May 29, 2020
State Director’s Friday Flash Report:
Dear Advisors:
We keep working on many items for this years and one has been the election of our New State Officers for the 20-21 school year. I am pleased to let you know that we have a new slate of State Officers. They are:

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We would like to thank all the candidates that ran for the different offices as you all were great candidates for a State Offices. Also we would like to thanks all Staff and Board that worked to make this election possible. There is plenty of work ahead for the State Officers, their advisors, and for Brandi and John our State Officer Managers.

We would like to give a big thanks to our outgoing Officers for finishing the their year with pride and as the leaders they have become in a year of many challenge’s

I am sure that you are all now wondering just how schools will look in September and how they will function. We here at NY SkillsUSA are also wondering just how we will look and function in the New Year. The Staff and Board will be looking at what is happening and adjusting to the new times ahead. We will continue to keep you updated as to what is happening and with information that might be helpful as we go through the rest of this school year and into summer.

Below is the information we have received from Nationals.

Virtual Delegate Sessions and National Officer Elections Coming Soon
The current pandemic has brought many unexpected challenges, but SkillsUSA continues to find new ways to overcome them as we forge new paths to accomplishing our mission. One of the most anticipated events of a SkillsUSA summer is the election of new national officers, and SkillsUSA is proud to announce details of our virtual delegate sessions and national officer candidate events leading up to the announcement of our 2020-21 National Officer Team on June 26.

While the plans for these events are still in progress, here is the current and most relevant information candidates and voting delegates need to know.

National Officer Candidates
National officer elections will be held virtually. The application deadline for candidates remains June 1. Most aspects of the application for national officer candidates remain the same. However, candidates must now also submit a headshot photo and a video of their two-minute speech as part of the application. To assist delegates in “getting to know” candidates, the headshot, two-minute speech video, essay and Framework story documents will be posted online the week prior to the delegate business sessions.

The Guide for 2020 National Officer Candidates describes how each candidate event will be conducted in the virtual environment. The new candidate guide as well as information on all candidate events can be found at: http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/students/national-officer-selection-process/
2020 Virtual Delegate Business Sessions
Tuesday, June 23 – C/PS – Zoom – beginning at 1:30 p.m. EDT
- Delegate Business Session
- Meet the Candidate
- Voting (via online system)

Wednesday, June 24 – HS – Zoom – beginning at 1:30 p.m. EDT
- Delegate Business Session
- Meet the Candidate
- Voting (via online system)

All SkillsUSA national voting delegates should block several hours to accomplish the business session, Meet the Candidate and voting for their division. No registration will be conducted for delegate sessions. SkillsUSA members, advisors and state directors are welcome to attend these events. Middle school delegates may attend either Zoom business session, as there will not be a specific session for this division.

No new business will be brought forward during the delegate sessions. If you have an issue to be reviewed, please email Kim Hegedus at khegedus@skillsusa.org. For the most up-to-date information on delegate events, visit: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skills-conference/delegate-sessions/.

Celebrate Our Graduates During “SkillsUSA Grad Night 2020”
Join fellow SkillsUSA graduates, their families and their supporters as we celebrate “SkillsUSA Grad Night 2020” on Wednesday, May 27. The 30-minute virtual event will stream live on Facebook, YouTube and other social media platforms at 7 p.m. EDT. Hosted by four of our talented national officers, it will feature music, messages of inspiration, remarks from Executive Director Chelle Travis, a keynote address from Snap-on Incorporated Chairman and CEO Nick Pinchuk and more. Immediately following the event will be the “SkillsUSA Grad Night 2020 After-Party,” streaming live on SkillsUSA’s Instagram channel. Also hosted by SkillsUSA national officers, this informal event will allow our members to communicate and commiserate with each other. It will also feature the debut of SkillsUSA’s new set of Instagram stickers along with giveaways from the SkillsUSA Store. Watch for more details and links soon on all SkillsUSA social media channels.

Action Needed: Ask Congress to Include CTE Resources in Next Relief Package
On May 15, the House Democrats introduced and passed H.R. 6800, the Health Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, a $3 trillion, 1,800-page follow-up coronavirus relief package. Although it made substantial investments into our education system, it does not include dedicated resources for CTE programs.
It is critical that the next relief package provides the necessary resources to ensure students can gain skills that are needed to help combat the pandemic and that will be needed by business and industry as we shift toward long-term economic recovery.

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) has made it easy for you to write to your U.S. House and Senate representatives by providing a pre-written template on their advocacy site to request inclusion of CTE funding in the next relief package. Members of Congress prioritize action requests from their constituents, so contacting them makes a huge difference.

To write Congress, go to the ACTE action template and follow the prompts: [www.acteonline.org/advocacy/take-action/#/58](http://www.acteonline.org/advocacy/take-action/#/58)

If you prefer, call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected with a specific congressional office (this is effective if you already have contacts). Here are key talking points:

- CTE is critical to helping our economy recover and get Americans back to work.
- Significant investment is needed to upskill and retrain 30 million Americans who are out of work and the many whose jobs are impacted as a result of coronavirus.
- During the last recession, college/postsecondary enrollment increased by nearly 2.5 million students or 16 percent. The increase was largely due to nontraditional-aged college students, and 50 percent of the new enrollments went to community colleges. A similar trend can be expected with the current predicted economic downturn.
- The next stimulus bill must include a significant investment in CTE and workforce development programs to nimbly and adequately support urgent workforce needs.

As always, to keep up to date with the latest CTE legislation news, check out ACTE’s website at [www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org).

**SkillsUSA Seeks “Essential Skills, Essential Workers” Stories**

Recently, we asked states to share with us which SkillsUSA chapters are building or donating personal protective equipment (PPE) in light of the current pandemic. SkillsUSA is pulling together a few brief stories to highlight those chapters in our publications and social media.

In addition to healthcare stories, we also seek essential workers in fields such as automotive technology, culinary arts, welding, cabling or other areas where CTE skills are supporting communities during the current crisis. If you know of any students, advisors or chapters who are helping in this way, please share those stories and contact information so we can get the details. Photos are also greatly appreciated! Send your materials to Jane Short at [jshort@skillsusa.org](mailto:jshort@skillsusa.org).
Listen to SkillsUSA Podcasts

We encourage you to check out SkillsUSA’s latest podcast. Recently, SkillsUSA staff member Craig Moore sat down with Glori Beaufort, a SkillsUSA member since high school. They discussed Glori’s SkillsUSA experience and how she uses the skills she learned in her professional life. To listen, go to: https://bit.ly/Glori-Beaufort.

SkillsUSA podcasts cover a wide range of topics of interest for anyone involved or interested in SkillsUSA and career and technical education. From basic “how-to” information to memorable speeches, SkillsUSA podcasts contain something for everyone. Our podcasts are free, and you can subscribe through iTunes. You can also find the podcasts on our website at: www.skillsusa.org/publications-news/podcasts/.

Rees Scholarship

In partnership with SkillsUSA, The Clifford H. “Ted” Rees, Jr. Scholarship Foundation — an Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute Charitable Foundation — is proud to offer eight one-time, merit-based $2,500 scholarships to SkillsUSA students who are currently enrolled in a HVACR or a general construction program and who will be pursuing college/postsecondary career training in the HVACR industry. The scholarship is intended to provide tuition support in the 2021-22 school year. Application deadline is May 31. To apply, go to: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/.

For these and other scholarship opportunities, go to: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/.