

SkillsUSA Virginia Update

August 2, 2024



Welcome

Happy new school year. It is going to be another fun and exciting school year. The SkillsUSA Virginia State Officers has been busy this summer working on their leadership skills. If you would like to have a state officer, come to your school, and speak, please contact us to make the arrangements. Best wishes and we hope that it will be a great new school year for you.

VATIE Review

The annual Virginia Association of Trade and Industrial Educators met for their annual summer conference in Norfolk on July 17-19, 2024.



Congratulations to the following award winners:

Roger Johnson Lifetime Achievement Award: Barry Calloway
Dr. Lee Ross Outstanding Career & Technical Educator: Beth Lucchesi
Jim Bushong Teacher of the Year: Julie Anderson
VATIE Outstanding New Career & Technical Educator: Brandon Eubank

Visit www.VATIE.org for more information.

SkillsUSA Virginia Board of Directors

Welcome our 2024-2025 SkillsUSA Virginia Board of Directors. Thank you all for your support of the organization. We know that we will accomplish our many goals. Best wishes.

President Laura Smith, Washington County CTC
Secretary & VATIE, Tanya Rogers, New Horizons
Region 1 Alisa Rushing, Chesterfield CTC
Region 2 Dewey Ray,
Region 3 Bob Jett, Stafford High School
Region 4 Betsy Ingles-Whitaker, Osborn High School
Region 5 Barry Calloway, Susie B. Gibson Technical Center
Region 6 Brian Jones, Franklin County High School
Region 7 Vacant
Region 8 Sheri Almond,
State Officer Trainer, Kaylee Simpson
State Officer President, Maryam Barokah, Academies of Loudoun
Foundation Mark Jones, Roanoke County
Foundation Sonny Morris
Past President Ken Kilinski
SkillsUSA State Director, Joyce Price
Corporate Officer DOE, Vacant

SkillsUSA new theme 2025



SkillsUSA has a new theme for 2025 and it is...

SkillsUSA: Ignite Your Potential. This theme will be the topic used by competitors in the 2025 for SkillsUSA Chapter Display, Prepared Speech, and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions. The digital images can be found using the link below. Enjoy exploring and Ignite your potential.

<https://brandfolder.com/skillsusa/skillsusa-brand-assets#!asset/pn6bb47tmwtsfb9tgzwmgp>

Membership

Welcome to a new school year, it is time to start your annual membership drive and dues collection. Each year membership is renewed. Membership opens August 1st. and the deadline is March 1st. Each district sets their own dues amount, ranging from \$0 to \$5 each. Local dues are optional but may range from \$0 to \$15 per person. How much are dues you ask well here is the break down.

	National	State	District	Local	Total
Students (High school & college/postsecondary)	\$8	\$7	\$0 -\$5	\$0 - \$15	\$15 Plus Dist. & Local
Professionals: Advisors, Teachers, Administration...	\$20	\$9	\$0 -\$5	\$0 - \$15	\$29 Plus Dist. & Local

SkillsUSA NLSC 2025 and 2026

As SkillsUSA nears its 65th anniversary in 2030, the organization is both reflecting on its past and shaping its future. Since 1965, SkillsUSA has been serving students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, all to ensure America has a skilled workforce. While there's data to show that SkillsUSA makes career and technical education (CTE) work better, the growing skills gap and rising income inequality point to the need to do more for students. SkillsUSA stands ready to meet that challenge. SkillsUSA has created bold plans and stretch goals to meet the workforce development challenges. Needs this big, this important, require bold solutions and steadfast commitment. With the support of our partner network, SkillsUSA will build the future skilled workforce our nation depends on with students who are career-ready, day one.



<https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Drive-to-65-Overview-One-Pager.pdf>

NLSC Scores & Participants Certificates for Students/Advisors

Please use your email address submitted in registration to retrieve your participated certificates online at <http://www.skillsusa-register.org/scores> Scores you will need your contestant number and birthdate.

NLSC Honors, Recognition and Awards

We would like to congratulate the following folk in Virginia...

- **Julie Atkin**, served as a judge for the Opening and Closing Ceremony Contest



Order Your Official SkillsUSA National Champion Banners

School who had national winner may order your Official SkillsUSA National Champion Banners **by Monday, Sept. 30!** Please ensure that all orders are placed and paid for with a credit card through the webstore: skillsusabannerstore.mybrightsites.com

SkillsUSA NLSC 2025 and 2026

Mark, your calendar SkillsUSA NLSC June 23-27, 2025, and June 1-5, 2026. (Note 2026 is early).

SkillsUSA Supporter, James River Video

Check out this link below, see how James River Equipment is Investing in SkillsUSA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZhC-HBpcy8>

Thank you for being great supporters of SkillsUSA.

SkillsUSA Supporter, AGCVA news update

Check out what AGCVA is saying...SkillsUSA Virginia students, largely supported by AGCVA members and the AGCVA Educational Foundation, competed in Atlanta, GA the last week of June in hopes of adding national medalist to their list of accomplishments. Virginia students medaled in 10 contests, including Building Maintenance, Masonry, Engineering Technology. Get a glimpse of the impressive competition at the National Leadership and Skills Competition. Thank you AGCVA for your awesome support at all levels and to Courtney Baker for sharing the news.

SkillsUSA Days at the Virginia State Fair

Mark your calendar for Monday September 1 and Tuesday October 2, for the SkillsUSA Days at the Virginia State Fair. Students must be registered as members and registered for contest two-weeks before, to compete. *Note: No onsite registrations and payment must be received prior to this event.* If you have any questions, please visit www.skillsusava.org for contest information.

Monday, September 30, 2024

Cosmetology - Fantasy Manikin Comb-out
 Cosmetology - Fantasy Nail Art
 Cosmetology - Manikin Comb-out
 Cosmetology – Total Fantasy Look
 Cosmetology - Total Fashion Look
 Criminal Justice
 Drafting
 Drone Competition
 Job Demonstration
 Promotional Bulletin Board
 First Aid / CPR ****

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Auto Body/Collision
 Auto Service
 Carpentry
 Electrical Construction Wiring
 HVACR
 Masonry
 Television Production
 Welding
 Photography****
 **** If 4 or more register for contest by deadline

SkillsUSA Technical Standards 2025

The SkillsUSA Technical Standards for 2025 will be release after August 15, 2024. To gain access advisors must join as a professional member. A member benefit.



Chapter Excellence Program (CEP)

Every chapter in the Commonwealth can become a **Quality Chapter**. The Chapter Excellence Program (CEP) is the single best way to build a successful SkillsUSA chapter. The CEP recognizes achievement as it relates to the integration of the SkillsUSA Framework in chapter Program of Work (PoW) activities. At the beginning of the new school year, elect your officers and have them explore this great opportunity to have your chapter shine. <https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/chapter-building/chapter-excellence-program-cep/>



SkillsUSA Virginia District Chairs 2024-2025

Who is your district chair? When is your fall rally and/or meeting? See the information listed below. If information is missing, and you know the answer, please share it with us at: stateadvisor@skillsusava.org or director@skillsusava.org

District	School	District Chair	Fall Leadership Meeting	Location
1	Norfolk Technical Center	Doug Clarke		
2	Powhatan High School	Michael Payne		
3	Franklin County H.S.	Curtis Bumgardner		
4	New Horizon - Butler Farms	Tanya Rogers	10/15/2024	
5	Fairfax County Public Schools	Craig Lewis		
6				
7	Blacksburg H.S.	Kelly Showalter		
8	Washington County			
9				
10	Triplet Tech	Todd Lynn		
11	Northern Neck	Matt Ingram		
12	Chesterfield CTC	Alisa Rushing	9/10/2024	Virtual

SkillsUSA Releases Prototype of New Competition Attire *(Give your input)*

SkillsUSA needs your input. Please follow the link to review. Thank you for your time. <https://www.skillsusa.org/competition-clothing-from-ariat/>

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact us at: director@skillsusava.org
Website www.skillsusava.org



SkillsUSA Virginia Calendar

Please mark your calendar with the many SkillsUSA events listed below. More information can be found by visiting the website at www.skillsusava.org or www.skillsusa.org. If your school would like to host State Leadership Training Workshop, please contact Joyce Price at director@skillsusava.org. *(Print and share with others).*

Date	Event & Details
August 1, 2024	Membership Opens for new school year
September 16, 2024	State Fair Registration Deadline \$20 registration \$10 entrance fee
September 30 - October 1	SkillsUSA Day at the Virginia State Fair Doswell, VA
September 21-25, 2024	Washington Leadership Training Institute Arlington, VA
October 7, 2024	State Leadership Training Workshop – North <i>\$25 per person, registration 2 weeks before</i>
October 9, 2024	Elevate 2024 (Local officer training, online) \$10 per person online
TBA	State Leadership Training Workshop – Central <i>\$25 per person, registration 2 weeks before</i>
TBA	State Leadership Training Workshop - Southeast <i>\$25 per person, registration 2 weeks before</i>
TBA	State Leadership Training Workshop - Southwest <i>\$25 per person, registration 2 weeks before</i>
TBA	District Fall Rallies <i>Note: check with district chairs for more information</i>
November 8, 2024	SkillsUSA Southwest Festival Deadline \$25 per person
November 15, 2024	Membership Incentive, Deadline
November 25, 2024	SkillsUSA Southwest Festival Volvo Center in Dublin, VA
February, 2025	Career and Technical Education Month
February 2-8, 2025	SkillsUSA Week
March 1, 2025	SkillsUSA Membership deadline, <i>cannot compete, if not a member</i>
March 3, 2025	SkillsUSA State Registration Deadline
April 4-6, 2025	SkillsUSA Virginia 60th State Leadership Conference
June 23-27, 2025	SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference
June 1-5, 2026	SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference

