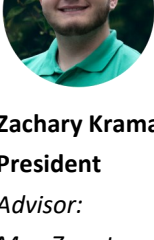

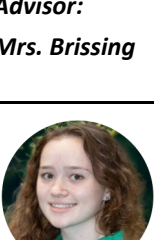


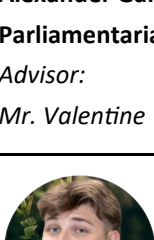
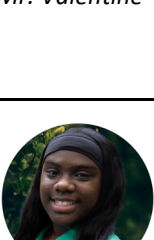

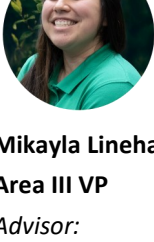
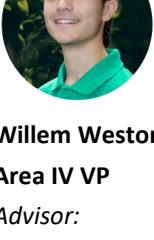
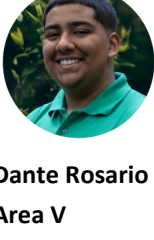


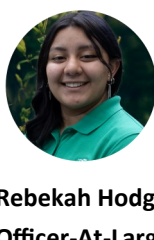


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NYS SkillsUSA State Officer Reports Month of: August 2023

<div></div> <div><b>Zachary Kramar</b> <b>President</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mrs. Zwart</i></div>	<p>Over the last three months, the state officer team and myself have gone to two conferences collectively as a group. The first conference we attended was the National Leadership and Skills Conference. While at NSLC the team and I learned more about the SkillsUSA Framework, how to become an effective state officer and learned more in depth about parliamentary procedure. We participated in Leverage Training, which taught us about different formulas consisting of the POWER Formula and a couple more. Leverage taught us how to work as a team, and partially taught us how to properly facilitate. At nationals, we also went through a delegate session that taught us and used in depth parliamentary procedure that we brought back to our meetings at NLSC and was used during the NYS Summer Leadership Conference. The Summer Leadership Conference was a meeting of strictly State Officers, State Officer Managers and advisors, and the NYS SkillsUSA Board of Directors. Each State Officer was tasked with bringing three different activities, each one revolving around a different section of the SkillsUSA Framework, a community service project, and a theme for the Fall Leadership conference where the activities made can and will be used to teach students about the SkillsUSA Framework and organization. At the Summer Leadership conference, we went into more depth on facilitating, working as a team, and parliamentary procedure. Both conferences were extremely helpful in developing the team as a whole, as well as myself. All of the skills I have learned and developed will be extremely helpful, not only in the future conferences but my life as a person.</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Emily Wagner</b> <b>Secretary</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mrs. Essig</i></div>	<p>In June of 2023 I had the chance to attend SkillsUSA Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia. where we received Leverage training. Leverage training was very helpful in learning how to control and run a Student training room. I got so many amazing and interesting ideas to use for Fall Leadership where I will have to run my own room while learning how to become a better facilitator. At the National Conference we as a team got to form better friendships within the team as well as with other states. Another thing that I got to experience was to sit in the delegate session, which lasted about 5 hours, and I got to see something very interesting that would actually happen in big meetings. When different states walked out we were able to come to an agreement. At Nationals we also discovered our theme for 2023, it is "No Limits". In the month of August of 2023, I attended summer leadership training in Albany, New York. While we were there we were trained by our state leaders to be more prepared for fall leadership. We went over how to have table etiquette while learning the flag ceremony and went over our parts. Our team also went over Fall leadership plans, and used parliamentary procedure to come up with our theme, as well as discovering our teammates for our rooms. I myself developed more from this trip than any of the previous trips. I feel like I was able to be more mature about situations and not let emotions get in the way of doing what I needed to do. I am very much looking forward to Washington Leadership Training Institute, my letters for appointments have been sent out and I am waiting to hear back. I am thrilled to see all the advisors and people on my team because we all have a very tight bond.</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Angelina Vargas</b> <b>Treasurer</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mrs. Brissing</i></div>	<p>My experience during our national conference at Atlanta, Georgia was cut off early due to NYS regents exams; however, I still gained so much new information. I got to experience and learn more about what facilitation is and how to apply it in my everyday use. I also got to learn more about SkillsUSA's mission and the qualities it takes to become an impactful leader. This involves being resourceful and efficient, along with effectively solving conflicts. I got to meet with many different state officers from across the country and talk about our unique experiences with SkillsUSA. Further, during my time at Summer Leadership Training, I got to test run my newly learned facilitation skills by running activities I created for our Fall Leadership Conference. This allowed me to gain some feedback on what I could critique to my activities in order to have a more impactful experience in relation to the SkillsUSA framework. Both experiences have given me more ways to become a better leader, facilitator, and a peer to help out others.</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Skylar Albin</b> <b>Reporter</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mr. Stratton</i></div>	<p>During June 16th through the 24th, the New York state officers and I attended Skills USA Nationals, which this year was held in Atlanta Georgia. This consisted of Leverage training and the delegate session. During leverage, we went over many important things such as the habits of highly effective people and our role during fall leadership. As well as respecting others and the POWERR formula in our framework story. Finishing off leverage we went over our facilitation skills by splitting up into skills labs covering management, planning to plan, business and industry visit training (the POWERR formula), preparing for visits, chapter officer prep, or state social media planning then all coming back together in our huddle rooms and effectively sharing what we learned with others. After leverage, we attended the delegate sessions, where they went over the parliamentary procedure and the important terms used, and the bylaw that we would be discussing and voting on. Following the bylaw discussion and amendment delegate session we were able to meet the candidates for 2023-2024 nationals SkillsUSA officers as well as vote. On July 18th I and one other SkillsUSA officer attended the CTSO summer leadership summit in Greenwich, New York hosted by FBLA. Here we learned about SMART goals, what they were and how to use them efficiently and effectively and to always look at the big picture. We were also taught the benefits of journaling and how it can be used as something to keep you calm as well as a fun way to keep you well organized. In addition, we talked about communication and how it's used not only to talk, but to advocate, coordinate, and help stay consistent. We also discussed the importance of tone and in conjunction body language and how together they can be a powerful tool to get your point across. August 1st through August 4th was our New York State summer leadership training. For this training, each state officer needed to complete a portion of preparation. Each of us had to prepare 3 workshop ideas, one originating from each third of the SkillsUSA framework; personal skills, technical skills grounded in academics, and workplace skills. As well as come up with a theme for fall leadership. When arriving at summer leadership we as a group practiced the opening and closing for fall leadership, and our roles in the flag ceremony. Using what we learned in leverage we used parliamentary procedure to decide on the theme and a community service plan for fall leadership. On August 15th we at Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES had our first chapter meeting of the new school year. This year we are taking the approach of splitting into 3 pairs, each pair is assigned to multiple months. Each month is assigned a section of the SkillsUSA framework which it will be focused on and be the center of that month's activities. Our goal for this year is to increase the membership number of students and increase teachers' interest in SkillsUSA. But in a more specific sense, we agreed to be more involved from the start with planning and organizing speakers and activities, use committees to split up the workload evenly, try our best to meet every Monday, and use our membership meetings to train members on the SkillsUSA framework. At this meeting, we completed our tentative plan for the upcoming school year consisting of multiple community service events, assemblies both as a school and per individual classrooms, as well as surveys for both teachers and students.</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Alexander Galfo</b> <b>Parliamentarian</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mr. Valentine</i></div>	<p><u><b>Not Submitted</b></u></p>
<div></div> <div><b>Jacob Szumigala</b> <b>Historian</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mr. Valentine</i></div>	<p>Nationals and summer leadership both taught me a great deal about our organization. It also showed how we produce and turn ourselves into leaders. The leverage training we received at nationals was a really great piece to add to the arsenal of tactics for leadership. The facilitation skills learned there then translated directly to summer leadership, where we had to facilitate a learning experience. Nationals opened up another crucial experience for us officers. Parliamentary procedure. The hours-long session we participated in discussing and voting for the bylaw changes stuck with each one of us. This led to gained knowledge and more efficient use of parliamentary procedures amongst our officer team. Meeting new people and making new connections at nationals was huge for me and made me learn a lot about myself as well as new people. And a lot of what I learned at nationals correlated to summer leadership. At summer leadership I learned about the flag ceremony which was something not done at nationals (not that I remember) and was awesome to be part of. These last two conferences have been a very educational and eye opening experience. From parliamentary procedure to learning more about my fellow officers, knowledge was gained and committed to memory.</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Kayla Waddell-Martin</b> <b>Area I VP</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Ms. Probst</i></div>	<p>During Nationals and Summer Leadership I learned a lot. Starting at learning parliamentary procedure all the way to facilitating a room. At nationals, we were in three different breakout rooms, and in each room, we learned something different. In the first breakout room we learned how to become a leader. This group was very beneficial as it helped us develop who we want to be as a leader, or a State officer. In the next breakout room we learned how to facilitate a room and learned many tips and tricks to help guide us at Fall Leadership. I had an amazing time at nationals as I met new people, tried new food, and sharpened my leadership skills. At summer leadership training, we got the chance to actually facilitate a room and get a taste of what it was like to be at fall leadership. We also practiced opening and closing ceremonies, along with the flag ceremony which I loved! I think the team did an amazing job and we all are ready for the next big step! Overall, I am so proud of the team and how far we have come. Another thing I would like to mention is how close the team has gotten so fast. We all have special relationships with each other and all bonded as a team. I could not ask for a better team!</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Delayna DeVoe</b> <b>Area II VP</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mrs. Fiorenza</i></div>	<p>In the month of June I had the opportunity to travel to SkillsUSA Nationals, held in Atlanta, Georgia. During this time I took in so many good ideas and tools to use at Fall Leadership. I worked on becoming a more engaging and "fun" facilitator while also having a jam packed curriculum for my peers. I was able to meet other state officers from across the country and see how they operate within their state. My team and myself formed a deeper bond to become a stronger team and we also began thinking of ideas for our state. In the month of August, the officer team and I met in Albany, New York, for summer leadership. There we were trained by our state officer managers and given some insights about how to handle the room for our future Fall Leadership. We practiced the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the flag ceremony. As a group we shared our ideas of activities to encourage our peers while facilitating. We used parliamentary procedures to determine the theme and the community service fundraiser we would be doing.</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Mikayla Linehan</b> <b>Area III VP</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mrs. Choppa</i></div>	<p>Leadership. I worked on becoming a more engaging and "fun" facilitator while also having a jam packed curriculum for my peers. I was able to meet other state officers from across the country and see how they operate within their state. My team and I formed a deeper bond to become a stronger team and we also began thinking of ideas for our state. In the month of August, the officer team and I met in Albany, New York, for summer leadership. There we were trained by our state officer managers and given some insights about how to handle the room for our future Fall Leadership. We practiced the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the flag ceremony. As a group we shared our ideas of activities to encourage our peers while facilitating. We used parliamentary procedures to determine the theme and the community service fundraiser we would be doing. Workplace, and Technical skills grounded in academics. The officers and I reviewed the opening, closing and flag ceremony to get the feel for what it would be like during the actual times at Fall Leadership. We discussed our community service project for this year. We had a great discussion and I think we came to an agreement on a great idea. At the time, being at this conference made me improve my Workplace skills by working with our team!</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Willem Weston</b> <b>Area IV VP</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Dr. Landers</i></div>	<p>During the SkillsUSA Nationals Conference at the end of June, the SkillsUSA New York State Officer Team and I attended Leverage training in Atlanta, Georgia. Leverage training taught us about parliamentary procedures and activities correlating with the three elements of the SkillsUSA Framework: personal skills, workplace skills, and technical skills grounded in academics. I made many new friends during the training and got to know the officer team. We were split up and put into different rooms, where we tried new activities and learned about our strengths and what we could work on to become better leaders. We were also able to visit the competitions and the Techspo event. After Leverage, we attended the National delegate session, debating what to pass for SkillsUSA and voting for national officers. After that, we got to go and see the competitions for a bit. August 1st through 4th was our Summer Training at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. At this training, we continued to build our leadership skills by leading the activities we will present to the students attending the Fall Leadership in November.</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Dante Rosario</b> <b>Area V</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mrs. Olfano</i></div>	<p>Nationals was probably the most useful trip from a learning standpoint. Everything we were taught related back to our ability to teach. We learned proper facilitation techniques, gained skills that taught us effective communication strategies, and worked on our skills in creating engaging learning environments. It was a transformative experience that not only expanded our knowledge but also equipped us with practical tools to make a meaningful impact on our students' education. As I return ready to lead our own leadership, I carry with us the valuable lessons that will shape my teaching and hopefully inspire a new officer team ready to take on the responsibility of leading the future of NY. Summer Leadership was more informative from a teaching standpoint. During this time I got to use the skills I developed in Georgia in order to actually do the facilitating. Another useful trip was the helpful criticism I gained from the team. Being able to present our activities that day made for excellent feedback on how to improve not only my facilitation skills but also my actual activities to make them more engaging and adaptive. Those days allowed me to think and completely overhaul all my ideas, which overall increased their quality. I also got closer to a lot of the state officers and am now way more comfortable.</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Gianna Spartano</b> <b>Officer-At-Large</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mrs. Petronella</i></div>	<p>This summer of becoming a state officer has led to incredible learning experiences. Starting with going to nationals for our training to become knowledgeable facilitators to help lead fellow SkillsUSA members in the right direction. While learning about the importance of the POWERR formula and the three main parts of the framework. I learned new activities to bring home to teach my lessons at our Fall Leadership Conference. Though it wasn't just our training that was a learning experience, it was coming together as our New York state officer team when we went through and had to fully complete our first parliamentary procedure. One moment that also taught me was the first time as a New York State officer we had the chance to talk in front of competitors of New York State and wish them well in their competitions. The following trip I had was a CTSO conference which was given as an invitation to my advisor. Going to the conference and experiencing that it was more than one organization was very educational. What I found through one of the following activities was we all truly had the same goal. During this meeting, we touched upon smart goals through a slide show. While through activities, we touched upon body language, essential elements, orientation, and the importance of step-by-step processes. I found it was a very educational meeting and gave us a great opportunity to meet the different organizations. Summer Leadership was where we received our training for the Fall Leadership Conference. During this time we learned our lines and our movement for the opening and closing ceremony. We then practiced the flag ceremony where I learned my role in the ceremony. We used parliamentary procedure to decide on our theme for Fall Leadership and our community service project. Finally, we worked on creating our activities, presenting them, and gaining important feedback that will make us great facilitators. The last trip of the summer I had at my local BOCES where my chapter and I discussed what we will be doing for this upcoming school year. Our group chose to make changes this year that will help increase the membership by sending out surveys, having class visits, having class ensembles, and even trying to get teachers more involved. We also decided to split the months up into parts of the framework which will make it easier to focus on those essential elements starting with September being Workplace Skills, October being Technical Skills, and November being Personal Skills which will continue in that cycle. We also have three community service projects planned out through the months: in the fall we will be raising money for people with cancer, in the winter we will hold a breakfast with Santa, we will raise money with an entry fee, and in the spring we will do a park clean up as well as a barbecue. Overall we have a lot planned throughout the months to support SkillsUSA and gain new membership of people.</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Rebekah Hodges</b> <b>Officer-At-Large</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mrs. Bitzer</i></div>	<p>This year in Skills, I've had the opportunity to go to the SkillsUSA National conference. I also had the opportunity to spend time with the officer team as we trained at Summer leadership in Albany. For the National conference for SkillsUSA I had a lot of training. Through these I learned many things. One of the courses was leverage. In our leverage training we were split with different facilitators. Each of these facilitators gave us many different examples of teaching just by having their own style. We also learned how to lead and teach a room ourselves. We learned the importance and impacts we made by facilitating others and how to keep them engaged and active. We also had the opportunity to be delegates. Through this we were given an important role of voting on what we believe was best for us, our state, and the organization in general. It was a very tough day but once we got through it and talked together as a New York State team it was a very valuable lesson. During Summer leadership our New York State team got together in Albany where we will be holding the Fall Leadership conference. In the training we were taught discipline in simple ways of being on time, respecting others and just listening but overall we were taught how to lead a room and prepare for The Fall Leadership conference. We also got to team build and learn how to work better in each of the 3 components of the SkillsUSA framework.</p>
<div></div> <div><b>Kayla Flores</b> <b>Officer-At-Large</b> <i>Advisor:</i> <i>Mrs. Bissing</i></div>	<p>This summer has been really busy with all the opportunities given by SkillsUSA. First starting with nationals where the NYS SkillsUSA state officer team learned skills that help us with being a leader and a team player. It helped us connect as a team to make us stronger and more cohesive. Later on in the summer I attended summer leadership where we learned even more skills and worked as a team yet also worked as individuals. We had a chance to present activities that we came up with for FLC to teach the framework in our respective rooms. It made me more prepared for the FLC in November and WLTI in September.</p>