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From: Joshua Klemp, Association Director

## News from the Director

February is or school? Promoting Island Championships or known as “Career and CTE can be as easy as maybe you have an Technical Education sending out a simple exciting new initiative at Month” in the national press release about your your school that you want CTE community. What students competing in the SkillsUSA Rhode are you doing to pro- mote your CTE program

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### Important Dates

- February 5th- SkillsUSA Week
- February 8th - Advisory Board Meeting
- February 9th - Meeting with Governor
- February 20th– School Vacation Week

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to share with your communities. You might be thinking “great idea!” or “how can I do this?” SkillsUSA Rhode Island can help. As a membership benefit you have access to a program called Capwiz. The Capwiz program can generate a press release for you that can be easily sent to your local newspaper, the Providence Journal and to members of Congress. To access this site simply follow this link: “<http://capwiz.com/skillsusa/home>”. Take advantage of this member benefit! In addition to press releases, it never hurts to invite local business owners into your classrooms and if you are looking for speakers feel free to contact the SkillsUSA RI office for assistance. We have a network of business and industry partners that are more than willing to assist you. HAPPY CTE MONTH!

- Governor Chafee has officially recognized the week of February 5th-11<sup>th</sup> as “SkillsUSA Rhode Island Week” here in our state. A delegation of our stakeholders, including our State Officer Team, will meet with the Governor on February 9<sup>th</sup> to talk about the importance of CTE in our state and our connection to economic development. He will also be presenting the delegation with a citation prepared by his office.

- Our state association has once again received a \$4,000 grant from the Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Foundation. The money will be used to support the operation of our TeamWorks event. This is the fifth year in a row our state has received this grant.

- Membership continues to climb in our state, as we became the 4<sup>th</sup> state in the country to exceed our membership from last year. This will mark the LARGEST membership in SkillsUSA RI history. Thank you for continuing to build excitement for our program!

- East Providence Career and Technical Center has opened its new kitchen, dining room and cosmetology classrooms. Linda Jackson (cosmetology) and Chef Mary Ellen Hatch (culinary) are excited for their new classrooms. The programs have all new equipment and they look great!

- Chariho Career and Technical Center and Director Susan Votto had some great press last week with the announcement of their new criminal justice program. The Westerly Sun highlighted Susan’s work building excitement for the new program, as well as her work building new articulation agreements for current programs of study.

- I spent the 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas, NV as I serve in the Region 1 position on the national State Association Directors board for SkillsUSA. In this capacity am able to have more input on how our organization operates. This two-day meeting focused on hearing about the state of our association, providing input into the FY 2013 strategic plan and organizing our Director’s conference in August. I left this meeting energized and completely inspired!

- On Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, SkillsUSA Chariho held its’ annual in-house awards ceremony. This is always one of my favorite annual events I get to attend. Although this year I was in Vegas, I still was able to participate. National Executive Director, Tim Lawrence and I were able to “Skype” into the awards ceremony to bring greetings to all of the student competitors and their guests. It was an awesome experience! Thank you so much to advisors Jill Shurtleff and Chef Linda Musch for their hard work and leadership.

- I know we have several members participating in the FIRST Robotics contest on February 4<sup>th</sup>. I will be volunteering that day and I look forward to seeing our members WINNING! Good Luck to all of our members competing!

That is all for now! Thank you for all you do to support students enrolled in CTE.

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Action Item*



February 3rd - J&W University  
 February 13th - Newport  
 February 14th - Cranston  
 February 15th - PCTA & The Met  
 February 16th - Coventry  
 February 27th - Warwick  
 February 28th - Davies  
 February 29th - Woonsocket  
 March 1 - Chariho & Make up day at CCRI Warwick from 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Please remember 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 if you have not scheduled your testing date. 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.

### **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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## 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](mailto:jklemp@ccri.edu) or call the office 401-825-2316.

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## CTE Branding Initiative

As you are most likely aware, the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc), in cooperation with other organizations in the career and technical education (CTE) community, has developed a new logo and slogan for career and technical education – CTE: Learning that Works for America. SkillsUSA has been involved and supports this initiative.

Equally important, NASDCTEc has gathered the facts and developed the messaging for CTE advocacy so all organizations can be working from the same notes. For more information, go to <http://skillsusa.org/about/policy.shtml>.

You are encouraged to go to the NASDCTEc website for additional information and promotional materials, including videos and PowerPoint presentations. For advocacy information, go to <http://www.careertech.org/resources/advocacy-tools.html>. For promotional materials, go to <http://www.careertech.org/resources/workforce-education.html>. For more information, contact Erin Uy at [euy@careertech.org](mailto:euy@careertech.org).

*Scholarship  
Opportunity*



## The Technology and Maintenance Council (TMC) of the American Trucking Associations Scholarship Opportunity

The Technology & Maintenance Council (TMC) of the American Trucking Associations is offering five truck technician scholarships (diesel technology) in partnership with Wyo-Tech, the University of Northern Ohio and Lincoln Technical Institute.

Scholarship applicants are to be sponsored by a TMC member. TMC members are throughout the United States. Scholarship information and applications along with contact information are available online at: <http://tmc.truckline.com>.

The scholarships are part of an ongoing effort by TMC's Professional Technician Development Committee (PTDC) to promote and enhance the professionalism of commercial vehicle technicians.

Application deadline is **March 15, 2012** and awards will be announced by April 15, 2012.

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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.



## Kavli Save the World Through Science and Engineering Video Contest

The Kavli Save the World Through Science and Engineering Video Contest is open to students in Grades 6-12. Deadline is **March 1**.

Students make a short video (:30-:90) that shows how scientific discoveries and inventions can improve our lives and change our world, either right now or in the future. Then, they enter it on Schooltube.com and compete for cash prizes. First prize is \$2,000 and a travel stipend to Washington, D.C. to the USA Science and Engineering Festival, April 28-29. Second prize is \$750, Third prize is \$500, and People's Choice is \$250. Winners will be honored in a special awards ceremony hosted by Bill Nye, the Science Guy.

*<http://www.schooltube.com/contests/2012-kavli-save-world-through-science-engineering/>*

## Competition Central

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.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/26seconds?sk=app_270882582923170)) and on Facebook it is [facebook.com/26seconds](https://www.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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.