

November 2017 New York State Officer Report

President:  
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Advisor:  
Mrs. Petronella

The month of November was spectacular.

Fall leadership was great! As a team we acquired so much networking and team experience. Fall leadership is what made me realized If I had the opportunity to become a state officer again, I would definitely do it. I'm Grateful for all of the advisories that attended, if it wasn't for them nothing would have been the same. Starting off with them wanting to be there with us helping, thank you. The planing, practices, guidance, suggestions, and more the advisors provided was so valuable. Fall leadership gave me a sense of accomplishment, how students were looking up to me for information and guidance. During my time in Albany, team Moana went on a Capitol tour and learned about the history behind our Capitol. We had a 100% statesman completed in our room. Alana (my partner in the group of Moana) and I also taught about the SkillsUSA Framework and how the elements help us become great leaders in society. We planned activities in our team room in order to have members interacting with each other to learn from the framework. Team rules were created at the beginning of the gathering of group Moana to maintain order. Mr Payton Holland helped us in presenting end explaining to our group about parliamentary procedure. I have learned and grown so much by attending and helping make fall leadership possible. It has made me a better person and to never forget that learning can be fun, and that nothing's impossible.

Secretary  
Danielle Graham

Advisor:  
Mr. Millard

During the month of November, a lot has happened. In the beginning of the month, I attended Fall Leadership with my other fellow officers. In the first couple of days, we practiced our parts, turns, and what we would do in our groups when the kids arrived. August and myself worked hard on what we would say and who would take control of what part. We did not want to running over each other when presenting an idea or explaining an activity. We figured out the best ice breaker to play based on the room size and the number of kids. As it got closer to the time of their arrival, I started to get nervous, but my fellow officers reassured me that we would do great.

At arrival, we greeted them and made them feel welcomed. Some students were nervous, but we all reassured them that it was okay. We would preform a lot of fun activities, and learn more about SkillsUSA along the way.

During the opening ceremony, my heart was racing. I walked on stage as they called my name. We stood there as one solid unit. We each did our part during the ceremony and after welcomed more students in our breakout groups.

I had Marvel Superheroes. The students in my group were great. We had a girl named Brooke, who seemed to be very interest in becoming a State Officer. I, personally, talked to her about the process and what she could get out of such an amazing opportunity. Others participated greatly in activities such as, Who's the leader, "I like..", and the Hula Hoop race. We also used parliamentary procedure in voting on our community service idea. Our group received 100% participation in getting the Statesman pin. By the end of the week, students truly understood what SkillsUSA was all about. We had many interested in becoming a state officer. I believe as State Officers, we really showed the students how the be great leaders, and how to use parliamentary procedure in their local chapters.

In my local chapter, our candy sales are growing greatly. A girl that attended with my school is very interested in becoming a State Officer, and I have been giving her advice. Hopefully, she follows through with this experience. We have also been communicating on our community service idea for the holiday season. I few ideas are fill the dump truck, toys for tots, or a can food drive for local food shelters.

Reporter Hannah Grisewood	Advisor: Mrs. Essig
<p>The first week of this month we held the Fall Leadership Conference in Albany. The State Officer team had been preparing for Fall Leadership for months. We were in charge of our own huddles and within our groups we taught the new members about what SkillsUSA is and about leadership skills. We also planned icebreakers along with other games to help introduce SkillsUSA and leadership skills. Fall Leadership was a great learning experience. Also within this month my chapter has held two meetings, we have discussed some fundraising opportunities as well as a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House.</p>	
Treasurer Kathleen Martin	Advisor: Mrs. Petronella
<p>Since my last report I donated blood at our chapter drive. Also, I was able to participate in a very successful Fall Leadership. We had 99% statesmen in our room, which was team Monsters inc. The students learned all about the Power of Work, as well as, information about the SkillsUSA framework. We not only taught about the Framework and Program of Work, but we also had numerous ice breakers and activities which the students really liked, and were able to put SkillsUSA concepts into action. During Fall Leadership we were able to tour the Capitol, where students took a lot of pictures and made memories that should last a life time.</p>	
Parliamentarian Lindsey Wilcox	Advisor: Mrs. Richardson
<p>For the month of November I finally got to see my team and I couldn't be happier about that. They make everything so much better and I hate leaving them. Also I have recruited 3 new state officers that are extremely interested in running and would make great state officers. Hearing that others are as interested as I am is the best thing to ever hear! I can't wait for State Officer Screening in February! I miss my team and I can't wait to see all the kids that are running! So excited!</p>	
Historian Maylee Adams	Advisor: Mr. Kramer
<p>This month I have participate in fall leadership by teaching the elements of POW (Programs of Work), elevator speech, and a little about the SkillsUSA framework while Peyton Holland came and explained parliamentary procedure. I also went to the Area1 meeting and also help explained some elements of POW and the elevator speech. This month we also sold donuts to raise money for our chapter.</p>	
Area I Vice President Alaina DeCamella	Advisor: Ms. Gage
<p>During the month of November, I had some of the best times of my life with the greatest experience. As a state officer, I learned really how to be a leader with great communication using different types of social skills. November 3-7, I attended The NYS Fall Leader Conference and so many amazing skills out of it. Not only becoming a stronger team, but really knowing how to work together and be there for one another. I have been in contact with some students that were in my group and they can't even explain how much they enjoyed themselves! Also, on November 14 Area 1 had a meeting that was ran by Amari, Hannah, Maylee and I and was a great success. As we were told, we have many want to be officers coming for the line up! This month has been full of once in a life time experiences</p>	

<p>Area II Vice President Izzy Abelbeck</p>	<p>Advisor: Mrs. Fiorenza</p>
<p>The biggest highlight of November had to have been Fall Leadership. Fall Leadership was amazing!!! From bonding with the State Officer team to teaching classes and meeting new people to doing the opening ceremony, everything went great. I feel like I improved so much from last. My part in the open ceremony has much better and I felt more prepared for the classes than last year. It's kind of sad because it's the halfway point of being a State Officer. Our next adventure as State Officers is our local competitions and officer screening in February. It's crazy how fast this year has gone. Area 2's Regionals is February 2nd. I'm very excited but I'm also sad because my replacement will be elected in that day. In my chapter we have been busy doing community service. On December 3rd we are going to Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics. SkillsUSA members will be plunging in freezing cold water for a great cause. See you all soon!! Thank you!</p>	
<p>Area III Vice President Savitri Persaud</p>	<p>Advisor: Mrs. Hamel</p>
<p>Awesome is just one of the words to describe 2017 Falls Leadership Conference. Putting our knowledge of the SkillsUSA framework to use and teaching it to the students was a great experience. Kathleen Martin and I found fun ways to teach the Program of Work formula. Through my journey as a state officer I have grown tremendously with the training that I have received throughout this year. Leadership skills definitely took place at this conference and I couldn't be more proud of my team and I for taking control. I would personally like to thank the board of directors for giving us this opportunity to learn how to be successful leaders for our future. Dinner at the Cheesecake Factory was a wonderful chance to bring us all closer together as a SkillsUSA leadership team. I would also like to give my heartfelt thanks to our team managers Brandilyn Gage and John Fernandez along with Judy Essig for stepping up and helping our team out so much. On a personal note all of the advisors from all areas of New York that helped me and the team put together a successful Falls Leadership Conference. I don't know what we would have done without them.</p>	
<p>Area IV Vice President Barnette Waldo</p>	<p>Advisor: Mrs. Myers</p>
<p>This month has been a very active month at my local SkillsUSA chapter and as a SkillsUSA state officer. Fall Leadership Conference was a huge success and I am thankful for the experience. Danielle and I taught our group a lot about SkillsUSA while also learning leadership skills first hand. In my local chapter our membership has increased. My fellow officers and I are diligently working to incorporate the SkillsUSA framework and other essentials into our monthly meetings. We are also working on several fundraisers. Two of them being a school yearbook and a Buffalo Wild Wings night. I am looking forward to my Regional Area 4 Competition.</p>	
<p>Area V Vice President Lizbeth Martinez</p>	<p>Advisor: Mrs. Kergoat</p>
<p>Well for starters, I can't believe we only have one more month for this year. As of November, a lot of exciting and wonderful events happened. We kicked off the month with our annual NYS Fall Leadership Conference and I just want to say, it was an unforgettable experience. I had the opportunity to prepare a lesson plan with activities to show, interact, and teach students from all over the state, the framework and the POW formula: was something I enjoyed. Furthermore, the capital tour was one of the highlights of my experience, especially seeing all the artwork at the entrance to the building. The structure and the details on the walls and ceilings were so intriguing especially after knowing the detail used in the planning and that it was all handmade. Every minute of that weekend was unforgettable from the practices, to the workshops, to the social and ending it</p>	

with closing ceremony. I gladly like to take a minute to thanks the board for allowing this trip to happen and allowing us to journey this far. I also want to thank our team coordinators for helping get our team prepared for our ceremonies and lastly give thanks to our team managers and advisors who helped us prepare our activities while giving us tips along the way.

At a city level, we also had our own Fall Leadership Conference. The city officer team was in charge of running the workshops with the students and talking about the framework. Personally, I really enjoyed this because it was closer to home. I was able to communicate and interact with members from other city schools and have the chance to work with my city officers. I would like to thank the members who were able to attend this event, at my school; Queens Vocational and Technical High School for hosting this event, Angie from Area VI, Joseph Mendoza, our previous state president and Autumn, a previous city officer, who came down, shared their Saturday and helped out with our event as well as being our guest speakers. Lastly, I would like to thank the city officer team and Mr. Rivera for making sure we had everything we needed for it to happen.

At a chapter level, there have been multiple events in action. To kick off, we had our annual bake sale during Parent-Teacher Conference. It was a successful event, it being our first of the year, with a total of \$1500. On Thanksgiving, we did a community service in which we had several members make and package sandwiches and then handed them out to the poor and/or homeless people. We make a total of about 130 lunches. We had other members cooking and serving to people who were either homeless or just don't have anyone to spend this holiday with, so they come here and eat with others and socialize. This action helped me reflect on the importance of being grateful for everything I have, not only on this one day out of the whole year, but instead every day; to say thank you, for my family, friends, teachers and everyone else who has crossed paths with me.

We are also planning other events for next month: a dance social, a citywide ice skating social, Wreaths Across America, Game night or Movie night and maybe another bake sale. We also started talking about our annual city wide boat social which goes around Manhattan Harbor.

Area VI Vice President  
Angeline Lamonica

Advisor:  
Mrs. Amatulli

This week was a life changing experience going to WLTI. Not only did I see some of the same stuff I learned in Kentucky they drilled in this POWERR formula that I'm going to be using for fall leadership. During our regular meetings in D.C. we talked about what our groups were going to be and the theme for them. Without this opportunity I wouldn't be able to go back to my chapter and teach them all I have learned between taking action, community service ideas, and fundraising ideas. I also got to see some amazing monuments and memorials that were really important to me. I was also able to go to the holocaust Museum where I learned more information on a tragic even in society that will never happen again if we speak up.