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November 19, 2012



From: Joshua Klemp, Association Director

News from the Director

Thanksgiving is that time of the year when you make an effort to stop and think “What am I thankful for?”. Recently, I was being interviewed and I was asked a question about a quote. The question was “Margaret Mead once said, never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change

the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. How have you seen this in action?” The question got me thinking about how thankful I am to serve as your Director because of what I get to witness every day with our members, both student and professional. Alex St. Pierre is one of our state officers from Coventry. He

created his own non-profit organization that provides a bag of supplies to young people who enter into the foster care system. So far Alex has collected over 275 bags. The SkillsUSA RI members at Davies did a collection of items for the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

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Important Dates

- November 22 - Happy Thanksgiving!
- December 10 - CTE Regulations Workshop
- December 11 - Advisory Board Meeting
- December 12 - State Officer Holiday Party
- December 17 - RI CTE Directors Meeting
- December 27 - Alumni Networking Event



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Then this past weekend Davies Co-Advisor Kristen St. Pierre drove all of the supplies to Staten Island for distribution. Brittany Plante, our state officer from Woonsocket gives her time and leadership talent to serving as a member of the Woonsocket strategic planning committee. These are only some of the ways that our members of SkillsUSA RI are making a difference in our state and nation. One of the seven points of the SkillsUSA Program of Work is Community Service. The leadership handbook for SkillsUSA states that through community service we will promote and improve good will and understanding among all segments of the community through services donated by SkillsUSA chapters, and to instill in its members a lifetime commitment to community service. So I am thankful that our small group of thoughtful and committed members are making a difference in our state and nation. What are you thankful for? Feel free to respond to this question on our SkillsUSA Rhode Island Facebook page.

- **Membership News**

The 2011-2012 school year was the highest membership in our association's history. Well I am happy to announce that is no longer the case. I was informed by the national office last week that we just surpassed last school year's membership total. This means now that in our 37th year we are celebrating the largest membership EVER for our association. The final number will not be announced until our membership deadline in February.

- **The 37th Annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony**

The annual awards ceremony highlighting our champions has found a new home. In 2013, we will be moving our event to The Vets in Providence. The ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th and we will begin at 6 pm. There is ample parking at the Providence Place Mall or on the streets surrounding the auditorium.

- **Partnerships/Championships**

Our partners at the New England Institute of Technology will be hosting the Crime Scene Investigation contest and our brand new Criminal Justice Contest. Thank you to Amanda Metzger for her work on facilitating this and a big thank you to Mike Pezzullo for agreeing to be the overall chair for both events. Criminal Justice is one of three new contests this year.

- **Fall Conference Wrap Up**

The fall leadership conference was on November 2nd and we had over 100 attendees. The students attended three workshops that were run by our state officer team. Each of the workshops focused on the employability skills needed for the workforce. We also had a community service project in conjunction with the conference. We were able to collect enough supplies to help fill almost 50 backpacks for "Bags of Dignity" and organization that provides these to young people in foster care. Thank you to James Jessop, Erin Flynn and Amanda Metzger of the New England Institute of Technology for hosting the event at the East Greenwich Campus.


- **SkillsUSA Rhode Island Pin Design Update**

We had over 100 entries in our Pin Design Contest. The students have been able to select 25 finalists that will be given to the Advisory Board for final approval. The winners will be announced in the December update. The winner of the state pin design will have the opportunity to represent our state at the SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, MO.

That is all for now. Thank you for your support for the SkillsUSA Rhode Island program. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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RIDE TO HOLD WORKSHOP ON CTE REGULATIONS

 RIDE's Office of Multiple Pathways will hold a technical-assistance session to share information about Career-Technical Education (CTE) regulations, guidance, funding, and the upcoming program-evaluation process.

The session will be held December 10, from 8 – 10:30 a.m., at the New England Institute of Technology East Greenwich campus.

This session is for all superintendents, CTE directors, high-school principals, guidance directors, and school-based coordinators. Registration is open now through November 28, at:

<http://www.eride.ri.gov/WorkshopReg/viewWorkshop.aspx?workshopid=634>.


Reminder: You can either use an existing eRIDE user account to login or you can create a workshop-registration account.

There will be scheduled time for Q&A, so please bring your questions. You can access the CTE regulations and guidance documents through the registration site.

ALL CTE DIRECTORS SHOULD PLAN ON ATTENDING.

*Advisory
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Advisory Board Meeting Dates

 Advisory board meetings are mandatory and important for management of the organization. All of the meetings will be held at the Knight Campus (Warwick) of the Community College of Rhode Island. The meetings begin at 3:30 pm.

- Tuesday, December 11th, 2012
Contest Updates and Information
- Tuesday, February 5th, 2013
Registrations Due
- Wednesday, April 9th, 2013
National Conference Payment

*Advisor and
School Director
Action Item*



ADVISOR OF THE YEAR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Advisor of the Year

The Advisor of the Year award to recognize and honor dedicated career and technical education instructors who serve as SkillsUSA advisors. The Advisor of the Year program is sponsored by Delmar Learning, a part of Cengage Learning. State winners are submitted to the regional competition. At NLSC, regional winners are interviewed and a national winner is selected. Students, fellow instructors, school directors and members from the Department of Education may nominate someone for this award.

Career and Technical Educator of the Year

The Career and Technical Educator of the Year award recognizes a CTE educator for achievement within their field and for their support for SkillsUSA Rhode Island. The recipient will be announced at the SkillsUSA Rhode Island Awards and Recognition Ceremony. State Officer, Advisors, Teachers, School Directors and members from the Department of Education may nominate someone for this award.

Nomination forms are available from the State Director at jklemp@ccri.edu or you can call the office at 401-825-2316.

NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH INTERSTATE BATTERY

SkillsUSA is excited to announce a new partnership with Interstate Battery's fundraising program for local chapters. This is a great opportunity for our chapters to raise funds in partnership with a company whose mission and product align very closely with SkillsUSA.

Through this partnership, local chapters will sell Interstate Battery's products and receive 50% of the sales. Also, the national office is offering an incentive - the states with the highest sales from 11/1/12- 6/1/13 will receive a cash prize. **1st place will receive \$1,000, 2nd will receive \$750 and 3rd place will receive \$500.** Our state will use that money to award a travel scholarship to the national conference. Here is the link for your to sign up today.

www.Interstatebatteries.com/fundraising/SkillsUSA.



WORK FORCE READY SYSTEM UPDATE

SkillsUSA offers 47 technical and employability assessments in 11 cluster areas including four co-branded assessments with ASE/AYES and five co-branded assessments with PrintED/GAERF.

System updates were released in September with new features to enhance the grade reports, certificate printing and username password reset functionality. See examples of the enhanced grade and username password reports at <http://www.workforcereadysystem.org/media/ReportExample2012.pdf>.

Free training webinars are now scheduled for the month of November. To see the scheduled dates and times, go to <http://www.workforcereadysystem.org/webinars.shtml>.

For information on our assessments, visit our Work Force Ready System website <http://www.workforcereadysystem.org> or contact Patty Duncan at 703-737-0633, Ext. 1, email skillconnect@skillsusa.org.



FREE CHAPTER MANAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS REMINDER

Looking for ways to engage more members in SkillsUSA activities and programs? Need ideas on membership recruitment? Need a place to turn to for help on everything SkillsUSA related? Join us for the next Chapter Management Webinar series:

- Membership Recruitment and Engagement
- Electing Chapter Officers
- Program of Work Planning and Implementation

Create a wonderful year in SkillsUSA by joining some of the nine upcoming 30-minute informational webinars that cover best practices developed from SkillsUSA advisors. The join links, phone numbers and pass codes are listed online at <http://www.skillsusa-register.org/>.

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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@skillsusari.org or call the office at 401-825-2316.

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SkillsUSA Announces 2012 –2013 Theme

“SkillsUSA: Champions at Work Prepared with the Skills America Needs”

The topic to be addressed by contestants in the Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board contests is how our slogan, SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, relates to our national program of work in the area of Professional Development.

- Within this topic, contestants might illustrate or discuss any of the following:
- Based on research from employers, what skills do Americans need?
- How does SkillsUSA provide the skills needed?
- How does participation in SkillsUSA provide members an edge in the workforce?
- How does involvement in SkillsUSA provide a competitive edge to America in the global economy?
- By participating in SkillsUSA events, how will you be more marketable in the workforce?
- What do SkillsUSA members need to do to be prepared?
- What skills have you gained through SkillsUSA that will make you prepared to enter your chosen field?
- How does SkillsUSA continue to adapt to prepare students with these needed skills?
- What principals was America founded on, how are those still relevant today?
- Why do American citizens need to have a variety of skills?
- How do we establish an attitude of life-long learning of through the SkillsUSA programs?
- What is the American workforce projected to look like when you graduate, how does this impact your plans?



NATIONAL YOUTH SAFETY VIDEO CONTEST

CareerSafe®, Safety Education for America's Future™, is sponsoring the 2012-2013 National Youth Safety Video Contest. Students across the country are challenged to create a video demonstrating safety in the workplace. The contest will kick off on October 15, 2012 and all submissions should be sent into CareerSafe by **March 1, 2013**. The winning students will receive a SkillsUSA Prize Pack as well as a scholarship up to \$2,500 and the winning school will receive a prize up to \$5,000. To view an online flyer about the contest, go to:

<http://www.careersafeonline.com/images/video%20contest%20flyer.pdf>.

For more information on the contest, please visit the CareerSafe® website on October 15 at www.careersafeonline.com.

PROJECT IGNITION GRANTS AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOLS

Project Ignition (PI), is in the driver's seat again, announcing the availability of \$2,000 grants for public high schools to address teen driver safety using service-learning. In its ninth year, PI is a great extension of Celebrate My Drive™ and another way to interact with local high schools on safer teen driving behaviors. Car crashes remain the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Young people, in partnership with teachers and communities, can change this staggering fact through Project Ignition — a student-led teen driver safety program funded by State Farm® and coordinated by the National Youth Leadership Council®. Project Ignition offers grants to students and their advisors interested in creating impactful awareness campaigns focused on teen driver safety while using service-learning — a teaching method that combines meaningful community service with classroom instruction.

Youth-led teams host events, form community-wide partnerships, work on local and state policy, produce public service announcements, and more.

Now through **November 15**, schools can apply for a grant. In January 2013, 25 schools will be chosen to receive \$2,000 grants to support the implementation of teen driver safety awareness and engagement campaigns. In May 2013, the 10 best campaigns will be selected to receive an additional \$7,500 to continue their project in the following school year and participate in the National Service-Learning Conference in 2014 in Washington, D.C.

Additional information and the grant application can be found at www.sfprojectignition.com. Get connected at www.facebook.com/projectignition.
