**New Jersey SkillsUSA Friday Flash 5/31/24**

**Message from the Desk of the State Director**

Hope all had a good week!

Advisor Reminders for Atlanta:

* Keep checking contest up dates on the National website.
* Make sure your Atlanta contestants are taking their pretests.
* Make sure you follow your clothing requirements

**Washington Leadership Training Institute**

Please contact our office asap if you and your students intend on attending WLTI, as we need at least twenty-four participants to commit, in order to organize the trip.

**Tentative schedule for 2024-25 (These dates are not finalized, and subject to change)**

**SKILLS DAYS:**

Any school interested in Skills Days please contact this office and we will set up a date.

**New Officer training MANDATORY**

9-9-24 6 pm to 8-11-2024 noon

9-26-2024 Officer meeting SCVTS

**WLTI September 21-26th Alexandria VA (**tentative)

10-4 to the 6th Region 1 Fall Leadership Hershey PA Tentative

10-23-24 Fall leadership and advisor meeting NJPSA

**November Officer Meeting At NJPSA**

December 11th: Officer meeting TBA

Jan 15th: Advisor & officer meeting NJPSA

Feb 19th: Officer meeting TBA

March 12th: Office Meeting TBA

March 22nd: SCVTS, Carpenters Center

March 29th: GCIT, Sicklerville, Fire Academy

April 3rd: Mercedes Benz

April 5th: Passaic Tech, Payne Tech, UTI

Heavy Equipment: TBA date and location

Awards Ceremony: April 11th or 12th-Site TBA (It will not be at the Cure Arena)

The competition dates are set, and anything that is TBA is subject to change. It will be finalized by the end of June which is when we will send out the final schedule with times.

Please note: Skills Dates will be added as they are booked. Moving forward, we will only need three officers for Skills Days.

Have a great weekend!

*Ralph Starace*

**Troubleshooting With Sheila!**

**State Champ Banners**

NJ SkillsUSA will again be purchasing a 2024 State Champ Banner for each Gold Medal Chapter. Each satin banner measures 14” X 22” featuring a pole pocket for hanging and printed with the SkillsUSA logo, “STATE CHAMPION”, the contest name and the year across the front. If you wish to order any additional championship banners, please use the [attached order form](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14MUASX3f44OiPbcdiU3zrhWhQelQu4mn/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111651772071156970226&rtpof=true&sd=true). The cost is $30 each and you may also order banners for previous years. Deadline for placing orders is June 30. Payment is due upon delivery in the Fall payable to NJ SkillsUSA.

**2024 NJ SkillsUSA State Pins**

The 2024 NJ SkillsUSA pin that was selected at our state championship have been ordered and delivered. Each chapter is entitled to one pin for every person that was registered for our state conference. We will be packaging your pins next week and mailing them to the attention of the lead advisor in each school.

**News from the National Office *(Check out some of these new and exciting opportunities for your students!)***

**Partner Spotlight Highlighting Nick Peterson of Miller Electric**

Nick Peterson has a “spark-it-forward” passion to help every welding competitor succeed, driven by his commitment to the ensure the success of the welding industry as a whole. See [SkillsUSA’s latest inspiring spotlight story](https://skillsusachampions.org/) to learn more about Peterson and a welding journey began in childhood and led him to national and international levels of competition and then back to the SkillsUSA Championships as a member of the Welding Technical Committee.

**Volunteers and Judges Needed at NLSC**

The National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) — the largest gathering of America’s future skilled workforce — will be held in Atlanta from June 24-28, 2024. The Office of the SkillsUSA Championships is looking for unpaid volunteers who can serve as competition judges or assist the management team to support various NLSC programs and experiences.

Volunteers should be available to serve at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) in Atlanta on both Wednesday, June 26, and Thursday, June 27 (schedule TBD). Volunteers are especially needed to judge Leadership and Occupationally Related competitions including:

* Chapter Business Procedure
* Chapter Display
* Community Service
* Extemporaneous Speaking
* Job Skill Demonstration A & Open
* Opening and Closing Ceremonies
* Promotional Bulletin Board
* Quiz Bowl

If you are an educator or partner who will be at NLSC but you do not have student competitors and would like to assist, please complete the [SkillsUSA Volunteer Interest Form](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/61b44c5beb7a495787264dea3fc0a47c) and indicate your expertise and the area(s) in which you are interested in volunteering. If you have questions, contact Brandon Hudson. Thank you for your interest and support of SkillsUSA!

Robert Flint Leadership Development Scholarships Announced

The Robert Flint Foundation will provide four SkillsUSA state officers with awards of $1,300 each to support travel to the “Leverage” leadership training at the 2024 NLSC. This year’s winners include:

* Jayden Sandoval, Dauphin County Technical School, Pa.
* Rashell Tanner, Augusta Technical College, Ga.
* Corina Stewart, Savannah Technical College, Ga.
* Taylor Strange, Barren County Area Technology Center, Ky.

**Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship Winner Announced**

The Larry Rash Scholarship has awarded a $2,500 to support an active SkillsUSA member who plans to further their education in architectural drafting or a related field. A second award will be offered to the 2024 national high school gold medalist in Architectural Drafting at the SkillsUSA Championships. This first scholarship award was presented to:

Elliott McCoy, Missouri State University, Mo.

**Got Story-Worthy Champions?**

At the national conference, the staff of SkillsUSA Champions digital magazine will be on the lookout for story ideas and interview subjects. If you know of a SkillsUSA student, advisor, industry representative or alumnus who will be at national conference and whose story is motivating and inspirational, please email SkillsUSA’s director of marketing and communications Tom Kercheval. A member of the communications team will then reach out to set up a time during conference week to meet these individuals. You are also invited to stop by the Media Room in GWCC B-209 anytime on Monday, June 24, through Thursday, June 27, to share story ideas and contacts. The communications team looks forward to meeting your champions!