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From: Joshua Klemp, Association Director

News From the Director

Social Media is an easy tool that schools and programs can use to stay in touch with former students and industry partners. There are over **500** people that have “liked” the SkillsUSA Rhode Island Facebook

page and we continue to grow each day. In addition to Facebook, members can now follow us on **T w i t t e r** (**@SkillsUSARI**). We have approximately 80 followers on Twitter. Advisors should feel free to

use our Facebook page as a tool to promote chapter activities and events. It can also be a good way to recruit judges for you in-house competitions. Our Facebook page is easy to find; simply sign onto

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Important Dates

- **October 28 - Fall Leadership Conference**
8:30 - 1:30 CCRI-Warwick
- **October 30 - Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk** 7:45 am Roger Williams Park
- **October 31 - Pin Designs Due**
- **November 9—State Officer Meeting**
4:00 pm CCRI—Warwick

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Facebook and in the search box type “SkillsUSA Rhode Island”. Once you are on the page just click on the “like” button for access. The page is monitored daily by me and the webmaster. If you are not tech savvy and you want something posted on the page then just send me an email (jklemp@ccri.edu) with the information.

Last Saturday I travelled to Virginia and worked with a small group of state directors and members from the national staff on the topic of how we deliver training to our chapter and state officers. Kelly Horton, from national staff, and Richard Katt, CTE State Director from Nebraska were our facilitators for the meeting. We left on Sunday with a framework for a new leadership continuum for our students.

The first public hearing for the new proposed CTE regulations were held Thursday night at the Providence Career and Technical Academy. Many people spoke about the positive impact CTE is having in our state, but there were also some that expressed their concerns with the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations are attached to this document. You should read them if you have not already. The upcoming dates for the rest of the public hearings are listed in this update. I cannot stress enough the importance of being en-

gaged in this process. Whether you are from business and industry or education they will affect you. If you cannot make any of the public hearings I would suggest that you forward your concerns in writing to Vanessa Cooley at the RI Department of Education. Vanessa can be reached at Vanessa.Cooley@ride.ri.gov.

- Please take a moment to welcome our newest advisors from Davies:

Mr. Joseph Fantozzi (jfantozzi@daviestech.org) and Ms. Kristin St. Pierre (kstpierre@daviestech.org).

- Contest preparations are beginning as we work on the new state rules. We have a new contest chair for our Web Design Contest, a new Co-Chair for Photography and a new HVAC contest. Expect the new rules to be published on the website by December 15th.

- State President Dakotah Bowen and State Secretary Erin Blackmar represented SkillsUSA RI at the RI Association of Admissions Officer’s college fair last Saturday. The students volunteered to help attendees find their way to workshops and events at CCRI.

- Cranston Area Career and Technical Center held an ice cream social last Wednesday as a way to promote involvement in SkillsUSA RI. Over 200 stu-

dents attended to get the scoop on SkillsUSA. Lori Velino and her chapter officers did a great job of getting the word out. I spoke about the value that SkillsUSA can add to their educational experience. The student left pumped up for the year. Great job to Lori and the chapter leaders Cranston.

- Another successful chapter fundraising event happened last Saturday at Dave’s Bar and Grill in Warwick. Advisors Brian Vadeboncoeur, Mike Haynes, and Liz Charette sold over 150 tickets for the breakfast. They also sold tickets for a 50/50 raffle.

That is all for this update. Thank you all so much for your support for RI career and technical education and SkillsUSA RI.

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Public Hearings for the Proposed CTE Regulations

The purpose of these regulations is to revise and update the 1990 Regulations for Career and Technical Education to reflect the state and federal changes in Career and Technical Education. These regulations detail a comprehensive Career and Technical Education system that ensures the quality of existing programming and promotes the expansion of opportunities for student access and innovation in CTE preparation programming.

The proposed regulations and the summary of non-technical differences between proposed and existing regulations are available for public inspection in person at the RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI requested by email at Angela.Teixeira@ride.ri.gov or by calling Angela Teixeira at 401-222-8435.

In the development of the proposed Career and Technical Regulations, consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

Public hearings on the proposed regulations will be held on:

- October 26th 4:00 pm Coventry High School –Auditorium
- November 1st 5:00 pm Davies Career & Technical High School - Auditorium
- November 8th 4:00 pm East Providence High School—Auditorium

Advisor Action Item



Cosmetology Cluster Contest Meeting

Please note that we will have a meeting for the following contests:

Cosmetology
Esthetics
Nail Care

Where: Community College of Rhode Island—Room 1134

When: Tuesday, November 15th

Time: 4:00 pm

Alert any of your instructors of this meeting.

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Board
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Nominating Committee Seeking Names

Advisory Board will be holding elections during the December 7th meeting. The following elections will be up for a vote:

Board Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

Anyone interested in running for a position should contact Nominating Chair, Colleen Murray so that your name can be included on the ballot. We will also accept names from the floor on November 7th. Colleen can be emailed at: ColleenMurray@newportrischools.org

You can also contact the office at jklemp@ccri.edu if you have any questions about roles and responsibilities.

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Technical Chairs
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SkillsUSA Rhode Island Championships Contest Meetings

Technical Chairs please let me know if you think we should have a meeting for your contest. Advisors reach out to your instructors to see if they wish to meet. You can email me with your requests and I will set up the meeting. I can be reached at jklemp@ccri.edu.

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Instructor Email Addresses

The state office would like to collect email addresses for all instructors. This is an effort to keep build a stronger line of communication between the state office and our professional members.

Please send a list of all current instructors and their email addresses to the state office.

Please email your list to jklemp@ccri.edu. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

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REGISTRATION DUE MONDAY THE 24th

Fall Leadership Conference– October 28th

The SkillsUSA Rhode Island Fall Leadership Conference is an opportunity for your student leaders to network and learn more about the SkillsUSA RI program. We will begin the day with a networking icebreaker that will encourage the students to meet each other. After our networking time, we will then do some chapter team building and time management.

At the conclusion of the conference, chapters should be leaving with the foundation for a strong program of work. Registration will be first come, first serve. There is a limit of 100 seats available for the conference. Lunch will be provided. The dress code for the conference is business casual. No one should wear jeans or t-shirts. State officers are free.

The conference theme is:

SkillsUSA: Champions at Work - Skilled and Motivated.

Participants should consider the following:

How participation in SkillsUSA increases student motivation for success?

How do SkillsUSA's partnerships with business and industry ensure that students are prepared for tomorrow's workplace?

What opportunities does SkillsUSA provide to celebrate and honor student achievement?

How does involvement in SkillsUSA keep students in school?

How does participation in SkillsUSA motivate students to pursue their career dreams?

Registration is Due Monday, October 24th. The registration fee is \$15 per attendee.

FINAL DESIGNS DUE ON OCTOBER 31ST



SkillsUSA State Pin Design Contest

The annual SkillsUSA Rhode Island Pin Design Contest has over one hundred entries each year. The winning pin designs will be used as part of the SkillsUSA Rhode Island Championships and for use at the National Leadership and Skills Conference in June of 2012. The design rules are simple, please follow them exactly to allow fairness in the judging of the designs.

1. All entries must be rendered in color (full color or two colors)
2. Preferably, entries will be created in a design software package such as Illustrator, Photoshop or freehand. Entries may also be hand-drawn, painted or rendered in colored pencils or markers.
3. All entries should be submitted with two versions of the art on a single page. The larger version is for judging. The smaller version is to show what the actual pin will look like. The larger version must be approximately 7 inches wide x 7 inches high for judging. The smaller version should be approximately 1 inch x 1 inch to show how the completed pin will look. Both versions should be identical. All wording on the pin must reference the name of the state.
4. The SkillsUSA emblem or SkillsUSA logo (or elements of either) should not appear on the pin.
5. All copyright laws must be followed in the creation of the design.
6. Contestants should include a paragraph or two covering the following:
 - a. The design process.
 - b. Why he/she feels it represents the state.
 - c. What are its unique qualities?
 - d. Why would other students/advisors want to wear the pin?
7. The student who designs the pin selected as the “state pin” will be asked to go on to the national conference to represent Rhode Island in the Pin Design Demonstration Contest.
8. The categories are Judge Pin, Competitor Pin, and State Pin.
9. All designs must be turned in by **October 31, 2011**. Submissions must be emailed to the SkillsUSA RI State Director, Joshua Klemp, at jklemp@ccri.edu. Submitted designs become the property of SkillsUSA Rhode Island. SkillsUSA RI reserves the right to manipulate any submitted design. However, the original designer will get credit.

If you have any questions please contact the SkillsUSA Rhode Island office at 825-2316 or via email jklemp@ccri.edu. Thank you for your support!

National SkillsUSA Information

Call for SkillsUSA Talent

Do you have a talented singer in your state who would enjoy a special performance opportunity? SkillsUSA seeks talented singers for the opening ceremony or awards ceremony during the 2012 SkillsUSA National Conference. We are looking for a SkillsUSA student member to sing the national anthem or another patriotic song appropriate for opening a general session. Singers may sing a capella or to a pre-recorded instrumental track. Send in all audition videotapes on DVD, postmarked by **February 1, 2012** to: Heidi Ambrose, SkillsUSA, 14001 SkillsUSA Way, Leesburg, VA 20176. Questions may be directed to Heidi at 703-737-0610 or hambrose@skillsusa.org.

National Conference Pin and T-shirt Contest

February 1, 2012 is the deadline for the entries to the SkillsUSA National Conference Pin and T-shirt competition. This event is open to all paid student members of SkillsUSA. What a great way to have a student and advisor from your state recognized in front of a national audience. Paid registration to nationals, a plaque for the teacher and student, plus a school grant to the advisor of the winning student will be announced at a later date. Rules are in the membership kit and are also posted on the SkillsUSA Web site at: <http://www.skillsusa.org/compete/other.shtml>. Questions may be directed to Heidi Ambrose at 703-737-0615 or to hambrose@skillsusa.org.

DUE DATE
NOV. 1st!



Lowe's Community Improvement and Community Rebuilding Grants and State Farm Project Ignition Grants

Lowe's Community Improvement Grant - This category is for those schools who are proposing a project that will focus on benefiting their local community or school. In choosing grant winners for the upcoming year, projects that focus on a local need vs. want will stand a greater chance of receiving funding. For this category, a maximum of \$10,000 per grant winner will be awarded. For more information and application please go to www.skillsusa.org/educators/lowes.shtml.

Lowe's Community Rebuilding Grant - This category brings grant project opportunities to a new level in both funding and building leadership skills! Proposed projects in this category will combine the efforts of two SkillsUSA Chapters partnering and reaching out to help a community or school that has been drastically affected by a natural disaster. One of the partnering chapters may be the beneficiary of the project. The maximum grant in this category will be \$25,000 (per project). For more information and application please go to www.skillsusa.org/educators/lowes.shtml.

State Farm Project Ignition Grant- The National youth Leadership Council and State Farm are pleased to announce the availability of \$2,000 Project Ignition grants for public high school students and teachers to address teen driver safety through service-learning. For more information or to apply, go to <http://www.sfprojectignition.com>.

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HELP US REACH OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL!

Support the SkillsUSA Rhode Island Team for the Breast Cancer Walk!

Once again SkillsUSA Rhode Island has a team for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on **Sunday, October 30th**. We will meet at the Temple to Music at Roger Williams Park for a group photo at 7:45. Please bring with you any money you have raised.

To sign up to walk or to make an online donation, please use the link listed below. Thank you for your support. Go here: <http://main.acevents.org/goto/SkillsUSARI>
