — Hobbs High School
- Ohio — Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center, Upper Valley Career Center, Fairfield Career Center
- Texas — A&M Consolidated High School, Keller Center for Advanced Learning, Rudder High School (Audiovisual Technology), Rudder High School (Advertising Design), Westwood High School
- Vermont — Green Mountain Technology and Career Center
- West Virginia — Putnam Career and Technical Center
- Wyoming — Central High School

'Growing Leaders' Founder to Present During Engage Training

Growing Leaders founder Dr. Tim Elmore will spend a day with SkillsUSA's Engage training participants in June. Elmore specializes in leadership courses and speaks at schools, universities, businesses and athletic programs. He has trained thousands of leaders in partnership with nationally renowned schools and organizations.



This expert will deliver to SkillsUSA instructors the foundations of healthy leader development, with ideas for training that result in real-life changes. He will also provide steps for nurturing new leaders.

Elmore is passionate about understanding the emerging generation and helping adults teach them how to become leaders in their schools, their communities and their careers. He educates adults to help them understand the challenges and experiences today's generation faces and connect with them in a way that resonates. Elmore believes, by cultivating leadership abilities in young adults and encouraging the adults who guide them, Growing Leaders can be the catalyst for emerging generations that will truly change the world.

According to internationally recognized leadership expert John Maxwell, with whom Elmore has worked for over 25 years, "No one teaches leadership better than Tim Elmore." To learn more about Elmore and his organization, go to: www.growingleaders.com. Teachers participating in SkillsUSA's Engage will have the opportunity to spend time with Elmore in a small group setting to ask questions and drill down into his teachings.

Engage will be held June 17 – 19 at the KEC in Louisville, Ky. To learn more about it and how you can register, visit: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skills-conference/training-opportunities/engage-advisor-training/.