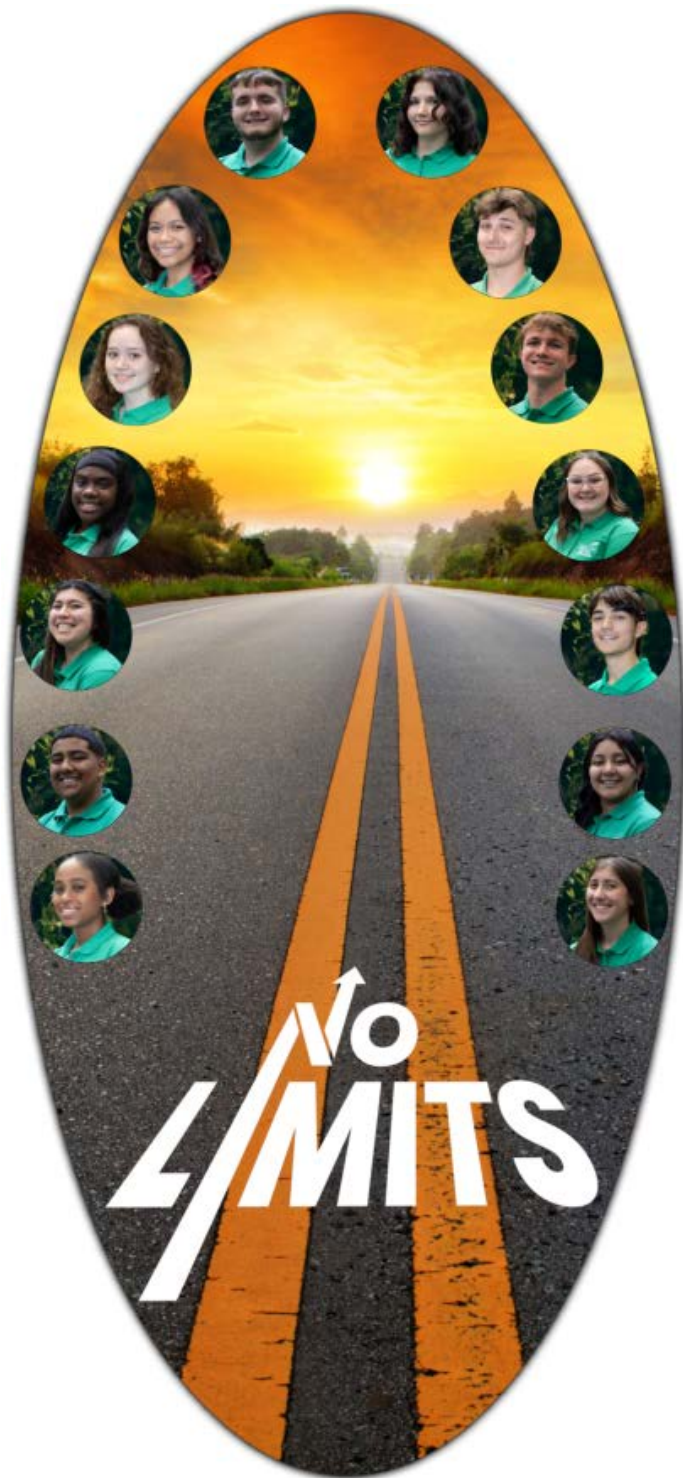


# **NYS SkillsUSA**

## **State Officer Report**

### **Month of: February 2024**



## State Officer

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**Zachary Kramar**

**President**

*Advisor:*

*Mrs. Zwart*

The WSWHE BOCES Southern Adirondack Education Center held the local competitions to figure out who from our chapter will be attending the Area 3 Regional Competitions in hopes to win and attend the state competition. Also, the current State Officers from our chapter had a news interview to be put onto channel six and broadcasted. In the interview Mikayla Linehan as well as I talked about what SkillsUSA and Career and Technical Education has done for us and how it changed our lives for the better. Lastly, all of the state officers had a zoom meeting to talk about the upcoming training for states and the upcoming state leadership and skills conferences.



**Emily Wagner**

**Secretary**

*Advisor:*

*Mrs. Essig*

For the month of February the State officer team is fast approaching training for States, March 8th and the 9th. Area 1 has their regional conference to vote in our new area 1 VP. Kayla Martin has worked so hard getting everything ready for us and for that I am thankful. In our local Chapter we are planning community service such as having a Solar eclipse volunteering and the P.M class is planning a canned food drive for our BOCES food pantry They are also interested in doing a pet food drive, as well as a Leo's pie sale to raise funds for future events.



**Angelina Vargas**

**Treasurer**

*Advisor:*

*Mrs. Brissing*

The month of February has been very eventful and exciting! In the beginning of the month, Area 4 had our regional conference where we ran our delegate session and competitions. We interviewed and elected our next Area 4 Vice President, and had several competitor winners from my OU-BOCES SkillsUSA chapter. My fellow State Officers and I ran a smooth delegate session along with gearing up to go to Syracuse to prepare for our State Conference. We are also planning future fundraiser ideas to keep growing my SkillsUSA chapter. We have created posters and bulletin boards around my CTEC to make SkillsUSA appealing to our students and future leaders. I can't wait for our State Conference!



**Skylar Albin**  
**Reporter**

*Advisor:*  
*Mr. Stratton*

At Oneida- Herkimer- Madison BOCES we focused on preparing competitors and delegates for the Area II competition being held at Morrisville. Our two head advisors at OHM, Mr. Stratton and Mrs. Petronella, reviewed with our competitors when to be there, what to expect and what to bring and at the end of this meeting Gianna and I answered any questions the students had. Then February 9th was the big day. Delayna, Gianna, and I met up at the delegate session location and first, we did the interviews with all the candidates. Delayna was there for all the interviews, and then Gianna and I swapped about halfway. Following this the delegate session began with the opening ceremony and with an icebreaker run by Delayna. Then the meet and greet between the delegates and the candidates and then-candidate speeches all followed by the problematic question. Then we were dismissed until the closing ceremony where the new Area II vice president was announced along with all of that, 1st, second and third place awards in the competitions were handed out.



**Alexander Galfo**  
**Parliamentarian**

*Advisor:*  
*Mr. Valentine*

During this month as a SkillsUSA officer Jake and I ran two meetings within our chapter just preparing for our regional competition. We told them exactly what we were going to be doing, they were a little nervous. We had to calm them down a little bit and be leaders. We also recently got more chocolate in for another candy bar fundraiser just to raise more money for regionals, states, and hopefully nationals. This month was a very active month due to all the work we were doing with advocating as well. Which consisted of both of us going into our separate home schools and sharing a little about SkillsUSA to the younger kids. We were hoping that SkillsUSA could become part of both our home schools just to push for more greatness, and give kids a chance with a little bit more to do within our small towns.



**Jacob Szumigala**  
**Historian**

*Advisor:*  
*Mr. Valentine*

February wasn't a terribly busy SkillsUSA month. We spent a good bit of time preparing some of our welders for competition and spent time talking to a few potential state officers. In addition to this we have geared up for our Area one conference that will be happening in the coming weeks. We worked on our activities and our speaking parts and what all we intend to do there. Other than that it has been pretty quiet here at our SkillsUSA chapter in Loguidice.



**Kayla Waddell-Martin**

**Area I VP**

*Advisor:*

*Ms. Probst*

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Over the last four weeks, I've dedicated myself to the responsibilities of being a State officer to my local SkillsUSA chapter. Even the simplest tasks have had my full attention. I try to attend all of our weekly meetings, which keeps me in the loop with our chapter's activities and objectives. I throw myself into every conversation, offering my perspectives and suggestions to help move forward. My involvement in organizing and running our events may be part of the routine, but it's vital for our chapter as it keeps us running. Through these roles, I've polished my leadership and collaborative abilities, and I've gained a greater appreciation for the importance of each position in our organization. This experience has reinforced that every single action, no matter its size, is a building block for our collective achievements.



**Delayna DeVoe**

**Area II VP**

*Advisor:*

*Mrs. Fiorenza*

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During the month of February, I prepared for the regional competition for New York State Area II. I helped my peers study and refreshed them with Skills knowledge. I also prepared an engaging activity for the House of Delegates, "Two truths, One Lie." This activity focused on integrity, job specific skills, and communication. To start off, I asked for a volunteer, then they would state two truths about their CTE and one lie, in any order. The audience could then guess what their CTE is, and then that person would go next! I believe this was an exciting activity to get everyone involved and excited for the session. The monthly chapter meeting was held and throughout we talked more about the meaning of being a SkillsUSA member, got everyone registered for competitions, and went over official dress. We counted the canned goods that we had collected for the regional community service project, Feed Our Vets. We celebrated all five days of SkillsUSA Week and had so much fun! While at Morrisville College on February 9th, I was able to see familiar faces from Fall Leadership and meet many new people! I thoroughly enjoyed running the delegate session and interviewing candidates for state office. I am excited for all the new experiences ahead for the state conference and I can not wait to see everyone on the state officer team to prepare. Lastly, I came up with an activity to present to the state officer team for a state conference, as an icebreaker for the delegates!



**Mikayla Linehan**

**Area III VP**

*Advisor:*

*Mrs. Choppa*

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During the month of February the WSWHE BOCES Southern Adirondack Center got involved. To kick things off, myself and Zach Kramar were on News Channel 6 February 1st. We were interviewed separately and talked about how our CTE program has helped us on becoming State Officers. We also talked about the different opportunities we got when we traveled out to Nationals and WLTi. Lastly we talked about what our plans were after High School, on going to college or going right into the workforce. On February 7th we had a State Officer zoom meeting. We talked about how there are 27 people who are interested in running for office. In my local chapter, WSWHE BOCES, my advisor Chef Zwart let me do a SkillsUSA activity with his junior class and my senior class. This activity was a relay between 2 teams called "Cup Relay." The objective of the activity was each team will have 14 cups flipped upside down. Each person on the team will have 1 straw. With each cup upside down there will be a cotton ball placed on the top of it. The way you can get the cotton ball off the cup is to blow it off with the straw. Once you blow off all the cotton balls you have to reset them all for the next person in your team to go. First team to have everyone finish the quickest wins. During the activity each person used the Essential Elements consisting of teamwork and communication. Everyone who participated seemed to enjoy this activity very much. Moving along my local chapter is wrapping up the SkillsUSA local competitions and getting ready for regionals! With that the State Officers and I will meet in March to prepare for the state conference.



**Dante Rosario**

**Area V**

*Advisor:*

*Mrs. Olfano*

This month was truly spectacular. My Chapter Officer team put in a lot of work in planning in order to make sure all of our events this month went successfully. The very beginning of the month we had a Skills week which went on incredibly successfully. Recognition day we gave back to the teachers at our chapter in the form of breakfast treats, such as coffee and donuts being brought around by SkillsUSA students. Give back day, we gave back to our school community and a form of awards given to students that demonstrated the SkillsUSA Framework. On partner day, we had a guest speaker from a construction management company come talk to the underclassmen. Advocacy day we held a CTE showcase at our school with many industry representatives. Last but not least with SkillsUSA day, we hosted our Valentine's Day gala that went off extremely successfully. Last, but not least, we had our monthly general meeting which went off without a hitch, teaching important skills, such as planning, organization and teamwork through our main activity. February was an amazing month and I cannot wait to see what March has in store for us!!



**Willem Weston**

**Area IV VP**

*Advisor:*

*Dr. Landers*

No report submitted.



**Gianna Spartano**

**Officer-At-Large**

*Advisor:*

*Mrs. Petronella*

This month was exciting for Oneida- Herkimer- Madison BOCES where we got ready to compete at Area 2 regionals in Morrisville, NY. At the beginning of the month my advisors Mrs. Petronella and Mr. Stratton held a meeting involving state officers as well as competitors for Morrisville. The advisors talked about what the competitors needed, signed some extra forms, and told them what to expect. Concluding this meeting Skylar and I asked questions as well as discussed our scripts. The following days led to regionals; all state officers and competitors had to arrive at school by 7:30 to get on the bus for Morrisville. Arriving at our destination Skylar and I meet with Delayna, the current Area 2 VP, to get ready to meet with the students running for state officer. After interviewing the students the delegate session began with an activity which led to campaigning for Area 2 VP. The state officers and I only gave the candidates 15 minutes to talk to everyone, then I called each candidate up one at a time to give their speeches which could only be 3 minutes long. When all the speeches were done Skylar and I took the students in the hallway while Delayna called the students in one at a time, giving a problematic question. The question led to the result of the vote which would soon be revealed at the closing ceremony. I went for lunch then met with the other officers to get ready for the closing ceremony and set up our mini game. This game was for all competitors giving them the opportunity to win some Area 2 merchandise. At the end of this fantastic trip Skylar, Delayna, and I presented awards to competitors as well as discovering the new Area 2 VP. The next week the students involved with regionals had a meeting where they received an Area 2 pin, a shirt, and had a discussion about what will occur at states. This was an amazing experience that makes me proud to be a state officer.





**Rebekah Hodges**  
**Officer-At-Large**

*Advisor:*

*Mrs. Bitzer*

This month, with my fellow state officers, Mikayla and Zachery, we are slowly working on getting ready for our regional competition. I can't wait to see all participants who are ready to show us their journey toward leadership. As well as, we continued to work on the SkillsUSA framework in my school, The F. Donald Meyers Center sharing an essential element each week and my CTE class does activities to go along with those.



**Kayla Flores**  
**Officer-At-Large**

*Advisor:*

*Mrs. Brissing*

During the month of February the Area 4 SkillsUSA regional competition was a huge success! The event brought together talented students from different schools in the region to showcase their skills and compete in various categories. It was an amazing opportunity for participants to demonstrate their abilities and learn from each other. The competition featured a wide range of skills areas, including culinary arts, automotive technology, graphic design, and more. The participants showed incredible talent, creativity, and dedication in their respective fields. It was truly inspiring to see their hard work and passion on display. Overall, the regional competition was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. It highlighted the immense talent and potential of the students, and it was a testament to their hard work and dedication. We also have a new Area 4 VP and other students interested in state officer's positions going into states. I'm sure they will continue to excel during states and enjoy their time in Syracuse.