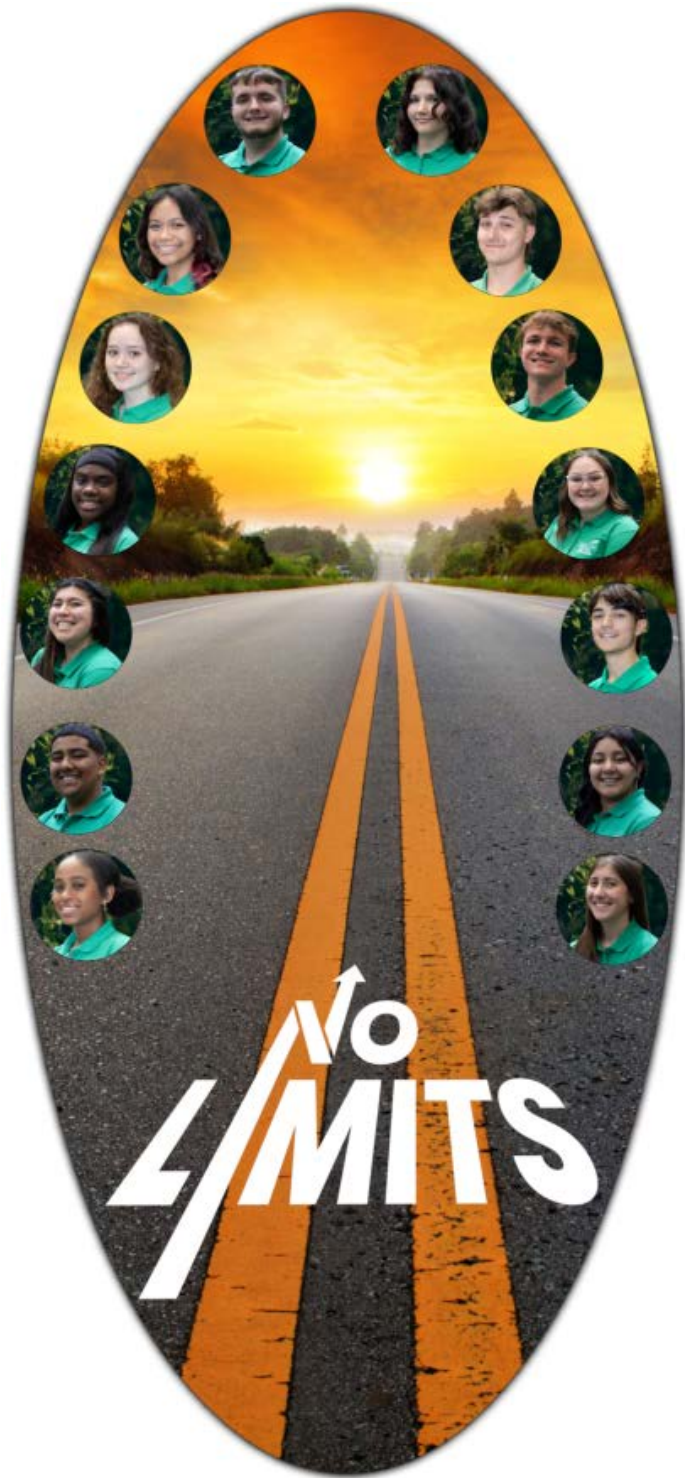


**NYS SkillsUSA
State Officer Report
Month of: March 2024**



State Officer



Zachary Kramar
President

Advisor:

Mrs. Zwart

The month of March has been particularly busy for the SAEC BOCES. One of the major items that occurred was the Area Three Regional competition. Rebekah, Mikayla, and I teamed up to compile the agenda for the event; however, due to illness only two of us were able to delegate at the event in person. The SAEC BOCES also held a meeting early in March to prepare and inform all of the competitors our school was bringing about the conference and how it will run. At the conference, our chapter had a candidate campaign and was elected as the 2024-2025 Area 3 Vice President.



Emily Wagner
Secretary

Advisor:

Mrs. Essig

For the month of March our chapter at our BOCES is currently working on doing a canned food drive for Skills. Another fundraiser we did for Skills was our Leo's pies fundraiser to get people to buy pies and baked goods for Easter and to also help some of our Skills members pay for states. We are fast approaching the state conference. We just completed our State Officer State Conference training in Syracuse, I feel it went really well. I was thrilled to receive the script and start practicing with the rest of my team again. As the State office term slowly comes to an end it puts more excitement and courage for the upcoming event.



Angelina Vargas
Treasurer

Advisor:

Mrs. Brissing

Over the month of March my team and I are gearing up for our State Conference in April. We are excited to see everyone one last time for a fun and amazing conference. My local chapter is following through with our last fundraiser and getting our competitors ready to become champions. We've been working hard inside and outside of school to become future leaders. I can't wait to see everyone in April!



Skylar Albin
Reporter

Advisor:
Mr. Stratton

On March 4th at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES we held a chapter officer meeting to discuss one of our biggest projects this year, a mock interview day. I and the other chapter officer delegated the tasks the previous month to prepare for our upcoming project. Two officers visited CTE classrooms to engage the students, and two were responsible to organize the set up of the room and print out papers. The final two were in charge of reaching out to business and industry representatives, we all gave a progress report to the team at this meeting.

On March 8th and 9th the state officer team met out in Syracuse for the state conference preparation and practice. At this meeting, we received our scripts for opening and closing as well as the script for the two delegate sessions. We reviewed how the candidates for office would give their speeches, campaign, and more. In addition, we used parliamentary procedure to decide what two workshops we would be running in the delegate sessions. This meeting was relatively short, yet extremely efficient and productive.

On March 11th back at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES we had another chapter officer meeting. At this time those in charge of getting business/industry representatives reported that they had finished securing representatives, and gave the team an update on who the official list of representatives were. Having this information the people whose task was to get students from CTE to sign up were able to spend some time each day spreading the word about the mock interview, and schedule mock interview meetings. Our president double-checked to make sure we still had the room booked with our principal, and followed up with the Culinary Arts class to verify the refreshments.

March 18th was the big day. We all came in our official SkillsUSA Attire and by the time we got there we had a handful of business representatives there. Each representative was given a page of questions to reference when interviewing if they so chose to, as well as an evaluation paper to make it easier to give constructive feedback to each student. On the way out the students were asked to scan a QR code answering questions to give the chapter officers feedback on how it went in their opinion and how helpful they felt it was. In addition, our interviewers were able to enjoy the refreshments that our Culinary Arts program prepared.



Alexander Galfo
Parliamentarian

Advisor:
Mr. Valentine

During this month as a state officer I have talked to two people about SkillsUSA in different ways. The first one was at the first baseball practice and a friend of mine had seen the pictures of me in the red jacket and asked me what it's all about. This friend and I hadn't really talked in two years, just because of different schedules, and I was a lot less mature back then compared to now, thanks to SkillsUSA. When he asked me what it's about I told him all the basics but when I told him I have to talk in-front of 3000 people he was really shocked and impressed with how far I have grown which made me feel good. And the last person I talked to was Adam Phleguer, the Parliamentarian before me. It was nice to connect with someone who had gone through the same exact process as me.



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Jacob Szumigala

Historian

Advisor:

Mr. Valentine



Kayla Waddell-Martin

Area I VP

Advisor:

Ms. Probst

During the month of March, my chapter has done a few events which turned out incredible. First, the senior and junior chapter officer team worked together to plan and execute a successful St. Patricks day fundraiser at our BOCES. The fundraiser was held to help raise money for our Skills chapter by selling hot dogs and many other things for the season. All the money we raised will be going toward the students attending the State Conference in April and attending nationals in late June. I am proud of my local chapter officer team. Not only did we hold a fundraiser, but we also had an amazing Craft and Vendor sale, which was another fundraiser. We had over 100 local businesses, big and small, come into our BOCES and set up displays to promote their business. The Chapter Officers and Skills members who attended the sale, and helped out, got the chance to earn money to go toward their State Conference fees. The event was overall successful. In addition to both fundraisers, the senior chapter officers completed this year's chapter of Excellence application and we are so excited to see the results of our chapter's hard work. I would like to thank all of the WEMOCO teachers, advisors, administration, and the teachers union for their support. Without their support, we would not get the opportunity to grow as leaders and do the things that we do now for our local Chapter.



Delayna DeVoe

Area II VP

Advisor:

Mrs. Fiorenza

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

During the month of March, the Southern Adirondack Education Center (SAEC) was bustling with activity, showcasing the dedication and talent of our students in various events.

March 7th: The month kicked off with a memorable luncheon hosted by SAEC's BOCES WSWHE Culinary Department. This luncheon provided a platform for discussions between our homeschool guidance counselors and students regarding Career and Technical Education. Prior to the discussions, Zachary Kramar and I had the privilege of sharing our Framework stories, shedding light on our personal journeys and aspirations, whether in the workforce or pursuing higher education.

Juniors and seniors enthusiastically participated in the event, showcasing their culinary skills by preparing an array of pastry dishes and entrees. This hands-on experience allowed us to gain insights into both front and back of house operations, serving and greeting guests, and managing orders seamlessly. The success of the event was evident in the positive feedback received from the guidance counselors, reflecting the meticulous planning and execution by all involved.

March 8th-9th: Following the luncheon, myself and fellow State Officers convened for training in preparation for the upcoming State Conference. Held at the Crowne Plaza in Syracuse, the training sessions focused on refining our roles in key ceremonies such as the Opening, Delegate Session, and Closing Ceremonies. Additionally, we deliberated on parliamentary procedures and discussed planned activities for the delegate session, the excitement of witnessing around 20 students campaigning for state office positions.

March 18th: The highlight of the month was the Area 3 Regional Conference hosted at Capital Region BOCES. Rebekah Hodges and I spearheaded the delegate session, overseeing participants from various BOCES centers. The event culminated in a memorable closing ceremony, where I had the honor of announcing the new Area 3 Vice President, amidst the celebration of students who secured their spot for the State Conference. Notably, my advisor, Chef Zwart, received the prestigious Hall of Champions Award, a testament to his unwavering dedication to nurturing youth through the SkillsUSA Framework. As March draws to a close, the anticipation for the upcoming Spring Conference at the NYS Fair Grounds in April. The State Officers and I are gearing up for another enriching experience, eager to uphold the spirit of SkillsUSA and empower students across the state.



Willem Weston

Area IV VP

Advisor:

Dr. Landers

Area 4 schools are working hard to prepare for next month's New York State Conference and Competition. We anticipate an excellent showing from Area 4 schools, our new Area 4 V.P.(incumbent) from Ulster BOCES, and an additional excellent officer candidate from Orange Ulster BOCES. This month, advisors attended training for online skills knowledge testing in many competitions, and I attended an officer training to prepare for states.. It has been a busy month preparing competitors, rooming lists, and documenting Chapter Excellence Program Levels.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Syracuse!



Dante Rosario

Area V

Advisor:

Mrs. Olfano

March was yet again another wonderful month, but yet another reminder of an impending end of my term. There's only one month left until the state competition!!! In this spectacular month my chapter has hosted our general meeting, going off without a hitch, using fun activities to teach our members about the importance of organization and teamwork. We have also been running a clothing drive that's been extremely successful. Another thing the hard working officers at my chapter have done is plan a trip through the school for all of our members in order to encourage team building and unwind from all the preparation they have been doing to get ready for states. On that note we also had mock competition this month at our school, just to ensure that everyone's competition is going smoothly and just to get in some more practice. Last and most important really, AREA V REGIONAL COMPETITION!!!!!! Our area V city competition went amazingly this year and it was truly a spectacle to behold. I got the liberty to actually participate in it this year for the prepared speech competition and boy was it stressful, and a lot of fun. Another great regional in the books for Area V and I hope for plenty more. With state competition coming up, it's also clear that the end of my term is coming with it. That being said, I have still been putting in all my effort, especially to make sure that this year's state competition goes amazing, wanting to leave on a high note! I can't wait for everyone to experience another great state competition and display their hard work and skills. I'll see you there!!!!



Gianna Spartano
Officer-At-Large

Advisor:

Mrs. Petronella

At the beginning of this month my fellow chapter officers and I had a discussion about the event we are holding on March 18th at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES. This event is a Mock Interview which consists of industries that represent our BOCES classes. The students will have the opportunity to meet with a representative from their field, answer questions and gain feedback. We have gained a lot of student interest from this opportunity. This project took about a month and half with many working parts. Our chapter President Ava and I worked on communication with business and industry partners asking them to volunteer their time for our mock interview activity. Tessa, our Parliamentarian, and Skylar, our Reporter, went to the different classrooms signing up students to participate in the mock interviews. Finally Scarlet, our Secretary, and Maggie, our Treasurer, prepared the room setup for everyone. A week later on March 8th to 9th, Skylar and I received training in Syracuse. We met with the other officers and went through our scripts. A couple weeks later we had our Mock Interviews which was more work than we thought. A few of our scheduled business and industry members did not show up and we had to send students to industries that weren't their desired profession. We ended up having to get our BOCES principal and our English teacher to help interview students so we could keep everything flowing nice and smoothly. As a chapter we learned a lot from this Interview, including ways it could be better next time. This was an overall successful month and I hope April is the same. Who is ready for STATES!!!!





Rebekah Hodges
Officer-At-Large

Advisor:

Mrs. Bitzer

This month in March we had my regional conference. In Area 3 I ran the delegate session with Mikayla Linehan. I got to meet the Candidates running for not just my area but also States in an interview. As we ran activities I got to meet the delegates and got to see others who were passionate about SkillsUSA. I had so much fun getting to know the possible officers for the year of 2024-2025. As the State Conference is coming up we are also preparing as a team. I'm running over my lines and preparing my stuff for the State conference.



Kayla Flores
Officer-At-Large

Advisor:

Mrs. Brissing

During the month of March, we've been communicating with our local chapters and providing them with all the necessary information about the upcoming competition so they are more comfortable while attending. Helping them prepare by doing activities based on the framework, and also promoting our competition with other students and clubs in our school. We have also discussed how we're going to promote SkillsUSA in our BOCES by creating a video. We are going to record our members and competitors at the State conference to get future members interested in joining. We've been working closely with the state advisor and other officers to organize our delegate sessions. We are confident that our SkillsUSA members will be well-prepared and ready to showcase their skills at the State Competition. Good luck to all our members, and let's make our New York proud at the upcoming state competition!