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From: Joshua Klemp, Association Director

News from the Director

Happy New Year's to all of our members, supporters and alumni!

SkillsUSA Rhode Island is happy to announce that in our 36th year we have exceeded

last year's membership to reach our highest membership level ever! Please remember our membership deadline is February 1st. If you have new students that were

not included in your original roster submission, you should add them. This is especially

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Important Dates

- January 14th - State Officer Winter Retreat
- February 1st - Beginning of CTE Month
- February 5th- Beginning of SkillsUSA Week
- February 8th - Advisory Board Meeting
- February 20th- School Vacation Week

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important if these students plan on participating in our upcoming events.

Participation continues to increase in SkillsUSA RI because of the quality of our programming and the strength of our partnerships. Thank you for all that you contribute to our association.

- On December 19th alumna Elisa Calderon and I spoke with the student body of the RI Nurses Institute Middle College. They are our newest total participation school. The students asked a lot of questions about how they could get the most out of their membership opportunities.

Elisa spoke about the positive impact SkillsUSA made during her tenure at the Providence Career and Technical Academy. She also spoke of her experience as a national competitor. Elisa is now a freshman at Salve Regina University where she is pursuing a teaching degree. Thank you to Pam McCue and Colleen Hitchings for inviting us to speak to the students.

- It was great to see Maureen Palumbo after the holidays. Maureen is the Chief of Labor and Training Operations for State-

wide Youth Services at the RI Department of Labor and Training. Maureen and I met to talk about building a stronger partnership between our two offices. She has committed to being a judge for us in March. I also invited her to be a special guest of Team Rhode Island during the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City.

- Interest continues to grow around the draft CTE regulations proposed by RIDE. The Board of Regents had a meeting to vote on the draft on January 5th. However, because there was a long list of people signed up for public comment, they had to be postponed to January 19th.

If you wish you express your support or concerns for the draft regulations there is still a chance to do so. The Board of Regents will meet on Thursday, January 19th at 11:30. The meeting will be located on the 5th floor of the RI Department of Education. You can just follow the signs once you step off the elevator. The address for the Department of Education can be found at www.ride.gov.

- Friday, January 6th, I spent most of the day speaking with students from The Met Center. I talked about the opportunities SkillsUSA has to offer our students through our competitive events program. The students at the Met are excited about competition. Big thank you to Diane Postoiian for inviting me to speak to the students.

That is all for now. Thank you so much for your support of our programs.

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Book Your Chapter's Contest Testing Date Now!



The Championships registration deadline is **February 8th**. The registration spreadsheet will be emailed out this week. Please request a date for me to be at your school for the pre contest employability and online technical skills assessment.

You need to have internet access in your school as a majority of the assessments can only be accessed online. Students will complete a job application, complete a test on the SkillsUSA Professional Development Program and most students will complete an online assessment. Competitors will need to have the following on that day.

1. Pen
2. Pencil
3. 1 copy of their resume

Contact the office at your earliest convenience to schedule your testing date. They are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Please try to schedule your testing prior to the make up day. There is no additional testing date for students who are not there for the initial scheduled testing or the make up test. Accommodations will only be made for those who compete as alternates. The testing make up day will be at CCRI—Warwick on Thursday, March 1st from 3:30 –5 pm.

*All
Stakeholders*

SkillsUSA Week is February 5th - 11th



During SkillsUSA week, members can also help raise awareness of SkillsUSA. This can be accomplished through field experiences to local businesses, an open house for parents or industry partners, a visit to local community organizations to make a brief presentation about SkillsUSA, or providing news releases and public service announcements to local media outlets for possible distribution.

Involvement in activities such as these brings positive recognition to SkillsUSA, and to local schools and their students. Also, it underscores the importance of SkillsUSA's purposes and mission, which is to help prepare America's high performance workers in public career and technical programs.

SkillsUSA Week 2012 Webinar: Skilled and Motivated – February 7, 2012, 1 p.m (EST) Use this webinar to help kick off SkillsUSA Week celebrations. Hear from your SkillsUSA leaders on the state of the organization. Listen to a special guest speaker on what it means to be “Skilled and Motivated” which is this year's theme. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Login here: <http://web.ganconference.com/?meeting=1736891>

Telephone: 888-222-0475

Attendee code: 5692952

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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.

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Correction - 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

Judge Pin Design Winner

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

Competitor Pin Design Winner

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

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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.

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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.
