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From: Joshua Klemp, Association Director

News from the Director

SkillsUSA Rhode Island has a long history as a character development organization, helping students to reach and achieve their goals no matter what their background. However, this is only one of the contributions we make to our state. We are also instrumental in bridging the gap between business, industry and education. This is accomplished through our nationally recognized technical standards that

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Important Dates

- December 14th - State Officer Holiday Party
5:30 - 7:30pm
- December 21st - Happy Hanukkah!
- December 25th - Merry Christmas!
- December 27th - Student Leader Reunion
5:30 - 7:30pm - Dave and Busters
- January 1st - Happy New Year!

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are developed by business, industry, labor and education. These standards are used in our state, and with input from local business leaders and educators, we tailor them to fit our State's needs.

In addition, state-level academic curriculum specialists from across the country have identified connections to national academic standards. You'll find the following standards embedded in the technical standards: the NCTM Principals and Standards for School Mathematics, McREL compendium of national science standards and IRA/NCTE standards for the English Language Arts.

Take advantage of the Technical Standards if you're a School Principal or Director looking to start a new program. This tool gives you a road map of the skills a student needs to be proficient and to gain entry-level employment in the industry.

Besides showcasing students' skills, the SkillsUSA Championships, by the very nature of competition, encourages students to take pride in their work. It also provides prospective employers with an opportunity to see dedicated, motivated potential employ-

ees at work.

To continue to meet the needs of both these potential employees and prospective employers, the lines of communication between technical education schools and industry will thrive when kept open. Educators need to be able to anticipate and identify industry's needs and, in turn, develop appropriate curricula.

This is one of the reasons that SkillsUSA is vital to our State. We keep those lines of communication open and active. Our mutual goal is to continue to build and communication between our stakeholders.

- On November 28th, New England Tech hosted the contest meeting for Marine Service Technology. Big thank you to our teachers and industry sponsors for continuing to develop and improve this event.

- The Graphic Communications Industry of Rhode Island hosted a well attended fundraiser for SkillsUSA Rhode Island Wednesday, November 30th. Almost 75 industry leaders attended the event at Bravo in Providence. The money fund-raised will be used to

sponsor our state level Graphic Communications student to travel to the SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, MO. Thank you to the leadership of the GCIRI, especially board members Regina Poethke and Joseph Fantozzi.

- I attended a Rhode Island Association of Career and Technical Education Directors (RIACTED) meeting last Monday. At the meeting we were all briefed on the status of the proposed CTE regulations. At the next meeting I will be giving a demonstration of the SkillsUSA Workforce Ready System.

- The Advisory Board met last Wednesday and completed all of the action items on the agenda. This included the elections and constitution changes. The results of the election are in this update. You will find an updated version of our constitution on our website before the end of the week.

That is all for now for this update. SkillsUSA Rhode Island wishes you all a safe holiday season and a Happy New Year! Thank you for all that you do!

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Pin Design Winners Announced!

The SkillsUSA Rhode Island Pin Design Contest has come to a close with the Advisory Board selecting 3 designs out of 35 finalists from 8 schools. We had approximately 130 entries this year. Thank you to the Instructors and Advisors for encouraging their students to participate. Below is a list of the winners. After some tweaking the final version of the designs will be up on our website for viewing. The winners will receive a plaque at the Awards Ceremony on March 29th.

State Pin Design Winner

Kayla Levasseur
Cranston Area Career and Technical Center
Mr. Lou Giglietti, Instructor

Competitor Pin Design Winner

Madison Noonan
East Providence Career and Technical Center
Mrs. Delia Nelson, Instructor

Judge Pin Design Winner

Dana Krahennbill
Warwick Area Career and Technical Center
Mrs. Jann Rogers-Gartner, Instructor

SkillsUSA Rhode Island Advisory Board Elections

The Advisory Board elections were held on December 7th. The nominating committee chair, Colleen Murray, submitted a ballot for board approval. The ballot was voted on and approved unanimously by all attending members. Congratulations to our new Executive Committee.

Board Chair

Mrs. Jill Shurtleff, Cosmetology Instructor
Chariho Career and Technical Center

Vice Chair

Mrs. Erin Flynn, Manager of Admissions Outreach and Events
New England Institute of Technology

Treasurer

Mrs. Lori Velino, Guidance Councilor
Cranston Area Career and Technical Center

Secretary

Mrs. Lynn Ann Swain, Child Development Instructor
Regional Career and Technical Center at Coventry High School

*Instructors
and School
Directors*



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.

*All
Stakeholders*



SkillsUSA Rhode Island - Alumni Spotlight

Congratulations to Ashley Doyle of the Regional Career and Technical Center at Coventry High School (Class of 2008). Ashley has just received a full "ride" scholarship to Hawaii Pacific University. The full ride "package" is a 4 year tuition, housing and travel.

Ashley was a student of the Nursing Assistant program and her instructors were Sue St. Armand and Gail Farrell. She Rhode Island and the Regional Career and Technical Center at Coventry High at the 2008 National SkillsUSA competition and placed within the top 15 in the Nation. Her Mom explained to me that when she and Ashley were speaking to the Advisor of the college, that they recognized SkillsUSA and the level of skills that Ashley has to have to compete and succeed at that level. Her Mom also said that the Advisor said that was one of the deciding factors for her to receive this scholarship. Ashley will be majoring in PRE MED. Good Luck Ashley!

*Advisor and
School Director
Action Item*



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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Exploratory and First-Year Career & Tech Student Showcase (State Only Contest)

The career and technical student showcase is held in conjunction with the SkillsUSA Rhode Island Championships and is an opportunity for SkillsUSA Rhode Island members to present through a display, the application of skills and education brought about through career and technical education.

This is a perfect event for students to showcase their skills and whom may not be able to make the state championships, are new to SkillsUSA programs, or have a special skill or talent they would like to present through an exhibit.

Participants compete for best in show awards and gain recognition among their peers. All exhibits are displayed at the State Leadership and Skills Conference for judging. Participants do not have to attend the SkillsUSA Rhode Island Championships.

Contestant Eligibility Requirements/Fees:

This contest is open to all exploratory and first-year career & technical high school members. Please note that this is not a team event and is a state only contest.

A registration fee of \$10 must be included with registration form and returned by the due date.

Showcase Project Specifications:

1. Displays and Project Information

A tri-fold presentation board should be used to illustrate the evolution of the project from start to finish. Participants must include a minimum of 3 examples of the connection between applied learning and academics in relation to their exhibit.

If possible, the actual completed project should accompany the display board and report.

2. Report Information

A report must accompany each showcase exhibit. The report must include the following information and be covered in a clear report cover/presentation folder. Please no three ring binders.

The report should include the following:

- A) Cover Sheet
 - a. Student name b. Picture of exhibit c. Name of exhibit
- B) Detailed description of the exhibit in paragraph form written by participant.
- C) List created by the student on the steps followed in completing the exhibit.
- D) Photographs that show the student completing the work.
- E) If a finished job has been produced from raw materials, include list of all materials used.
- F) If possible, working drawings should be provided to help judges.

Before & After Contest Day:

All exhibits will be set up at Community College of Rhode Island or other designated venue from 4-6pm the day before the actual contest.

Qualified members from business and industry will do the judging. Judging will happen the evening prior to or the morning of the SkillsUSA Rhode Island Championships. During the judging time period, the showcase area will be closed to the public. Ribbons will be posted on each qualifying project immediately at the completion of judging. All exhibits must be retrieved by the participant or their representative (with proper identification) by closing of the contest day, approximately 5pm.



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 acapella 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.

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.

BE HEARD, BE SEEN, BE YOU AND BE MORE (BMOR) THROUGH THE 26 SECONDS CAMPAIGN

Did you know that every 26 seconds a young person in the United States drops out of high school? You can help turn that statistic around by participating with SkillsUSA in the 26 Seconds Campaign. By doing so, you can win prizes, scholarships and help SkillsUSA and the student drop-out crisis in the process.

Here is what to do:

Help take back the stat by taking the pledge to graduate via the BMOR Project (direct link: http://www.facebook.com/26seconds?sk=app_270882582923170) and on Facebook it is facebook.com/26seconds. When you pledge, **select SkillsUSA as your affiliation**. Then, return to the BMOR Project regularly to participate in the new activities that launch on the 26th of each month. Not only will you be eligible to win prizes, you can also help SkillsUSA. The organization with the highest number of graduation pledges and activity participants per month wins a grant.

Right now, in addition to a chance to win monthly prizes when you participate, you'll also receive a 26 Seconds T-shirt just for pledging. The online activities are fun, easy and show you how to channel your interests into a future after graduation. The **grand prize is an end-of-the-year celebration** that one lucky student will bring to their school and community. **But, you must complete at least five of the activities to be eligible for the grand prize.**

Plus, you can share videos, photos, projects (like SkillsUSA's Student2Student Program), artwork and creative writings on the Facebook page. **By doing so, your creativity may also be chosen to be featured on www.26seconds.com.** Shine a light on yourself, your school and the importance of high school graduation.

Visit 26 Seconds.com and the Facebook page to see what students like you are doing and share your story.
