



Advisor Update

March 2010

2010 State Conference Information

The 2010 State Conference Information, including hotel registration information, is now available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/sc.html>. *This information WILL NOT be sent via the mail, you must get it from our web site!* Be sure to read all information before you submit your forms.



Excellent

National Congrats to One of Our Own!

Congratulations are in store for Linda Ward from Mecosta-Osceola Career Center. She has been chosen as a one of five finalists for the 2010 National Advisor of the Year! As the 2009 SkillsUSA Michigan Advisor of the Year, she was nominated for the 2010 National Advisor of the Year and will now be representing our region. The award will be announced at the 2010 National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, MO on June 23, 2010.



Great Job!

Lowe's Toolbox for Education

Thank you to Lowe's "Toolbox for Education" for supporting SkillsUSA! The Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation donated \$1,100 worth of Kobalt tools to 400 SkillsUSA Auto Service programs across the country. Congrats to LISD Tech Center in Adrian for receiving one of these donations!



NEW

2010 Official Voting Delegates Chart

The 2010 Official Voting Delegate Chart is now on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/sc.html>. The official voting delegates represent your school at the Annual Delegate Business Meeting on Saturday afternoon at the State Conference and vote on state issues and for the new state officers. Each school is allowed x number of official voting delegates based on your SkillsUSA membership as of January 16, 2010.

Excellent

State Conference Awards Ceremony LIVE Online!

This year, the State Conference Awards Ceremony will be broadcast LIVE on our web site on Sunday, April 18, 2010 from 8:00 am to approx. 12:00 pm. Thank you to Bruce Holladay for setting up and producing this for us! To watch the Awards Ceremony, please go to our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/live.html>. Please be sure to tell those at home to watch!



State Contest Information and Updates

State contest information will be posted as it become available. There are several important contest updates to state contests this year. Please see the web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/contests.html> for more information.

- Technical Drafting and Architectural Drafting - The technical committees for Technical Drafting and for Architectural Drafting will model the 2010 State Contests after the 2009 National Contests. This is an addendum to the Task List. For reference, go to the following website: <http://www.mvctc.com/skillsusa/2009Projects.pdf>. This website has all the 2009 National Contests in PDF format, but not the solutions to the problems. Use the Technical Drafting and the Architectural Drafting contests for preparation for this year's 2010 Michigan State Conference contests.
- TeamWorks – All four contestants on each TeamWorks team **MUST** be OSHA certified! This has been changed to mirror the 2010 National Technical Standards. The four contestants must have received instructions and have satisfactorily passed an examination on the safe use of portable electric power tools (including cordless) and all hand tools. All team members are required to have an OSHA Certification prior to competition. To take the OSHA Certification test, go to: www.careersafeonline.com/.
- Graphic Communications – The state contest will be held April 16-17, 2010 at Ferris State University in Big Rapids. All competitors, observers and advisors must still register for the state conference in order to compete. ***If a Graphic Communications competitor is not registered for the state conference, their entire school is subject to disqualification for all other contests at the state conference.***
- Team Banquet – The state contest will be held March 27, 2010 at The Art Institute of Michigan in Novi. ***If a Team Banquet team is not registered for the state conference by early registration on March 16, 2010, their entire school is subject to disqualification for all other contests at the state conference.***
- Welding Fabrication – The state contest will be held April 3, 2010 at Washtenaw Community College in Ypsilanti. ***If a Welding Fabrication team is not registered for the state conference by early registration on March 16, 2010, their entire school is subject to disqualification for all other contests at the state conference.***
- CPS Welding - The state contest will be held April 3, 2010 at Washtenaw Community College in Ypsilanti. ***If a CPS Welding competitor is not registered for the state conference by early registration on March 16, 2010, their entire school is subject to disqualification for all other contests at the state conference.***
- Diesel Equipment Technology – This contest will be held at Ferris State University. No bus will be provided, all competitors and their advisors will meet immediately after the Opening Session on Friday to arrange transportation.
- HS Culinary Arts, Commercial Baking and Food & Beverage Service – These contests will be held at Oakland Community College - Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Only competitors and event staff will be bused to the contest site.

- CPS Culinary Arts, Commercial Baking and Food & Beverage Service – Sorry for the delay on this. We will have a date and location for you the second week in March..
- Computer Maintenance and Electronics Technology - These contests will be held at ITT Technical Institute in Grand Rapids. Only competitors and event staff will be bused to the contest site.
- Entrepreneurship – Six copies of each participating team’s business plan are to be sent to the state office prior to the state conference and must be received by **March 25, 2010.**
- American Spirit – All books are to be sent to the state office prior to the state conference and must be received by **March 25, 2010.**
- Community Service – All books are to be sent to the state office prior to the state conference and must be received by **March 25, 2010.**
- Outstanding Chapter – All books are to be sent to the state office prior to the state conference and must be received by **March 25, 2010.**

Advisor State Conference Checksheet

A new Advisor State Conference Checksheet, developed by Steve Lick, the SkillsUSA state certified trainer, is now available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>. This checklist is a great tool with tips to help you keep on track and organized for the State Conference.

Alumni State Conference T-Shirt Sale

The SkillsUSA Michigan Alumni will be selling State Conference T-shirts again this year! These t-shirts are only available on a pre-sale basis for \$10 each. State Conference t-shirts will NOT be sold at the State Conference. You will receive your t-shirt order when you check-in on Friday. Pre-order form and payment must be received by **April 1, 2010**. The order form is part of the State Conference Registration Form and it is available at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/sc.html>.

Saturday Afternoon Activity at The Summit

New for 2010! There is going to be a State Conference Saturday Afternoon Activity! Open ice skating will be at The Summit (site of the Construction Contests) from 2:30 pm to 4:20 pm (times are subject to change). Cost is \$5 for Adults, \$4 for Students/Seniors/Children and \$2 for skate rental. Transportation will be provided from LCC-West Campus free of charge. The Summit also has video games and concessions available. ***Students must be supervised by an advisor!***

Saturday Evening Activity at Celebration! Cinema

The State Conference Saturday Evening Activity is a movie outing at Celebration! Cinema, near the Causeway Bay Hotel. All movie vouchers are \$7.50 per person and include transportation to and from your hotel and a movie of your choice. Movie vouchers must be pre-ordered by **April 1, 2010**. ***All movie vouchers must be pre-ordered, they will NOT be available at the State Conference.*** The Saturday Evening Activity Order Form is available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/sc.html>.



Chapter Industry Award Donations

Starting this year, SkillsUSA Michigan is striving to have at least one Industry Award for every medalist. To achieve this goal, we are asking each chapter to donate at least **ONE** Industry Award of any value. In order for your chapter to receive recognition for your donation at the State Conference, the State Conference Industry Awards Form must be filled out completely and sent in to the State Office by **April 1, 2010**.



This form is available at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>. Please bring all industry awards to the SkillsUSA Michigan Headquarters at the Causeway Bay Hotel by April 17, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

State Officer Candidate Application

Being a state officer is one of the highest honors a student can achieve in SkillsUSA Michigan. It can also be one of the most rewarding experiences for a student. If you have a student who wants to run for a state office, please have them complete and submit the State Officer Application by **March 5, 2010**. The State Officer Application is available on our web site at <http://www.miskillsusa.org/forms.html>.



2010 NLSC Due Dates

For those of you who will be attending the 2010 National Leadership and Skills Conference on June 21-26, 2010 in Kansas City, MO, I wanted to warn you that the turnaround time for registrations and payments is **very tight this year** due to airline restrictions. Please be prepared for these due dates!



- **April 23, 2010**
 - SkillsUSA Michigan Registration Form due to State Office
 - Online Conference Registration Due at www.skillsusa-register.org
 - Travel/Hotel Registration Form due to travel agent
 - Complete Hotel Rooming List and \$300 deposit per person due to travel agent
- **April 30, 2010**
 - Copy of all participants' medical card (front and back) due to State Office
 - National Registration Fee (\$115 per person) due to State Office
- **May 3, 2010** – Final Hotel Rooming List with legal names to travel agent
- **May 7, 2010** – Travel/Hotel final payment due to travel agent

SkillsUSA Michigan Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Where</u>
Apr 16-18, 2010	State Conference	Lansing
June 21-26, 2010	National Conference	Kansas City, MO





Engineering Alliance Announced

Today, March 1, SkillsUSA is announcing the Engineering Alliance in conjunction with Project Lead The Way (PLTW) and the Technology Student Association (TSA). Engineering Alliance has been created at the request of PLTW, its instructors and state departments of education. Engineering Alliance draws upon the expertise of TSA and SkillsUSA in leadership instruction and competitions to benefit PLTW instruction.

Simply stated, PLTW saw the value of our employability skills instruction and competitive events and wanted to add them into the PLTW curriculum for pre-engineering students and teachers.

Engineering Alliance (EA) does not include membership in TSA or SkillsUSA but it doesn't preclude it either. PLTW programs are encouraged to join either organization as members if they wish to take the competition and leadership experience beyond the local level. Engineering Alliance is an affiliation; it's not a membership program. It's similar to a classroom subscription. PLTW programs can sign up for online services including leadership activities and competitions designed specifically for their instructional programs. These services are delivered directly from the national level to the classrooms. Competitions are to be conducted at the classroom level only. They do not have district or state level components.

The news release announcing Engineering Alliance has been sent to the education news media today and is posted at <http://www.skillsusa.org/about/news.shtml>. The link to the Engineering Alliance Web site is live. Go to <http://www.EngineeringAlliance.org>. Thank you in advance for your support of Engineering Alliance. SkillsUSA hopes that this is one more step in its mission of lifting up students, teachers and CTE.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: New Day For Opening Ceremony and Official Start of the SkillsUSA Championships

Even though SkillsUSA returns to Kansas City June 20-25, 2010 for the 46th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), the first conference of this decade opens with a new schedule. For the first time ever, our Opening Ceremony and the official opening of the SkillsUSA Championships are being combined. All the excitement of both events will take place on Wednesday, June 23 at 7pm at Kemper Arena. The Champions Festival will be held on Tuesday evening in an exciting new venue. Delegations should still plan to arrive by Monday as the rest of the schedule for the week remains the same.

New Resource for Instructors

The newly revised Advisor's Success Kit (ASK) Tools for SkillsUSA Chapter Management is now available. With live links to SkillsUSA's many Web resources, links to a series of online e-learning tutorials, teacher-generated tips, interactive forms to facilitate chapter operations, and sample documents, you'll have what you need to guide your students as they learn to run their SkillsUSA chapter. The development of ASK was

sponsored, in part, Newell Rubbermaid. For more information go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/shop/ask.shtml>

See PDP as Never Before

All levels of the all-new version of PDP Online are now available. This includes, for the first time online, the SkillsUSA competencies. The SkillsUSA student competencies feature 20 SkillsUSA-related competencies, plus the guidelines for completing the American Degree.

PDP Online is an exciting way for your students to connect to their careers, communities and futures. With content that now matches the latest printed edition, it's a flexible way for students to build the career-enhancement skills they'll need to succeed. For more information and to see a demonstration, go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/educators/pdponline.shtml>

Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship

Through a donation from the Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Fund, SkillsUSA and the McMinn County (Tenn.) Vocational Center SkillsUSA Alumni Association are offering a \$500 scholarship to a SkillsUSA student in memory of Sharon Melton Myers. The Sharon Melton Myers Memorial SkillsUSA Scholarship fund will provide graduating SkillsUSA members the opportunity to continue their education in college or technical school.

Candidates can nominate themselves. All nominations must include two letters of recommendation from any of the following individuals: a) instructors; b) SkillsUSA advisors; c) State Association Director; d) Community leader. Nominations must be postmarked by **April 30, 2010**. For more information and to obtain an application, visit our Web site here: <http://www.skillsusa.org/students/scholarships.shtml>.

Alumni & Friends Scholarship

The SkillsUSA Alumni & Friends Association is offering two annual merit-based \$500 scholarships to qualifying students. The scholarships will recognize the qualities in SkillsUSA students for whom the SkillsUSA Alumni & Friends Association support, including leadership, commitment to community service, improving the image of career and technical education and improving the image of his/her chosen occupation. The deadline to apply is **May 15, 2010**. If you have questions, please contact Niki Clausen at or call 703-737-0639. For an application, go to: <http://www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumnischolar.shtml>

Young Worker Safety and Health Training

The Young Worker Safety Response Center (YWSRC) is funded by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to promote the safety of young workers. There are free resources and training offered by the center.

Youth @ Work: Talking Safety is a free, interactive, skills-based 3-5 hour training program for young people. Even if you already provide safety training using an OSHA or

industry-specific course, *Youth @ Work* can complement your training with additional fun, interactive activities to help build a foundation of health and safety skills. It provides basic information about recognizing and reducing or eliminating all types of workplace hazards, dealing with emergencies on the job and speaking up effectively about safety concerns. To see an online version for your state, go to

For more information and to learn about training-of-trainers workshops offered in your state, contact the Center's co-directors:

- Christine Miara, Education Development Center, Inc.
(617) 618-2238
- Diane Bush, Labor Occupational Health Program
(510) 643-2424

OSHA Safety Classes

Safety is always a concern for our student members and in our classrooms. Contact your local OSHA offices to help you promote safety and related issues. They can attend your upcoming conferences or visit classrooms to present workshops and informational sessions. If you would like more information or to set up a visit, contact Sandra Khan at OSHA: Khan.Sandra@dol.gov