



Officer/Position

Report for the Month of: September 2025



Xavier Williams
President
 Advisor:
 Mrs. Probst

Over the past month, I've been actively involved in SkillsUSA. I visited every classroom at my CTE school to encourage students to join, and we successfully reached 100% membership. I also completed my WLTi pre-work and traveled to Washington, D.C., where I learned how to advocate for CTE programs and share my SkillsUSA story. A huge thank you to the SkillsUSA board for their support of the state officer team. While there, I visited several monuments and the Holocaust Museum, which was a powerful and emotional experience. Watching the national officers in action showed me what it truly means to be a state officer. One of the biggest highlights was earning the National Statesman Award — and every member of our state team received it. Now, I'm preparing for FALL Leadership next month and excited for the service project and everything that lies ahead.



Giovanna Caminiti
Secretary
 Advisor:
 Mrs. Mead

For the month of September, as well as ending August, not only has my local SkillsUSA chapter been kickstarted but we already have applications for local officers. Our BOCES also offers a student ambassador program and as this is the second year of that, many new faces have joined. WLTi was still quite nerve-wracking but the pre-work assigned was completed well in advance to give myself peace of mind. As preparation for WLTi, I met with the Broome-Tioga BOCES director, Matt Sheehan. We discussed how the Perkins V Act funds our CTE center. Not only is our BOCES getting funding for expanding programs but that also means we get "cool gadgets" (Sheehan). Although my program is indirectly funded by Perkins V, the other valuable programs are thriving from this funding (Hard to spend but still thriving!).



Gianna Balsamo
Treasurer

Advisor:
Mr. Zwart

The final days leading up to my last first day of school looked different this year as a state officer. Between working on creating new activity plans for our Fall Leadership conference at the end of October to reaching out to our Congressional Representatives to set up congressional advocacy meetings during the Washington leadership training institute (WLT I) I've been very busy all summer. During the first few days of CTE we discussed electing new chapter officers and what that will look like for the new juniors joining BOCES. I am so excited to bring in these new people that could one day fill my shoes. At WLT I, I was given the amazing opportunity to earn my National Statesmen, witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Abraham Lincoln monument, Korean War veterans memorial and last but not least the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial. Touring all of these places gave me a good sense of history. Shortly after returning home from WLT I about half of the NYS officer team including myself are heading to Hershey Park, Pennsylvania for the Region 1 Summit ! At this conference we will be sharing with the other states in our region what we've been up to this year as officers. What we plan to do for the rest of the year, and for our community service project. As a NYS skillsUSA officer, I can officially say this is some of the best times I've had in my life so far and I can't wait for what is yet to come!



Elena Hymes
Parliamentarian

Advisor:
Mr. Hensen

This month, my focus in SkillsUSA has been on leadership development and strategic preparation. My work for the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLT I) included a meeting with my school's principal to discuss Perkins funding. I learned that these funds are crucial for improving and expanding our Career and Technical Education programs, and for providing instructional coaching for all teachers. In addition, I am actively preparing for the upcoming Fall Leadership Conference. I'm currently creating lesson plans to guide the event. At my local chapter, I regularly speak with students about the organization and how it has helped shape my future. It's been a busy but enjoyable month with SkillsUSA!



Antonella Barone
Reporter
Advisor:
Mrs. Bitzer

For the month of September the officers and I have been busy with WLTI work. We are preparing to meet with Congressional Representatives to talk about the Perkins Fundings for CTE programs all over New York State. We are also still doing our preparations for the Fall Leadership Conference. We are all looking forward to this Conference. This week I attended my BOCES assembly. I introduced myself, met some students, and announced the theme for the 25-26' school year. Finally we have talked about Region 1 and what we will be doing there. I'm so excited to see my Pennsylvania friends. I am looking forward to WLTI and Region 1.



Zoe Corrigan
Historian
Advisor:
Mrs. Wyatt

Over the past several weeks, I successfully completed all WLTI (Washington Leadership Training Institute) pre-work assignments. This included reviewing leadership resources, reflecting on personal and professional goals, and practicing effective communication techniques. Completing these tasks strengthened my understanding of the SkillsUSA Framework and how it connects to leadership roles within our chapter. I gained a clearer perspective on how to set expectations, encourage member participation, and represent our school with professionalism. In addition to the pre-work, I began organizing materials for our upcoming chapter events. I assisted with scheduling, brainstorming engaging activities, and gathering supplies needed for meetings and member workshops. My focus has been on creating an inclusive environment where every member feels supported and excited to get involved. These preparations have helped me grow as an officer and ensured our chapter is ready for a strong and meaningful event.



Gianna Rowles
Area I VP
Advisor:
Mr. Rozewski

My journey as a state officer while beginning my senior year has been nothing short of amazing! So far, I've had the opportunity to take part in my senior cheer tryouts, which was an exciting milestone as I step into my final year of high school. At the same time, I've been working hard to prepare for WLTI and Fall Leadership. From completing pre-work assignments to planning engaging activities, I've been able to grow as a leader, stay organized, and push myself to take on new challenges. Balancing school, cheer, and state officer responsibilities has kept me busy, but it's also been incredibly rewarding and motivating as I look forward to what's ahead this year.



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

In preparation for Washington Leadership Training Institute, I have been working to ensure I will be ready for the training we will receive. I set up an interview with our schools CTE director to discuss topics related to the Perkins V funding that we will be educated about during our time in Washington D.C. This interview helped me prepare for the interview I will conduct while in D.C. with New York state officials about CTE funding. There were also on-line tests that I was required to take prior to going to WLTI. While completing my WLTI pre-work, I also had to keep up with my chapter's fund raising. My school's chapter hosted a Krispy Kreme Fund Raiser where we sold over \$20,000 worth of donuts. This will be used to support events for our school in the future.



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

As a New York State SkillsUSA Officer, attending the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTi) was a truly inspiring and unforgettable experience. Throughout the week, I participated in leadership workshops, advocacy training, and team-building activities that challenged me to grow both personally and professionally. One of the highlights was visiting Capitol Hill, where I had the opportunity to speak with legislators about the value of career and technical education. Being able to represent New York State on such an important platform made me feel proud and motivated to continue strengthening my leadership skills. WLTi not only gave me practical tools for becoming a stronger leader but also connected me with SkillsUSA members and officers from across the country. Learning from their experiences and sharing ideas reminded me of the power of teamwork and the importance of our organization's mission. I returned home with renewed energy and a clear vision of how I can better serve SkillsUSA members in New York. This experience has truly reinforced my passion for SkillsUSA and my commitment to being the best leader I can be.



Caden Salamone
Area IV VP
Advisor:
Ms. Dickerson

No Report Submitted



John Gates
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella

This month our chapter started with a meeting to plan the activities we'll be doing this year and organize our next gathering. Later in the month, I attended the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTi) in Washington, D.C., where I learned valuable leadership skills, connected with members from across the country, and visited historic memorials. The most impactful part of WLTi was meeting with staff in Congressman John Mannion's office to advocate for Perkins funding, Career and Technical Education, and SkillsUSA, which gave me the chance to share how these programs make a difference in our community. I also earned my National SkillsUSA Statesman Award during WLTi. Additionally, I am preparing for the Region 1 Summit in Pennsylvania.



Joshua Trop
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Ross

September Update: Finished prework for WLTi, also finished workshop ideas for Fall Leadership. The new school year has started so elections for new chapter officers begin soon.



Malachi Plaza
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mr. Henson

My officer report this month starts August 18th in which I was invited to a chapter board meeting. In this meeting I was with Elena Hymes, another state officer and 2 of our national championship participants. During the meeting they discussed finances, partnerships and our participation during nationals. The next event I had coming up was the Washington Leadership Training Institution or WLTi for short. WLTi took place during September 20th - 24th. During my time there I learned how to compose a Framework Story and more importantly, I advocated for Perkins V Funding to Connor Glitz, a staff member for Representative Paul Tonko. Also during my time there I networked with other officers across the nation. I went to many monuments during my trip to the nation's capital including Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, George Washington Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, WWII Memorial, as well as touring the Capitol Building. I was able to obtain my National Statesman Pin and I would say all in all, it was a very amazing experience that I adore and that I urge people to see for themselves.



Savanna Juste
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Carnavale

Hello NY, Savannah Juste, your officer at the Large Alumni committee here reporting on this amazing month of September. This month was very exciting. We finished up some planning and activities for the FLC, as well as attended the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTi). There we visited monuments, participated in more training and worked on the proper development, and finalized our framework stories. While in Washington we went to Capitol Hill and met with legislators and representatives advocating for Perkins funding and CTE programs. I, along with the Area 4 VP Caden and Secretary Giovanna, got to speak with one of Senator Schumer's Legislative correspondents Brianna Palazzolo in the Hart Building. We had an amazing meeting sharing our experiences, journeys and the importance of CTE. We also talked about SkillsUSA and how it has helped us. My chapter here at PNW BOCES is starting up. We had our first meeting and the room was filled with many students eager to join or come back to this organization and already thinking about the competitions at states which is amazing and I encourage.