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## Welcome to the SkillsUSA Virginia Update, Pre- NLSC

Please share this newsletter with your teachers, administrators, students, Business partners, parents, alumni and others.

### SkillsUSA Virginia Office, New Address

The SkillsUSA Virginia Office has been connected with New River Community College for more than eight years. It has been my pleasure to work with the team from NRCC for the past five years. A special thanks to Dr. Mark Rowh, Jeannie Southerland, Monica, Sheryl, Nancy Wade, Serena and the team at New River C.C. for their help, support and guidance, Thank you.

SkillsUSA Virginia new information, please send all mail to:

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Cell phone: 407-697-1360

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Website: [www.skillsusava.org](http://www.skillsusava.org)

### SkillsUSA NLSC:

#### Check-in at the Downtown Marriott & Meetings

Upon arriving at the Downtown Marriott, please proceed to the Traveltyme table to pick up your hotel room keys. If time allows, drop off your luggage, get a bit to eat and then join us for the 7 p.m. meeting.

**Monday June 19 at the Downtown Marriott at 7 p.m.** if should last an hour. Arrive early to pick up your schools packet, including our official conference name badge, purchase pins. Dress is casual. **This is a mandatory meeting for all register students, advisors and guest.** Please do not miss this meeting.

*If you are unable to make the meeting because of flight delay you must contact Deborah Tripp at 407-697-1360*

**Thursday June 22 at the Downtown Marriott from 5:30 -8:30 a.m.,** All you can eat breakfast buffet. Seat and have a great breakfast before you compete. Come dressed for success. Note: There are to go boxes if needed.

**Friday June 23 at the Friday Virginia Victory Party,** after the SkillsUSA National Awards Ceremonies, don't leave the building we are in a **New location KEC South Wing C - C204** dinner and celebration celebrate all will hand out certificates and recognize medal winners, See you there.

## SkillsUSA NLSC Program

The NLSC program has been posted on the SkillsUSA website at the following link:  
[www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/NLSC-Program-2017.pdf](http://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/NLSC-Program-2017.pdf)

## Download the SkillsUSA NLSC 2017 NLSC App.

Download the Conference App SkillsUSA is encouraging all attendees to download the official conference app that will be released this June. The app will include: participant tracks, conference navigation, shuttle schedule, messaging/alert features and search features. The app is a great way to determine your schedule of event for the week, desired exhibitors to visit and receive important alerts for changes or updates. It can be downloaded by searching "2017 SkillsUSA NLSC," and we will also provide the QR code in the official printed program and on signage throughout KEC.



## Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Jayson Waters from Stafford High School, he has earned a \$1,000 travel scholarship from Mike Rowe to attend the SkillsUSA NLSC 2017.

Congratulations to Kevin Griese from C.D. Hylton High School, he has earned a \$1,000 travel scholarship from VAAA to attend the SkillsUSA NLSC 2017.

## State Trading Pin 2017



- The SkillsUSA Virginia official state trading pin are for sale \$2 each
- Please pre-order your pins for the national conference
- Email Deb Tripp at [dtripp@nr.edu](mailto:dtripp@nr.edu) to place your order, limited supply
- Then mail your check or bring it with you to NLSC.

Please make checks payable to:

**SkillsUSA Virginia, 121 Maryanne Avenue, SW, Leesburg, VA 20175**

## NLSC Parking Fees Detailed for the Kentucky Exposition Center

There are parking fees associated with the Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC). For general attendees, the structure is as follows:

Gate admission price structure

- Cars: \$8 Daily admission — no in and out privileges  
 \$4 Daily upgrade admission (in addition to the \$8) with in and out privileges  
 \$40 Weekly Pass with in and out privileges

Available inside at the kiosk located in the South Wing A Lobby ticket office

Buses/trucks:

- \$20 Daily Access to restricted Lot E or K  
 \$60 Weekly access to restricted Lot E or K

Please reference the SkillsUSA KEC parking lot map for designated parking lots at: [www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skills-conference/registration-and-logistics/parking/](http://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skills-conference/registration-and-logistics/parking/).

Each state SkillsUSA association will receive two complimentary parking passes to use for the week of the conference. These passes must be placed in the front window on the dash and visible to gate attendants and KEC security. Towing will be enforced.



## Help Your Members Prepare

A new NLSC FAQ list has been posted to the SkillsUSA website with some good information and videos pertaining to the upcoming conference. We highly recommend you look at the following information and forward it to your registered students and teachers. Go to: [www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skillsconference/registration-and-logistics/faq/](http://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skillsconference/registration-and-logistics/faq/) and scroll to the bottom to "Other FAQs." Here is the PDF: [www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-SkillsUSA-NLSCFrequently-Asked-Questions\\_May-23.pdf](http://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-SkillsUSA-NLSCFrequently-Asked-Questions_May-23.pdf)

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## Community Service Projects to Close Out the Week

SkillsUSA is excited to partner with Lowe's, GE Appliances, Paradise Tomato and UPS for this year's community service projects on Friday, June 23. SkillsUSA members will have the opportunity to apply their skills in providing much-needed services to the greater Louisville community. The day will start with a registration at 7:30 a.m. in South Wing C Lobby of the Kentucky Exposition Center. The community service projects will require 450 volunteers. State association directors: Barring unforeseen circumstances, once you have registered your students for the community service projects, please make sure that they do show up. We have committed volunteers to each of these sites, and it is important to Lowe's, GE Appliances, Paradise Tomato and to the beneficiaries that we have adequate numbers there to help. The Louisville community is looking forward to working with us again this year.

## Join the Celebration of World Youth Skills Day

SkillsUSA is the official U.S. representative to WorldSkills International. On July 15, WorldSkills will again take a lead in celebrating and promoting World Youth Skills Day (recognized internationally by the United Nations). This is a great opportunity to promote skills to domestic and global audiences. This year, the theme will be #SkillsForAll. #SkillsForAll supports the view that skills should be universally accessible. Everyone should have the opportunity to discover and develop his or her talents.

Through skills, individuals, communities and countries are propelled towards a more prosperous future. Plan now to participate in the #SkillsForAll video contest. The winner will become the official vlogger at WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017. You are encouraged to share inspirational stories that demonstrate the opportunities skills can provide when they are matched with drive and determination. The videos should target 18- to-25-year-olds. More details are available on the World Youth Skills Day page at: [www.worldskills.org/what/promoting-skills/world-youth-skills-day/2017/](http://www.worldskills.org/what/promoting-skills/world-youth-skills-day/2017/)

## Give Back to Kentucky by Donating Blood during NLSC

There will be a blood drive as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Ky. The drive, sponsored by the Kentucky Blood Center, will be held Thursday, June 22, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the outdoor section of SkillsUSA TECHSPO.

To schedule an appointment ahead of time, call 800-775-2522. All donors will receive a T-shirt for donating. Donors 18 and older will be entered into a drawing for a brand-new SUV (the winner will be chosen at the end of the summer). Note: Donors must weigh no less than 110 pounds and must be at least 17 years of age. A state-licensed photo ID is required at the time of donation.

Your blood donation may be the only match for a patient's unique need. Please donate so that when your specific type is needed, it will be on the hospital shelf, ready to save a life. When you donate with Kentucky Blood Center, your blood stays in Kentucky for patients in local hospitals.



## Exciting MakerSpace Coming to National Conference

In celebration of this year's National Week of Making, GE Appliances and FirstBuild will host a MakerSpace at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in Louisville, Ky., June 19-23. This year's theme will focus on "How Do I Fit In" and will include interactive exhibits to show students how their skills and passion can translate into real-life careers.

The "MakerSpace," located in the East Hall of the Kentucky Exposition Center, will feature fun and exciting opportunities to get hands-on in several maker-inspired events. Stop by to see a glowing inferno during a live flame-working demonstration, keep your egg safe during a drop test from 3 feet or higher, add your very own custom-made gear to our giant gear wall, and more! Special thanks to GE Appliances and FirstBuild for sponsoring the MakerSpace.



## Conference Entertainment Updates

Conference Entertainment – logistics connected to Champions Night at Fourth Street Live! will now include a free tee shirt to all attendees thanks to the event sponsors, Carhartt, Mercedes Benz and U.S. Army. Attendees are encouraged to have a designated person or persons to return jackets, blazers and items that would need storage back to the assigned hotel so these items are already stored in a safe, secure place.

If that cannot be accomplished, we will have a coat check service located on the second level of the facility. Directional signs leading attendees to this area will be placed throughout the entry way. There is no charge to attend this 'after-party' from the opening ceremony, but, we are collecting donations at the entry to Champions Night which will be used for costs associated to the SkillsUSA Outdoor Leadership Park and Firepit at the National Leadership Center. The project was submitted by SkillsUSA Oklahoma during the 2017 winter state director officer meeting in Leesburg, Virginia.

## NLSC Kentucky/Southern Indiana bridge tolls

Tolls - At the start of 2017 Kentucky/Southern Indiana enacted mandatory bridge tolls – for traffic crossing into Louisville and the surrounding areas. Here's how it will work -

When passenger vehicles cross the Lincoln, Kennedy or East End bridges, they will have to pay \$2 to \$4 per trip, depending on whether they have a transponder.

For those who make 40 trips across the bridges, a 50-percent discount of \$1 per crossing for your first 40 crossings, plus any additional crossings within the same month, will be applied.

Cameras on toll gantries above the bridges will detect a driver's transponder or license plate and bill the vehicle accordingly.

For larger cars — two-axle vehicles over 7.5 feet tall — and trucks, crossing the bridge will cost anywhere from \$5 to \$12. There are two bridges that do not collect tolls. They are:

The 2nd Street bridge, as well the I64 Bridge (a.k.a, Sherman Minton Bridge). The I64 is closest to the Horseshoe Hotel.

Proposed tolls/rates <http://www.wdrb.com/story/31925315/riverlink-releases-suggested-toll-rates-for-vehicles>  
Information on toll bridges, payment options: <https://riverlink.com/>

If the driver elects to do nothing, the camera scanner tracks the driver through the license plate and an invoice is mailed to the registered vehicle owner. If someone is driving a rental car, the rental agency will charge upon return of the car; if the driver is using a school vehicle, the school will receive the bill. The links provide instruction on how to obtain a pass in advance.

With the bridge construction complete, the travel is much, much better. I was in town in early April and stayed in Indiana. My experiences each day, during rush hour, were just fine. There are no exemptions from paying tolls. To avoid paying a toll, the best bet is to ride the shuttle busses, or use the bridges that do not charge.



## New Round of SkillsUSA Lowe's Community Service Grant Applications

Lowe's continues a ninth year of generosity with another round of SkillsUSA grants in 2017. Grant information and the application are now available on the SkillsUSA website

at: <http://skillsusa.org/membership-resources/grants/lowes/>. The focus of the grant program is significant community improvement. Grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded. Multiple applications per school will be accepted, and priority for funding will be given to new SkillsUSA chapters.

The best proposed projects will:

- **provide a life-changing** experience for the SkillsUSA students involved and the beneficiaries of the grant dollars
- **demonstrate a well-articulated** planned partnership with engagement from local Lowe's store team(s)
- **show impact** — how many SkillsUSA students participated/how many members of the community will be affected?
- **show collaboration** with other organizations and show sustainability
- **show active** use of **social media** to promote and document the project
- **be improvement projects** that use Lowe's as a resource for employee knowledge and/or available products

For more information, please email Jim Kregiel at [jkregiel@skillsusa.org](mailto:jkregiel@skillsusa.org). The deadline for grant applications is **June 30** at 11:59 p.m. EDT. Late applications will not be accepted. Please review the grant guidelines to be sure that applications are properly completed and submitted. Winning projects will begin in the fall and must be completed no later than Dec. 1.

## NLSC Prep for Your Students:

### Get Ready for a Great Trip to the SkillsUSA National Conference

Ensure a great experience for your students by helping them prepare for SkillsUSA's National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Ky. Share the tips and best practices below so they can be well on their way to a great trip:



- ✚ Be sure you know your travel schedule and trip details. If in doubt, check with your advisor well before departure day
- ✚ If a SkillsUSA contestant or delegate, check to be sure you have the proper work uniform, SkillsUSA official attire for the opening and awards ceremonies, and all tools or equipment specified for your competition. If you need clothing or tools, acquire these items well ahead of time
- ✚ Rules and requirements are different for national events than for state events and can change year to year. Be sure you have the latest rules for your competition. Visit the website at [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org) for the latest SkillsUSA contest updates and conference information. If you would like a copy of the rules for any contest, purchase them online from [www.skillsusa.org/store/](http://www.skillsusa.org/store/)

#### Planning and Packing — Tips for Students:

- Take the time to think through what you will need on your trip, then pack accordingly
- Leave your itinerary with family
- Tag your luggage inside and out
- Bring a mobile phone
- Bring your mobile-phone charger
- Have your advisor's mobile phone number
- Carry your medical insurance card
- Bring a list of family phone numbers
- Leave expensive jewelry at home
- Bring an alarm clock
- If you take prescription medicine, bring a supply with you
- Bring some extra cash for emergencies
- Bring two pairs of comfortable shoes
- Write down your schedule for the week, including any meetings, contest times and state meetings
- No backpacks or large tote bags are allowed in the opening and awards ceremonies at Freedom Hall

#### Dress Code for Award Winners to Be Strictly Enforced:



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## NLSC Name Badge

The SkillsUSA NLSC name badge is very important again this year. Each conference participant's name badge will contain a bar code on the same side as the participant name. The badge will come with a larger badge holder. The badge design will allow tracking of participants when determining attendance to conference functions, contest meetings and competition events for security purposes. The badge holder, combined with the badge itself, is the official entry credential for SkillsUSA conference participants.



SkillsUSA will also offer the service of lead retrieval to our exhibitors. To ensure proper use of the new badge design, participants should not attach pins, stickers or other types of interference to the name badge or bar code during the conference. Name badges will continue to be distributed through the registration process.

## Health Sciences Instructors' Luncheon and Seminar

Please encourage your health occupation instructors to attend the Health Sciences Instructors' Luncheon and Seminar on Tuesday, June 20 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in **South Wing AB-B101** of the KEC. This luncheon is sponsored by the U.S. Army.

## Advisors Breakfast and Session

Please encourage your advisors to attend the Advisors Continental Breakfast **Wednesday, June 21 at 7:45 a.m.**, in the **South Wing A Lobby** of the KEC and the Advisors' Call to Action session. The meeting will begin at **8:30 a.m.** in **South Wing AB 101&102** of KEC. This is an opportunity to hear from Tim Lawrence and key sponsors about the important legislative and education issues for 2017. All advisors will receive an appreciation gift.

## Donate Items for Courtesy Corps/Alumni Auction

At each year's National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), the Auction Committee collects items and conducts an auction to raise money to help support the National Courtesy Corps and the national alumni organization. If you have a few unique items you'd like to donate, please bring them with you to the conference and drop them off at the Courtesy Corps headquarters in the North Hall of the Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC) or the alumni office in Room E-4 across from registration. If you prefer, you may send the items ahead of time. The mailing address is: David Worden, SkillsUSA, 14001 SkillsUSA Way, Leesburg, VA 20176. If you have questions, please call 703-737-0611 or email [dworden@skillsusa.org](mailto:dworden@skillsusa.org). We also invite you to come to the auction and bid on anything that suits your fancy, Friday, June 23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., in Room B105 of the KEC South Wing.

## Shoe Drive to Help Save Lives through Safe Water



Did you know that more than 685 million people lack access to clean and safe drinking water? SkillsUSA is partnering with internationally recognized nonprofit WaterStep to help save lives through safe water. WaterStep collects and sells gently-used shoes to fund water projects around the world.



Let's step up our global influence at the National Leadership and Skills Conference June 19-23 in Louisville and help eliminate unsafe drinking water. SkillsUSA encourages each student and advisor coming to Louisville to bring just one pair of shoes to conference to donate to this worthy cause. For more information about how donating your shoes can save lives with safe water, go to: [www.waterstep.org](http://www.waterstep.org). Watch this video to learn more about the WaterStep shoe program:

<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid2035075745001?bckey=AQ~~,AAAB2oUxGjE~,utVw2c5hsy-toSRZ-5n964-ATUly2fgD&bctid=4522271076001>



## Give some back to SkillsUSA Virginia

The next time you visit Amazon, start with [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Select **SkillsUSA Virginia** as your charity. Each purchase you can help us to grow our program. Please share this information with your school, community and family. Thank you for your support.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-6064988>



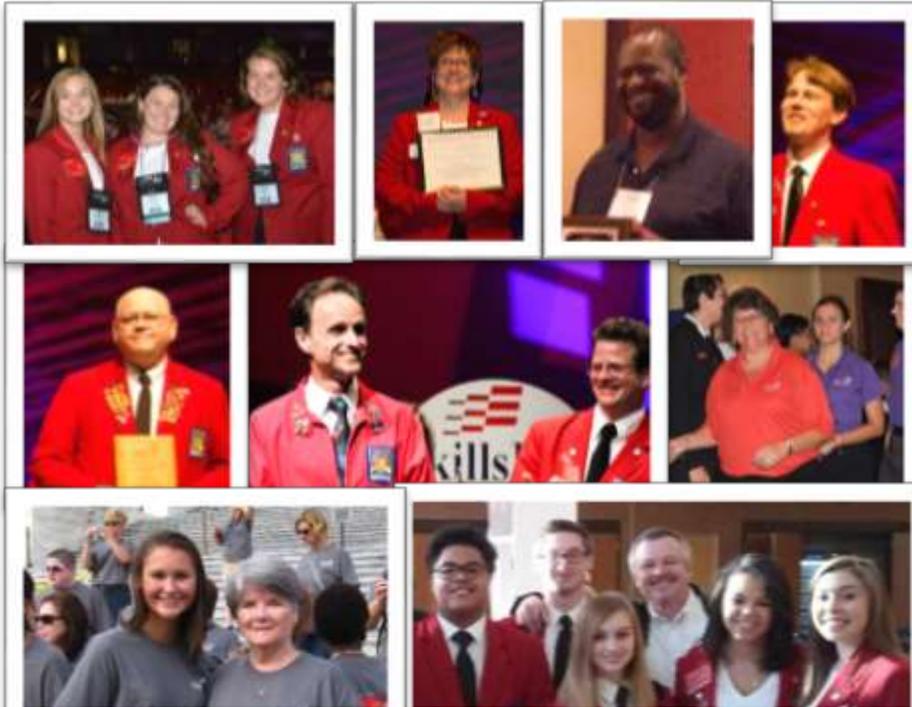
### Important Dates

June 19-24	National Leadership & Skills Conference, Louisville, Kentucky
July 26-28	VATIE in Norfolk, Va.

### Deadlines & Due Dates

July 1	VATIE Summer Conference deadline
July 17	SkillsUSA Advisor Training registration deadline





# JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>

## SkillsUSA Advisor Training



This workshop provides teachers with the tools they need to develop, manage and advise a SkillsUSA chapter in their school or classroom.

Participants explore the mission of SkillsUSA; learn to use the multitude of resources available and engage in hands-on activities. The training utilizes interactive sessions and provides answers to questions such as:

- How do I get students involved?
- What is the best way to organize our activities?
- What is new with PDP and CRC?
- What is CEP?
- What materials are available to help the advisor and students?

This is a must for beginning or seasoned advisors wanting to start your school year and better manage an existing school chapter.

**Registration:** Send an email to [dtripp@skillsusava.org](mailto:dtripp@skillsusava.org) Please include Your name, school, email and phone number. **Deadline July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Cost \$50 person.** Please mail checks to: **SkillsUSA Virginia,**

## SkillsUSA Virginia Advisor Training

### Learn how to:

- \* Integrate SkillsUSA into your classroom
- \* Facilitate students leadership training
- \* Manage your chapter \*
- \* Network with other advisors

Training Material  
Provided:  
SkillsUSA Leadership  
Handbook,  
Advisor Manual,  
Certificate of  
participation, and much  
more.

SkillsUSA Virginia  
Location: Norfolk Waterside  
Marriott

[www.SkillsUSAVA.org](http://www.SkillsUSAVA.org)

Registration 8:30 a.m.  
Event 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## Agenda SkillsUSA Advisor Training

Norfolk Waterside Marriot  
Tuesday July 25, 2017

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Ice Breaker

SkillsUSA, what is it and how does it work, benefits

Material and Resources:

- SkillsUSA Technical Standards (Contest rules)
- SkillsUSA Advisor Manual
- SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook
- Career Essential Foundation & Experiences  
(New CRC & PDP over view)
- Membership Kit
- Websites and more.

How to intergrate SkillsUSA into you classroom/lab

How do I get students involved?

12:00 p.m. Lunch

How to organize our SkillsUSA chapter's activities

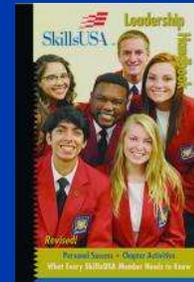
Getting your program recognized, using CEP

Conclusion

2 p.m. Adjournment

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