

# SkillsUSA Announcements 4-6-2018

**State Leadership and Skills Conference Attendees:** Remember to have your students take the SkillsUSA Professional Test online before April 19<sup>th</sup>! Go to the [SkillsUSA Washington website](#) under the [state conference tab](#). It is your responsibility to proctor this test for your students prior to April 19, 2018. There will be no onsite paper testing.

**SkillsUSA Training:** Contact [tlufkin@comast.net](mailto:tlufkin@comast.net) to sign up for training Friday, April 20 8:30-4:30 at the Yakima Convention Center. We have many newer advisors and this will be a great way to learn the ropes and get some excellent educational resources all for the cost of your conference registration!! This is a great way to support your frameworks with OSPI!



**Contest Updates:** Check the SkillsUSA Washington website / State Conference tab for contest updates. Here you can find information about tools, recipes, ect.

## Spring's Here! New Issue of *SkillsUSA Champions Magazine*

A Spring issue devoted to SkillsUSA champions mailed in hard copy to chapter advisors and professional members. Using their electronic devices, student members can access the issue in responsive digital format at this link:

[http://read.nxtbook.com/mercury/skillsusa/champions\\_spring\\_2018/index.html](http://read.nxtbook.com/mercury/skillsusa/champions_spring_2018/index.html)

The spring issue typically has a leadership theme, and this one covers SkillsUSA members taking charge to make a difference in several communities. The issue also focuses on how SkillsUSA not only changes lives, in the most difficult circumstances it can even save lives. It includes articles about members from Wisconsin, Washington state, Utah, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, California, Kentucky, Idaho, North Carolina, Missouri, Vermont and Georgia.

A lesson plan for the Spring issue can be downloaded from the home page at <https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Lesson-Plan-Spring-2018.pdf>, including guided-reading questions and activities to help students apply the articles to their SkillsUSA experience.

A new Summer issue, focused on SkillsUSA champions and innovation, will be released later this month.

## Searching for End-of-Program Assessments?

*SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Assessments* provides assessments for career and technical education that are supported by industry, education and policy leaders. SkillsUSA has engaged these leaders to ensure that employers recognize these assessments, help instructors validate their programs and provide career-seekers with proof of what they can do.

*SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Assessments* are 100-percent industry driven and defined. There are more than 40 technical, employability and customer service assessments that include ASE automotive and PrintED assessments.

Take a free, 10-question assessment demonstration at: [www.careeressentials.org/assessments/demo-our-assessments/](http://www.careeressentials.org/assessments/demo-our-assessments/)

For more information, visit: [www.careeressentials.org/assessments/](http://www.careeressentials.org/assessments/)

## Celebrate Your Seniors in Style with SkillsUSA Graduation Regalia

Don't forget that graduation season is only a few months away. Gift your graduate with SkillsUSA graduation regalia. SkillsUSA stoles, honor cords and tassels are available at the SkillsUSA Store for purchase. Visit [www.skillsusastore.org](http://www.skillsusastore.org) to view all of the ideas to celebrate SkillsUSA members.

Can't find what you are looking for? Call Kim Henderson at 703-674-5465 or email [khenderson@egroupengage.com](mailto:khenderson@egroupengage.com).

## Sign Up Today to 'Show Off Your Skills' During National Week of Service

This year's SkillsUSA National Week of Service will be sponsored by Stanley Black & Decker. The event will be held May 7-11, and SkillsUSA chapters will have an opportunity to be rewarded.

To qualify, SkillsUSA advisors must register as a participating chapter in the National Week of Service. The first 50 advisors who register their chapter plus 15 or more of their students who register will receive a Drill and Impact Driver Combo Kit from Stanley Black & Decker ([skillsusa-register.org/signup](http://skillsusa-register.org/signup)). All students participating in the chapter event must register individually to receive a free T-shirt ([skillsusa-register.org/signup](http://skillsusa-register.org/signup)).



Stanley Black & Decker is sponsoring a "Show Off Your Skills" challenge where chapters will have an opportunity to compete for a grand prize of \$10,000 and four finalist prizes of \$4,000 each. Additionally, the state association of the winning chapter will receive a grant for \$2,500 in appreciation for its efforts in encouraging chapters to participate.

To participate, chapters must produce a 60-second video for social media that highlights the community service they performed during the National Week of Service and the specific trade skills used. There are no limits to video creativity as long as chapters clearly identify how their skills were used in service to others. Contest entries will be accepted from May 7 (9 a.m. EDT) until May 11 (11 p.m. EDT). A SkillsUSA panel will select the five finalists. Those chapter videos will be posted on May 14 for a communitywide vote via social media to determine the grand-prize winner. The winner will be announced on May 18, with an awards presentation the following week at the winning school.

For more information, go to: [www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-week-of-service/](http://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-week-of-service/). Registration opens April 2. For questions, email Carol Lowery at [clowery@skillsusa.org](mailto:clowery@skillsusa.org).

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