



Officer/Position

Report for the Month of: November 2025



Xavier Williams
President
 Advisor:
 Mrs. Probst

In November, SkillsUSA made tremendous progress. Earlier this month, we hosted our Fall Leadership Conference in Albany with over 300 members and advisors. My team room was called "The Capital," and as president, it was an amazing experience to lead our delegate session and watch students make decisions that will shape New York State SkillsUSA. Leaving was bittersweet, but I'm grateful to have seen so many members grow into the leaders I always knew they could be. When I returned home, we held a Friendsgiving where I taught the SkillsUSA Framework to my home-school chapter and helped them understand what it truly means to be part of this organization. I'm thankful for the support of the board, the state advisors, and my home advisor. And as we head into the season of giving, we're preparing to volunteer with the Salvation Army to support families who need help providing toys and clothing for their children.



Giovanna Caminiti
Secretary
 Advisor:
 Mrs. Mead

With FLC being over I am so thankful to have time off. I really needed a breath from being important and this was it. My room with Malachi was something else, with people being the kindest, most supportive people anyone could ask for. They all made new friends and so did we! Not only on social media but during our time together. Now we are waiting until February for regionals and W.L. and then our time will be ending. Not only has this been a learning experience for me but it has made me reflect and truly appreciate what it means to have a team of dedicated peers like me.



Gianna Balsamo
Treasurer

Advisor:
Mr. Zwart

I am so grateful for how successful New York's Fall Leadership Conference was. Burke and I were paired together in the Montauk Point Lighthouse room, where we taught leadership and teamwork skills. We formed meaningful connections with every student assigned to our room, and it was rewarding to finally put our training and preparation into action. In our sessions, we focused on activities that strengthened communication and collaboration, giving students the chance to work together and develop as leaders. We also had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Fernandez about parliamentary procedure, and our students immediately applied what they learned by voting on a bylaw amendment. Throughout the conference, we supported students in completing their New York Statesmen Exams and earning their pins. I'm proud to share that Montauk Point Lighthouse achieved a 100 percent completion rate for the Statesman Award. Overall, Fall Leadership couldn't have gone better, and I hope every attendee left feeling inspired and more confident as a leader. Thank you.



Elena Hymes
Parliamentarian

Advisor:
Mr. Hensen

I just wrapped up one of the best experiences this month in SkillsUSA! The State Officer team and I poured non stop effort into our Fall Leadership Conference, and the results were truly beyond rewarding. My group, Team Catskills, excelled by tapping into deep reservoirs of self motivation to willingly climb out of our comfort zones. We embraced adaptability and flexibility, ensuring we were always prepared for whatever came next. My partner and I powered through long days and early mornings teaching SkillsUSA members how to write a framework story, 30 second elevator speeches and activities to bring back to their chapters. The sheer persistence built a whole new part of me. The most surprising growth came from the process itself, while teaching and guiding others, I gained invaluable insight and learned so much about myself.



Antonella Barone
Reporter
Advisor:
Mrs. Bitzer

The month of November has been eventful. We should start off with a truck or treats. Truck or Treats is where past students and their companies bring the companies trucks and kids from around the community get to see cool trucks that hand out candy. I was there taking photos for school. You can go see the photos on WSWHE BOCES instagram. Then we had the main event for November which is Fall Leadership. The state officers and I worked so hard for this conference and I think it was a success. I got to teach kids how to become leaders, I was told I was an inspiration to people, and that I got to meet so many amazing students across New York. I am still in contact with some of them too! My room partner and I do miss our room and everyone in it. My advisors in the room were such a huge help and I am so thankful for them. Finally, for my home school I went to a "Ground Breaking Ceremony" and got to meet many Board of Education members. F Donald Myers and SAEC are combining into one school and that means many more opportunities for students. That also means new programs. I'm sad I won't get to see the new building but I'm so honored to be one of the last officers at my school.



Zoe Corrigan
Historian
Advisor:
Mrs. Wyatt

Fall Leadership Conference was such an amazing experience where I got to meet members from all over the State. Being able to lead the next leaders was an experience I never thought I would be given. I am grateful for all of the support from the state officer team and advisors. I am currently working with my local chapter to set up a fundraising opportunity for our SkillsUSA chapter and I am excited to share my state officer journey so far with my CTE school and help mentor students throughout the year.



Gianna Rowles
Area I VP
Advisor:
Mr. Rozewski

Having to sit out of our last conference was really difficult. I've worked hard all year to represent SkillsUSA and support our members, so missing a major event felt disappointing and frustrating. Even though I couldn't be there in person, I still tried to stay connected and support my team however I could. This experience reminded me that leadership isn't just about showing up, it's about staying committed, staying positive, and continuing to serve even when things don't go the way you planned.



Pierce Haney
Area II VP
Advisor:
*Mrs. Romanowski
& Ms. LaTourette*

At the start of the month, we held our Fall Leadership conference. Where students participated in activities to increase their leadership skills. At this conference, I ran a room with Antonella Barone, the NY SkillsUSA Reporter. While at the conference, we toured the Capitol, taught valuable leadership skills and hosted a dance party. The conference was a huge success and multiple students told me about their satisfaction with the event. Now that we have completed the Fall Leadership conference, our next event will be a training session in February for the state officers.



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MiaLee Robles
Area III VP
Advisor:
Mrs. O'Brien

Being a New York State SkillsUSA State Officer and having the opportunity to teach at Fall Leadership was genuinely inspiring. Working with members from across the state and watching them grow in confidence, teamwork, and professionalism reminded me why our organization matters so much. Guiding workshops, answering questions, and seeing students light up when something clicked made the experience unforgettable. It was amazing to represent our state officer team, help shape future leaders, and feel the energy and passion that make SkillsUSA such a powerful community.



Caden Salamone
Area IV VP
Advisor:
Ms. Dickerson

October into early November was a busy and productive month as I helped run the Fall Leadership Conference, I worked with Elena to lead a breakout room, and focused on giving students an engaging experience with the SkillsUSA Framework through interactive activities. We also prepared students for their Statesman Test, achieving a 100% passing rate in the room. Overall I learned how to improve my leadership and found that this month really helped me grow as not only a leader but as a student, as well as, a person.



John Gates
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella

This month I attended the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference and ran the Montauk Point Lighthouse room with Gianna Balsamo. Our room was amazing, and we had a great time teaching students what SkillsUSA is, what the Framework means, how to create their Framework Story, and how to deliver their elevator pitch. We led several fun and engaging framework activities that helped everyone get involved and understand the organization better. By the end, our room earned a 100% score for the Statesmen Award. Overall it was a very successful Fall Leadership Conference.



Joshua Trop
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Ross

We are starting preparations for a holiday house to spread information about SkillsUSA to the local area and businesses. I finished helping all chapter officers acquire their statesmen. A new fundraiser has also been started at my chapter to collect canned foods for people in need during the holiday season.



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Malachi Plaza
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mr. Henson

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Savanna Juste
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Carnavale

Hello NY!! November was a month to remember. We had the Fall Leadership conference (FLC)! It went so well and we all had so much fun! Leading the Empire State room with your Officer at large Community service Josh was amazing! At FLC we did many activities where different members got to communicate and network with each other and not only did they learn, but I learned so much. Managing a room is hard but my students made it a breeze. Touring the Capitol was a fun addition to the conference and seeing all the different artwork was an amazing experience. Thinking of that being my last FLC makes me sad but knowing that the NYS SkillsUSA State Conference is coming next makes me excited.



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