

SkillsUSA Washington Announcements – May 7, 2018

State Leadership and Skills Conference Contest Scores available at:

<http://www.skillsusawashington.org/events/contest-updates/wslsc-rankings/>

You will need contestant number and date of birth to access.

Still time to give input regarding the State Leadership and Skills Conference 2018

Link for the advisor survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LRL6PJN>

Link for the student survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9YRVZ7Z>

Reminder – NLSC Registration deadline 5-11-2018 – Call 844-8754557 for assistance.

This year you need to enter flight information as well.

NLSC Professional Test - The professional test is a tie breaker for one more year and includes information from the leadership handbook and the Career Essentials Foundations Curriculum that is free with your professional membership. Attached is a study guide. The test is available online ONLY. The site will stay open until May 29th and your contestants can log in anytime to take the test. However, they can only log in once to take the test and will be locked out on any subsequent try. The test is 50 questions with a time limit of 30 minutes. There is no written test available, only this online link so please do not wait until the deadline. Please remember NEXT year this test will be incorporated into contest scores. It is your responsibility to proctor this test.

The link is <https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=va45abbe2712ff12>

Sign up for Remind.com for updates about important NLSC 2018 notifications. To sign up for NLSC 2018 notifications, please visit

<https://www.remind.com/join/msslufk>

Official 2018 NLSC T-Shirts are available for \$10.00 each, a savings of \$5.00 over the conference price. 25 shirt minimum per pre-order. Please contact tlufkin@comcast.net by May 16th with your order.

SkillsUSA local coverage – Woodland HS – Congratulations on being a Model of Excellence! Good luck at NLSC!

<http://katu.com/features/kids-doing-good/kids-doing-good-skills-to-pay-the-bills>

Congratulations! The following 3 students were chosen to be the first Skills to You! Scholarship recipients for NLSC from the SkillsUSA Board of Directors. Danika Peterson – Aberdeen HS, Joshua Joireman – Pullman HS and Halima Tufts – Vancouver School of Arts and Academics.

SkillsUSA Champions Magazine Summer Edition and Lesson Plan Are Ready



The latest *SkillsUSA Champions* magazine is full of articles that will inspire students and set the tone for an engaging summer!

The advisor's lesson plan to the magazine is online and ready for use in your classroom. The guide has two major parts: knowledge-based questions for guided reading, and activities to dig deep into the content of each article. Using the guide will further develop the skills of reading comprehension and critical thinking, as well as practice skills of the SkillsUSA Framework. The guided reading questions can be given to students prior to their assigned reading or browsing of the magazine.

Have students read the article as homework or during class individually, in small groups or aloud as an entire class. Then quickly discuss the article. Finally, use the discussion questions to help students apply the article to their own SkillsUSA

experience.

Activities are provided for practice and extended learning. Select several articles to cover in one class period, or focus on one article each day. The goal of this guide is to provide you the tools necessary to best educate your students in your classroom.

To download the full lesson plan, visit:

<https://www.skillsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Lesson-Plan-Summer-2018.pdf>

“Pitching Perfectly”

Locate the article quickly at this link:

http://read.nxtbook.com/mercury/skillsusa/champions_summer_2018/index.html#pitching_perfectly

Content Discussion Questions

1. What would you do with funding to pursue a passion?
2. How did Nathan Simpson start his career at an early age?
3. How do you connect with other people in school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?

In-Class Activity, 20 minutes (varies on number in class)

Personal Skills: Work Ethic, Do what it takes to get the job done

Materials needed: None

Choose one student to go first. Give these instructions:

1. Each of you will lead the class in an activity for 45 seconds.
2. The activity may be physical, creative or even informative.



Have the first student begin leading. After 45 seconds, bring students back together. Choose another student to be the next leader. Repeat until all students have had a chance to lead. Then facilitate a group discussion by asking questions including:

- How did you decide what activity to use?
- What skills do leaders exhibit?
- When do you demonstrate strong work ethic at home? In school? In SkillsUSA? In the workplace?

Extended Learning Activity

Workplace Skills: Communication, Use appropriate body language

Challenge each student to have a conversation with a stranger this week. These conversations may be with another student at school, a coffee barista or someone on the bus or a variety of other places. Have students report to the class about these conversations.

Leading Educator to Present During Engage Training

A nationally recognized speaker on educational initiatives and instructional programming, Dr. Sandra Clement, will spend a day with SkillsUSA's Engage training participants in June. Clement has served as a teacher, counselor, district and campus administrator at all grade levels for over 23 years. As principal of South Park Middle School and Moody High School in Corpus Christi, Texas, she has effectively led both of these high-poverty and high-at-risk schools out of low-performing "academically unacceptable" state designations.

Clement's message is one of equity. She believes all students must have access to career and technical education and that it is not an elective but rather a coherent pathway to ensuring career readiness for every student.

In 2016, Clement was the only educator named to the Chief Council of State School Officer's (CCSSO) National Advisory Committee, part of CCSSO's Career Readiness Initiative. This five-year New Skills for Youth initiative oversees a dedicated \$35 million dollars from JPMorgan Chase aimed at strengthening career-focused education. In 2015, her school was chosen as the top high school in the nation for STEM instructional programming and received the National Excellence in Action Award from the White House.

Engage will be held June 23-25 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky. To learn more about it and how you can register, visit: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skills-conference/training-opportunities/engage-advisor-training/

'Show Off Your Skills' During National Week of Service May 7-11

This year's SkillsUSA National Week of Service is 7-11, and Stanley Black & Decker is sponsoring a "Show Off Your Skills" challenge where chapters 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 participate.

To participate, chapters must produce a 60-second 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. These chapter videos will be posted May 14 for a communitywide vote via social media to determine the grand-prize winner. The winner will be announced 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/. For questions, email Carol Lowery at clowery@skillsusa.org.



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mikeroweWORKS Offers Travel Scholarships for Competitors



The mikeroweWORKS Foundation will again offer scholarships for SkillsUSA student members to attend the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Ky., June 25-29. This is the eighth consecutive year the mikeroweWORKS Foundation, in partnership with SkillsUSA, has offered travel scholarships for SkillsUSA members who compete and place first in their state championships and who otherwise would not be able to attend the national championships for financial reasons.

This year's scholarships will focus on high school and college/postsecondary students working primarily toward careers in manufacturing, construction, transportation, electronics and other program areas where a skills gap exists. The written application includes financial need and SkillsUSA involvement. Applicants must also provide a recommendation from a SkillsUSA member instructor or

state association director.

Applicants need to apply online at: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/the-mikeroweworks-foundation-competitor-scholarship/. Scholarship applications must be received by **May 15** (midnight EDT). Applications submitted after this time will not be considered. If you have questions, contact Marcia Strickland at mstrickland@skillsusa.org.