



FRIDAY FLASH

Note: This will be the final “Friday Flash Newsletter” until Aug. 5. Have a great summer and stay updated with all [SkillsUSA news here](#).

»» SkillsUSA Returns to an In-Person National Leadership & Skills Conference

It’s been three long years, but SkillsUSA members from across the country are ready to finally celebrate together again — in person — at our National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta. It’s going to be an NLSC to remember. If you’re attending, make the most of all the incredible opportunities available throughout the week. If you can’t make it this year, follow along with our coverage throughout the week on our social media channels and on our website. Make sure



to download the NLSC app on [Google Play](#) or the [Apple Store](#) so you’re fully prepared with all the info you need. The Road to Atlanta has been full of great sights all year long, but we reach our destination June 20-24. It’s going to be a life-changing week! Click the image for a video preview.

»» SkillsUSA’s Five Regional Advisors of the Year Announced

SkillsUSA’s five regional Advisors of the Year have been chosen through a competitive process that recognizes outstanding advisors for their work with student-led local chapters. Congratulations go to:

- Kimberly Petronella, Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES CTEC, New York, Region 1
- Kenneth Brown, Richlands High School, Richlands, North Carolina, Region 2
- Warren Caskey, Wayne County JVS, Doylestown, Ohio, Region 3
- Jesse Zweep, Louisville High School, Louisville, Nebraska, Region 4
- Troy Reichert, Guernsey-Sunrise High School, Guernsey, Wyoming, Region 5

These five outstanding SkillsUSA advisors will be recognized on Wednesday, June 22, during NLSC’s new Recognition Session, and one instructor will be named SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year.

»» SkillsUSA Store Hours at NLSC

We are just a few weeks away from the National Leadership & Skills Conference and the SkillsUSA Store will be fully stocked and ready to see members in Atlanta. The SkillsUSA Store will feature a collection of never-seen-before SkillsUSA products. Be sure to shop early if you need competition attire, SkillsUSA souvenirs for your supporter back home or the latest fashion gear to show your pride. Store hours at NLSC are:



- Monday, June 20, 2022: *SkillsUSA Store Grand Opening* 1-6 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 21, 2022: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursday, June 23, 2022: 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

»» Got Story-Worthy Champions?

At the national conference, the staff of SkillsUSA Champions digital magazine will be on the lookout for interview subjects. Our goal is to highlight how SkillsUSA can enhance the skill set and change the trajectory of a student's life and career path. If you know of a SkillsUSA student, advisor, industry representative or alumnus who will be at national conference and whose story would be motivating and inspirational, please email SkillsUSA's director of communications [Tom Kercheval](#). Tom or a member of the communications team will then reach out to set up a time during conference week to meet these individuals. If you are attending NLSC, you are also invited to stop by the Media Room in GWCC A-402 anytime on Monday, June 20, through Thursday, June 23, to share story ideas and contacts.

»» Nominations Open for the Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award

The Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award is presented by the U.S. Secretary of Education to teachers in the field of cybersecurity to honor their contributions to the education of our nation's students. The award is bestowed annually to two teachers — one at the elementary level and one at the secondary level — who “demonstrate superior achievement in instilling skills, knowledge, and passion with respect to cybersecurity and cybersecurity-related subjects.” The award acknowledges both the exemplary achievements demonstrated by the teachers and that of the teacher's students. Know of a deserving cybersecurity teacher who should be nominated (even that deserving teacher is you)? If so, [visit the website](#) for full details. The deadline is July 31.

»» Love and Logic Session: Guiding Students to Solve Problems

Join us on **May 31** from 3:30-5 p.m. ET for a Love and Logic session designed to help you learn how to guide students to own and solve their own problems. The cost to attend is \$10. [Register here](#). For questions, contact [Karolina Belen](#).

»» Share Your Chapter Successes

The end of the school year is an excellent time for students to reflect on their SkillsUSA growth during the year. Some reflection questions to discuss in your classroom might be:

- What specific Essential Elements did you practice through SkillsUSA chapter activities?
- How did you demonstrate and grow your leadership skills this year?
- How did SkillsUSA help you learn more or make decisions about your future career path?

Involvement in SkillsUSA can make a positive difference in a student's life, and the answers to these questions and examination of their accomplishments can help students reflect on their growth. For inspiration, encourage your students to read SkillsUSA success stories [here](#) and check out the [SkillsUSA Champions digital hub](#) for more. Share a few stories with your students and ask them to write their own story from their SkillsUSA experiences. [Submit a SkillsUSA story for consideration here.](#)

»» SkillsUSA University Offerings at NLSC

At this year's National Leadership & Skills Conference, the 2022 SkillsUSA University will feature 27 free educational seminars on a variety of topics for all registered attendees. This is a chance to learn directly from industry expert practitioners and gain field-specific skills to incorporate into classroom instruction.

Workshops will be held June 21-23 at the Georgia World Congress Center and feature SkillsUSA programs, the latest trends in technology, career opportunities, safety programs and technical skills demonstrated by career cluster experts. All participants receive a certificate of participation, and many sessions include handouts, software, curriculum previews and other resources for teachers, students and parents. Preregistration is not required. [View the schedule of workshops here.](#)



»» Academy of Excellence Offerings at NLSC

If you are planning to attend the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference, don't miss the Academy of Excellence professional development trainings, featuring more than 30 sessions for new and experienced teachers, administrators and counselors. These trainings will take

place June 21-23 at the Georgia World Congress Center and feature session topics such as classroom management, teacher burnout prevention, effective learning strategies, neutralizing student arguments, best practices and effective communication. Preregistration is not required. [View the schedule of sessions here.](#)



»» "A Brush With Death Changes a Life"

Ashley Klingberg "never liked the police" as a kid. Today, this world-class high school athlete is planning to enter the criminal justice field. Learn what turned her perspective — and life — around in the [latest feature article](#) on the SkillsUSA Champions Magazine digital hub. You'll find a wealth of uplifting stories on the site related to our members, teachers and partners. Have a story to share? [Submit it here.](#)

»» SkillsUSA Scholarships Still Open

Several SkillsUSA scholarships are still open to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of further education or certification in their chosen fields. Help spread the word about these opportunities:

- **Fine Homebuilding #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship**
Scholarships to SkillsUSA high school or college/postsecondary students continuing their education or certification programs in construction-related fields. *Deadline: May 30.*
- **Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship**
Two \$2,500 scholarships to support active SkillsUSA members who plan to further their education in architectural drafting (or a related field). *Deadline: May 31.*
- **Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship**
Merit-based scholarships for high school or college/postsecondary students continuing their education in energy construction (oil and gas pipelines, gas distribution, solar, and wind). *Deadline: May 31.*
- **Clifford T. Rees, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**
Multiple \$2,500 scholarships to SkillsUSA high school juniors, seniors or college/postsecondary students in enrolled in a HVACR or a general construction program and who will be pursuing college/postsecondary career training in the HVACR industry. *Deadline: May 31.*
- **Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) Travel Scholarship**
Up to eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to support a student and/or chapter's travel expenses to attend and compete in the SkillsUSA Championships in Atlanta. To apply, download the [2022 ACCSC Scholarship Application for Members of SkillsUSA](#) to review eligibility requirements and complete the application. *Deadline: June 1.*
- **Student Research Foundation Scholarship**
One scholarship to a SkillsUSA high school member who plans to continue their education in a postsecondary program. It recognizes outstanding community contribution. *Deadline: July 26.*

[Applications and more scholarship information are available here.](#)