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From: Joshua Klemp, Association Director

News from the Director

The SkillsUSA RI Update is back from hiatus. The 36th Annual SkillsUSA Rhode Island Championships was the largest and most exciting ever! There were over 700 students registered to compete in almost 50 competitive events. Then we had our leadership conference and elections which had 85 participants. And finally, we had 20 students registered in our first ever Exploratory and First Year Career and Technical Showcase.

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Important Dates

- April 25-26th—RI Construction Career Day
- May 7th - RI CTE Director’s Meeting
- May 9th - State Officer Meeting
- May 11th - Davies SkillsUSA Fundraiser
- May 19th - PDP Teacher Training
- May 23rd - Chariho SkillsUSA Fundraiser
- May 25th - Newport SkillsUSA Fundraiser
- May 30th - SkillsUSA Day at the Sate House
- June 6th - National Conference Orientation Meeting

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Representative Jim Langevin, co-chair of the Congressional CTE Caucus, toured our events on March 15th and spoke with our students attending the leadership conference. It was really exciting to hear the Congressman say "SkillsUSA students are the future innovators and job creators for our country."

The energy and excitement continued into our awards and recognition ceremony held at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. We were honored to have National SkillsUSA High School President, Victoria Holbert, Director of the Department of Labor and Training, Charles Fogarty, Board of Regents member Colleen Callahan and Vanessa Cooley of RIDE all in attendance and addressing our attendees. Mayor of Warwick, Scott Avedisian, also joined the ceremony to root for the Warwick Career and Tech Center students.

In addition to recognizing students for their excellence in demonstrating their skills, we took a moment to honor four educators who have a lasting impression on the SkillsUSA RI association. Our Advisor of the Year was Mrs. Lori Velino, our CTE Educator of the Year was Mrs. Victoria Gailliard-Garrick and our Honorary Life Membership recipients were Mr. Gerald Suggs

and Mrs. Colleen Murray. All four have been true champions for SkillsUSA and RI Career and Technical Education.

The excitement continues with Team Rhode Island as we head to the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, MO. See you all at the special orientation meeting on June 6th!

Highlights:

-The final membership numbers are in and we finished our 2011-2012 membership year with...**6,709** members. This makes this our largest membership year EVER! Lets work to reach out to even more students next year!

- Congressman Langevin held a special ceremony on March 30th for our Advisor of the Year, Lori Velino. In the auditorium of Cranston High School West, the Congressman presented Lori with her award along with a Congressional citation for her work with the Cranston chapter.

- The Kent County Times wrote a great article highlighting the champions from the Regional Career and Technical Center at Coventry High School. You can check it out on ricentral.com.

- The Chariho Career and Technical Center hosted a Kansas City Buffet dinner The proceeds go to help the students attend

the National Conference.

- The Regional Career and Technical Center also hosted a pasta and meatball dinner in their Knotty Oak room. They had a raffle and raised money for their winners to attend the National Conference.

- Please check the updates for more upcoming fundraisers and events for our SkillsUSA Chapters.

Finally, I was touched to receive a plaque from the chapter advisors and teachers thanking me for my work. I admit it was nice to receive the recognition. However, I believe that the success of our organization is due to the passion that we all share for promoting career and technical education. I cannot do my job without your passion! Thank you for all that you do for our students enrolled in career and technical education.

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Action Item*

SkillsUSA Professional Development Program Teacher Professional Development

State Farm is sponsoring **Professional Development Program (PDP) Training here in RI**. This seminar is designed to provide a working understanding of the Professional Development Program (PDP). It will provide hands-on experience with some of the program activities. The PDP is designed to encourage a cooperative effort among instructors, education support personnel, business, industry and labor representatives, parents and other community leaders. These partners will work cooperatively to assist in student professional development to help meet the demands and expectations of the workplace.

All students need employability skills. Teaching those skills is a challenge faced by academic and career-training instructors, guidance counselors, school-to-career coordinators and college professors. They want to know: What should I teach? How can I make it interesting? When can I fit it into my program? In one seminar you'll learn exciting ways to answer these questions.

In one seminar you will:

- Learn employability skills training from experts and seasoned teachers.
- Learn how to integrate the PDP into your program.
- Teach your students to manage their education.
- Learn how to maximize business and industry partnerships.
- Learn about the online version of PDP.

Event participants will receive the following:

- PDP Instructor's Guide CD, Starter Kit workbook, Level 1 – 5 workbooks, SkillsUSA Student Instructor's Manual, and Progress Chart.
- Lunch
- \$40 per hour stipend (not exceeding \$300). To be eligible for the stipend attendees must complete the **ENTIRE** day of training. Attendees forfeit their stipends if they leave the training prior to completion.

Saturday, May 19, 2012

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Community College Rhode Island – Warwick Campus
400 East Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886

HOW TO REGISTER

To register, contact Mr. Joshua Klemp at 401-825-2316 or via email at jklemp@ccri.edu

Registration Deadline: May 5, 2012

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Industry Guest Speakers and Volunteers

Do you need volunteers from industry to serve on a program advisory board? How about someone from industry to come into the classroom as a guest speaker? If yes, consider asking the SkillsUSA RI office for help. We have a strong network of industry supporters that would be interested in volunteering their time and talent.

Feel free to email me, Joshua Klemp at jklemp@ccri.edu or call the office 401-825-2316.

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SkillsUSA RI Day at the State House

Last year was the first Champions Recognition Ceremony at the State House. All of our gold medalists received citations for their work from our Governor and General Assembly. Senator Hanna Gallo (D-Cranston) awarded the students and took a group picture with them on the stairs in the rotunda.

This year's event will be held on **May 30th from 3-4:30pm** in the State Room of the State House. All attendees should plan on arriving for 2:45 pm. Please RSVP prior to the event so I know who to expect. Our Baking Gold Medalist, Andrew Kreyssig will have a cake for us. Also medalists should feel free to invite their parents to the event. You may also invite other teachers or school administrators to the event.

Go the extra mile and invite your local legislator to meet with your students about their experience in CTE!

**CALL TO
ACTION**



SkillsUSA RI Sponsored Petition: State Funding for CTE

In the coming weeks the RI General Assembly will be working on the budget for the next fiscal year. Just as others groups, departments and agencies are already lobbying for their interests, we need to campaign for CTE. Also, it is important for the CTE Categorical Fund to be funded in this first year so as to make it less likely to be cut in ensuing years.

Rhode Island trails neighbors Mass. and Connecticut when it comes to financial support for CTE. We must acquire the necessary resources to keep the technology in our programs up to industry standards so that our students remain competitive in a global economy. Please take a moment to sign this petition sponsored by SkillsUSA Rhode Island.

Our goal is to have 1,000 Rhode Islanders sign our petition. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

**Got to: www.thepetitionsite.com
Search: RI CTE FUNDING**

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SkillsUSA Rhode Island Chapter Fundraisers

Please note the upcoming chapter fundraisers happening across our State.



May 11—Community Showcase and Fashion Show
Contact advisors Joe Fantozzi at jfantozzi@daviestech.org or Kristin St. Pierre at kstpierre@daviestech.org for more details.

May 23 - Dinner at Chariho Career and Technical Center
Contact advisors Linda Musch at Linda.Musch@Chariho.K12.ri.us or Jill Shurtleff at jill.shurtleff@chariho.k12.ri.us for more details.

May 25 - Dinner for the Newport Area Career and Technical Center
Contact advisor Colleen Murray at ColleenMurray@newportschoolsri.org for more details.

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State Officer Recognition Ceremony & National Conference Orientation



School Directors, Advisors and Parents are invited to join us in the Meshanticut Room at the Cranston Area Career and Technical Center. There will be a special ceremony honoring our outgoing state officer team. The ceremony will begin at 4:45 and light refreshments will be served.

Following the ceremony our newly elected state officers will be installed and we will have our orientation meeting for the National Leadership and Skills Conference. The installation ceremony and orientation meeting will happen in the auditorium at Cranston High School West.

Recognition Ceremony

Location: Cranston Career and Technical Center (Meshanticut Room)

Time: 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm

National Conference Orientation

Location: Auditorium of Cranston High School West

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Both locations are at 100 Metropolitan Avenue in Cranston, Rhode Island.



NATIONAL WEEK OF SERVICE REMINDER

We invite all our chapters to participate in the SkillsUSA National Week of Service on **May 6-12**. Chapters may participate in two ways: 1) conduct a community service project during that week; or 2) promote a service project the chapter did earlier in the school year during that week. This will help commemorate the founding of SkillsUSA on May 8, 1965. The SkillsUSA National Week of Service not only shines a spotlight on SkillsUSA's dedication to serving others, but it also showcases the skills and expertise of career and technical education students who are learning to become tomorrow's leaders.

We encourage chapter advisors to send a brief report on their community service activities to Niki Clausen at the national headquarters - nclausen@skillsusa.org. Please let us know in a paragraph or two what the chapter does to help the community and we'll post these reports and photos online. The first 50 chapters that report Week of Service plans to the national headquarters will receive a free item.

For planning materials, go to: <http://www.skillsusa.org/events/service.shtml>.

NEED COMPETITION CLOTHING??

The SkillsUSA Store is here to help your students look their best this conference season. Visit our "Competition Central" section (at <http://www.skillsusastore.org/skillsusa/welcome.asp>) today to find the full line of SkillsUSA work uniforms, official blazers and wind jackets, along with everything else you need to succeed. And, please reference the official competition uniform chart for photos and descriptions of the uniform components needed for each competition.

GAERF 2012 STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

The Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation (GAERF) has announced the launch of the GAERF 2012 Student Design Competition, themed "Why Hire Me?" This annual contest, in its fourth year, challenges participants to demonstrate their creativity and skill by creating a marketing campaign that positions themselves as ideal candidates for a career they select in the graphic communications industry.

First-place winners and their instructors will receive a two-day, all-inclusive paid trip to attend GRAPH EXPO in Chicago, Ill. The winning students will receive an award of \$2,000 presented during GRAPH EXPO 2012's Career Awareness Day, October 10, 2012. Second-place winners will be awarded \$1,500, and the third-place winners will receive \$1,000.

For complete information about the GAERF 2012 Student Design Competition, visit www.graphicCOMMcentral.org. The entry deadline is June 15.
