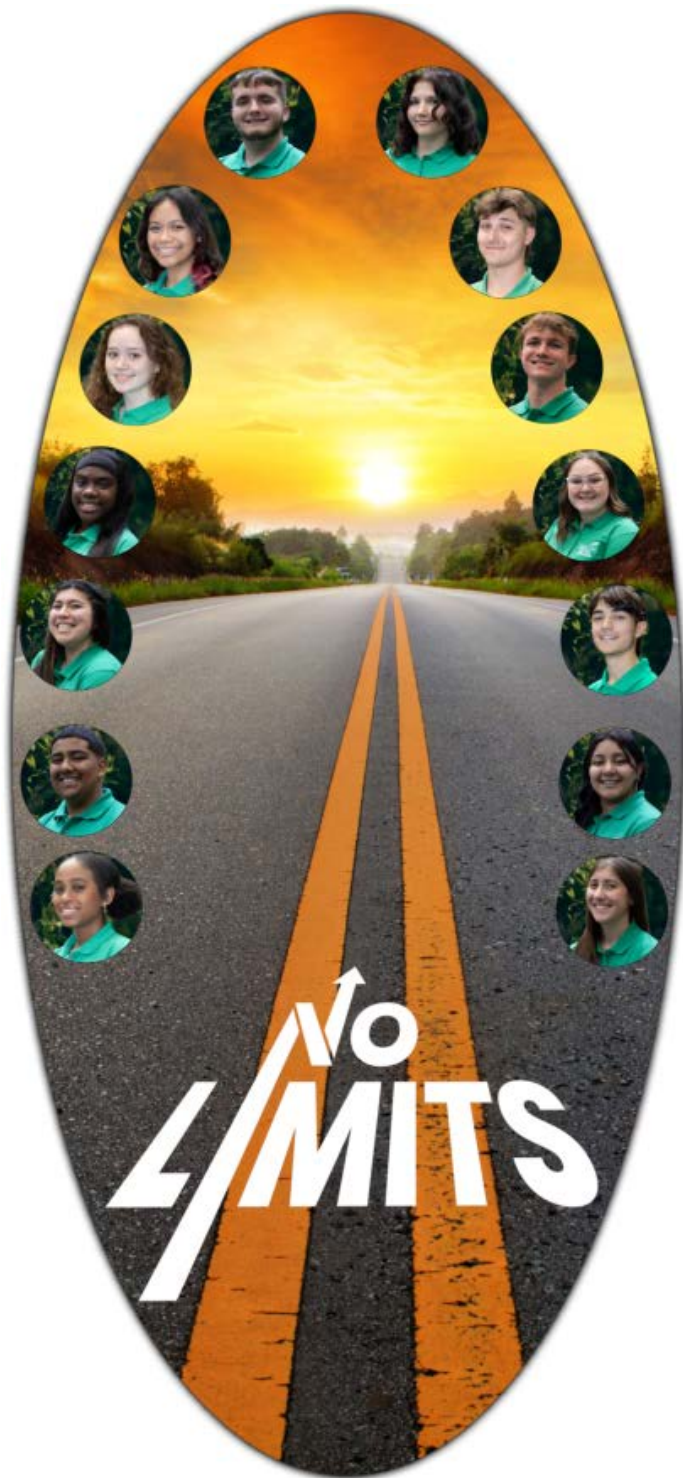


NYS SkillsUSA State Officer Report Month of: January 2024



State Officer



Zachary Kramar
President

Advisor:
Mrs. Zwart

Over the span of the month of January, the WSWHE BOCES Southern Adirondack Education Center has had numerous events to continue promoting SkillsUSA. Our chapter held a SkillsUSA Winter Carnival in the middle of January in which we raised money for our chapter through activities and concessions. Our chapter had yard games, pinball machines donated by Project Pinball, had face painting, and sold cookies and drinks. The next event that was held was the Southern Adirondack Education Center's open house, where students and adults came into BOCES to see all of the programs as well as learn about them. The teachers told the students and adults all about their programs and Career and Technical Education as a whole. Another large event that was held at our chapter was a legislative breakfast. The culinary arts students and instructors created a magnificent menu and our two state officers and other members sat with Superintendents from around the area, a NYS Regent, as well as board and staff for the WSWHE BOCES. The students at the tables advocated for SkillsUSA and what it has done for them and their experiences in the organization. As this year's state officer teams' terms end shortly, our chapter has been hard at work in preparing two students to campaign to become next year's state officers. Both Mikayla and myself have aided and mentoring to the two prospective state officer candidates. Finally, Mikayla Linehan and myself were interviewed for our chapter. The interviewer asked Mikayla and I about our experiences with SkillsUSA, how it changed us, what the goal of it is, and how SkillsUSA has better changed us for the future. We also talked and were asked about the process of campaigning and how much work was needed to become a state officer.



Emily Wagner
Secretary

Advisor:
Mrs. Essig

For the month of January, the State officers are keeping in touch with one another trying to figure out their futures and how to have a great fresh start for the new year. My local chapter just had a meeting about doing another pie fundraiser for Easter. I also got to see the upcoming plans for regionals planned by Kayla Martin who is doing a fantastic job of getting things in order for Area 1. States training is fast approaching and I couldn't be anymore grateful and excited for the experience ahead.



Angelina Vargas
Treasurer

Advisor:
Mrs. Brissing

During the month of January, we have been planning our Area 4 Regional Conference. My chapter has also been wrapping up fundraisers for our conference since we will be hosting it at OU-BOCES. We have been gathering information and creating agendas for our competition and delegate sessions. We have scheduled meetings for advisors, competitors, and officers as the competition is coming up. We are hoping to have future champions come from our chapter OU-BOCES!



Skylar Albin

Reporter

Advisor:

Mr. Stratton

On January 5th at Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES had our first SkillsUSA-related event of the new year. This was the advisory council meeting. This meeting started off by going over the Perkins grant and the enrollment and staffing statistics for the past year. Following this we broke into groups talking about how to get kids graduating to want to go into the workforce. After our principal finished up, the other council members went over other information that was scheduled to be shared. On January 22nd we had a member's meeting. At this point our chapter advisors talked to the students who were competing about what to expect and Gianna Spartano and I both talked to them about how it looked and what to wear.



Alexander Galfo

Parliamentarian

Advisor:

Mr. Valentine

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Jacob Szumigala

Historian

Advisor:

Mr. Valentine

January was a slow month for our SkillsUSA chapter. We did, however, start prepping our welders for the regional and state competitions. Along with that we have been doing a candy bar fundraiser to send people to states who otherwise couldn't afford to go. In addition to all this, myself, and my officer teammates from Area 1, have been preparing for leading the House of Delegates at the regional conference coming soon. Although slow there have been a few crucial moments in our SkillsUSA chapter and on the team itself.



Kayla Waddell-Martin

Area I VP

Advisor:

Ms. Probst

In the past month as a state officer for our SkillsUSA chapter, I've been diligently performing my duties, even if they seem 'basic'. My consistent attendance at our weekly meetings has ensured that I stay connected with our chapter's activities and goals. I've actively engaged in all discussions, providing my input and ideas to help shape our chapter's direction. I've also contributed to planning and executing our events, which, while routine, are crucial for the chapter's functioning and success. These tasks have not only honed my leadership and teamwork skills, but also deepened my understanding of the significance of every role within our organization. This month has taught me that every task, no matter how small, contributes to our chapter's overall success.



Delayna DeVoe

Area II VP

Advisor:

Mrs. Fiorenza

In the month of January, my school chapter met for our monthly meeting to discuss more about what the regional competition will look like and more of what they will need to have ready for their specific competition. I then planned an engaging activity for them to partake in, building on their teamwork and many other essential elements for competition. They all thoroughly enjoyed the "Human Knot" and I believe that it was very beneficial because they were under pressure and I am sure that some of them will encounter this during their time at Morrisville. In addition, I have been coming up with activities to do at the regional and state competitions. I am so excited to see everyone compete and to see what the state officer team has in store for the rest of our time. I truly believe that this has been an experience like no other and I cannot wait to celebrate SkillsUSA week with everyone!



Mikayla Linehan

Area III VP

Advisor:

Mrs. Choppa

The month of January has been exceptionally eventful for the Southern Adirondack Education Center's SkillsUSA Chapter. From community outreach initiatives to engaging events, our members have been actively involved in various activities aimed at enriching our community and fostering personal growth. Our chapter kicked off the month with a vibrant "Winter Carnival" event on January 13th. Conceptualized by our local chapter officers, the Winter Carnival aimed to give back to our community through Project Pinball to support the Ronald McDonald House while showcasing the talents of our Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes. Each CTE class crafted a unique carnival game, contributing to the lively atmosphere of the event. A significant highlight of the month was the Legislative Breakfast held on January 19th. Attended by board members from various educational institutions supporting the WSWHE BOCES Center, the event provided an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration. Members from our Culinary Arts program, who are also active participants in SkillsUSA, interacted with the board, sharing insights into their respective programs and future aspirations. The culinary showcase featured a delectable array of breakfast foods, including the signature dish "The Southern Adirondacker," which received acclaim from attendees. Discussions also centered on the collective goal of expanding educational opportunities for students across our region. Simultaneously, on the same day, our chapter organized a heartwarming community dinner at The Glen at Hiland Meadows. With a team comprising seniors and juniors, we prepared and served a sumptuous full-course meal for elderly residents. From appetizers featuring cheese, crackers, fruit, and shrimp salad to the main course spotlighting sweet potatoes, asparagus, and mushroom-stuffed chicken, the menu was curated to delight the palate. Dessert offerings of chocolate mousse and lemon blueberry cake added a sweet finale to the evening. Beyond the culinary experience, our interactions with the elderly residents fostered meaningful connections and left a lasting impact on both parties. On January 25th, I, along with Zach Kramar, participated in an interview discussing our experiences with SkillsUSA. Reflecting on the transformative impact of SkillsUSA on our lives, we shared insights into our journey as officers and the responsibilities entailed by our respective positions. The interview underscored the profound influence of SkillsUSA in shaping our personal and professional development trajectories.



Dante Rosario

Area V

Advisor:

Mrs. Olfano

What a way to kick off this new year!!! This month has been extremely organization heavy. First thing up, we had to start the new year with our first general meeting of 2024. We explored themes such as teamwork and communication as well as planning and organization in a fun meeting activity. Another successful meeting in the books thanks to our ambitious and collaborative chapter members. Secondly, as you may know next month we have SKILLS WEEK!! My officer team has been putting in a lot of dedication and time into this event. We've spent many days meeting and planning, after school and during our lunch periods in order to truly make this one of the best skills week events we've ever had. We are working hard to make sure that every day is impactful and packed full of everything that SkillsUSA represents, especially my personal favorite give back day. We've also been planning our Valentine's Day gala, which we are very excited for considering the success of our winter wonderland dance. Overall January has been a good month but I can't wait for the action-packed month February will be!!!!



Willem Weston

Area IV VP

Advisor:

Dr. Landers

Area 4 schools have been preparing for their Regional Conference and Competition at Orange Ulster BOCES on February 10th. Activities have included ensuring that all Area 4 members are registered and joined, as well as competitor and delegate preparation. All attendees were reminded of the awards available as SkillsUSA members, and they are filling out the appropriate paperwork for presidential volunteer service and advisor of the year. Many of the Area schools have continued their community service work. We are very excited about our regional conference and would love to see you there!



Gianna Spartano
Officer-At-Large

Advisor:

Mrs. Petronella

This month has been a great start to the new year. This past week I experienced my first Advisory board meeting with the New York State Reporter, Skylar Albin. Our BOCES principal started by going over last year's meeting, the Perkins grant and this past year's enrollment. Following the statistics of the enrollment we joined breakout rooms with faculty members going over what stakeholders need from these potential employees. Our principal also asked our breakout rooms about character charts which are based on how a student would be as an employee. I voiced my opinion highlighting the importance of communication in this character chart and how this should be more focused on. As well as being a stakeholder giving students more opportunities. This meeting finished with an outstanding meal cooked by our culinary students. Lastly, our chapter had a meeting to discuss what to expect at Area 2, regionals next month. Our advisor Mrs. Petronella, talked to our competing students about papers that need to be filled out for the competition. While Skylar and I talked to the students about what should be worn at the award ceremony, and in competition. We also told the students about what to expect while at the campus. The students asked some very good questions when we were done. Overall, this was a good month and we are very excited for regionals next month.



Rebekah Hodges
Officer-At-Large

Advisor:

Mrs. Bitzer

This month my school has been preparing for competitions. My class especially has been talking about all the competitions and different things you can do in SkillsUSA. It's amazing to see them really get engaged. I have two classmates who will be competing in Skills and I'm so happy for them. One of the students from my fall leadership room from my school is running for a state officer position. She's a very strong person and I can't wait to see how far she goes. I'm so happy that Willem and I during our Fall Leadership room could push her and hopefully inspire her to run for state officer. Another thing I have been doing is participating in all the Skills activities and lessons we have been doing in class. I'm learning more about SkillsUSA each day while also being engaged with my other classmates. I can't wait to see how my local competitions go and all the talent and skills in my school.



Kayla Flores
Officer-At-Large

Advisor:

Mrs. Brissing

No report Submitted