



SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter August 2022

Greetings from SkillsUSA Texas,

Hopefully you were able to you have a wonderful summer. Also hoping that you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new year! We are delighted that you will be part of our amazing community. We welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in CTE, and we look forward to working with you and your students throughout the year. All signs are pointing to an incredible and productive year. Fall Leaderships and District Competitions are already being planned and finalized for this upcoming school year. In addition, new schools and chapters are signing up to be part of our exciting organization.

Each year brings positive change and this includes a few additions to our staff. We have four new District Coordinators this year and they are in Districts 6, 8, 9, and 12. You can find contact information for each District Coordinator towards the bottom of this newsletter. Please welcome all of our District Coordinators back and I would like to thank each of them in advance for all of the hard work they put into making SkillsUSA-TX successful!

Be sure to check with your District Coordinator and your specific district's webpage for updates to Fall Leadership and District Competitions.

We are continuing to register for WLTI this fall which will be September 17-21 in Washington, DC. Additional details can be found below.

SkillsUSA-TX is thankful that we have such talented and dedicated teachers and we sincerely appreciate the commitment each of you put towards your students and ensuring they achieve their goals. Together, we will continue to improve our organization as a whole and strive to advance our mission for students.

Once again, THANK YOU and Welcome Back!

Jake Lopez, M.Ed
Executive Director, SkillsUSA Texas

SkillsUSA's New Brand Portal

The links to the old brand center have all been redirected to lead to the new portal, which can be found at: brand.skillsusa.org.

This portal provides links to a wide variety of brand-related resources, including our new Brand Assets and Brand Guide pages. The former is where you'll find national logos, association logos, video, audio, photos and more. You are free to use all of these assets as needed to promote your associations, local chapters, etc.

You'll also find a link to the new Brand Guide page through the portal. This features more condensed and easy-to-grasp guidelines on how to use our logo, the top editorial "best practices" when writing about the organization, font info and more.

Membership Invoices with National Office

Please be sure your membership invoices with the National Office are paid in full for 2021-2022 school year. **Any chapter within a school that has an unpaid invoice will prevent anyone at the school from joining in 2022-2023.** You can log into skillsusa-register.org and look at invoices under membership tab. If you need help please call the National office customer care at 844-875-4557.

Washington Leadership Training Institute

WLTl will be in Washington DC from September 17-21, 2022. Activities will include:

- Congressional visits
- Tours of Washington DC, including monuments
- Laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns

Texas \$500 scholarship applications are available [here](#). Robert L. Flint \$800 WLTl National scholarship application can be found [here](#) The deadline to submit either application is August 15th.

The conference hotel is the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Flight arrangements should be made into Reagan Airport. The full packet with all the details can be found [here](#)

We will be doing Texas Tours again this year - plan to arrive Thursday, September 15th. Gettysburg and Mount Vernon tours will be on Friday and Saturday. The opening session for the conference will be Saturday late afternoon, closing on Sept 21st at breakfast.

Registration is open at www.skillsusa-register.org until Aug 23rd.. As we get more details the information will be posted on our website: <https://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/washington-leadership-training-institute/>

To see a recap of the 2021 WLTl, please visit: https://youtu.be/CVySNJlc_r8

2022 District Fall Leadership Dates

We are planning now and securing dates and locations for each district to participate in fall leadership events. Check your district page on our website for information as it comes available. Budget for a \$30 registration fee, each district will have its own dates for registration opening, closing, and cancellation.

A typical conference will run from 8-3 with lunch provided, but each slate of district officers is helping with their own agendas. There will be advisor and student sessions.

Reminder you do not need to be a member to attend this conference, we are looking at weekday dates in October but some may happen the last week of Sept. or the first week of Nov. keep checking your district page for updates, please.

Career Safe 30-Hour OSHA Course Available to Purchase

This course provides an expanded foundational knowledge of construction safety and health standards often required for construction industry career roles involving a higher level of supervisory safety responsibility. Earn your OSHA 30-Hour card quickly and easily and be on your way to a safe and successful career.

<https://www.careersafeonline.com/courses> The 10-hour course is also available: [OSHA10](#)

Membership for 2022-2023 is Open!

Go into www.skillsusa-register.org and start adding yourself and your students to membership. You can find the digital version of the membership kit here:

<https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/membership-kit/>

We suggest at least one teacher from each campus pays now to have access to all the resources and then share them as a recruiting tool. Watch dates carefully to be sure you Join Now before Feb 1st or before you register for District Contest. Entering the information does not complete the membership process, once you click join now you will get an invoice for the annual membership dues.

You do not have to be a member to attend Fall Leadership but you will have to put the attendee's information into registration for this event.

Please take the time and carefully enter the information in membership as all registrations throughout the year are pull-down menus. If the data is incorrect the National office will need to make those changes. Be sure you are joining students only once in the correct chapter. If as an advisor you are running more than one program you should enter your information for all your chapters but only join once.

If you need help with any part of the process or chapter numbers you can call customer care at 877-845-8447 or email amy@skillsusatx.org

Planning for 2023 Has Started!

We are working on contracts for the district contests. We hope to have those dates published soon. Please be sure you join the newsletter for your district from our website to get updated information. You can also subscribe to our calendar from our website.

State conference details are coming together. We are working on hotels, tech chairs and contest standards.

District Coordinators Announced

D1: Jessica Rominsky, district1@skillsusatx.org

D2: Raymond Bannert, district2@skillsusatx.org

D3: Brandon Grace, district3@skillsusatx.org

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D11: Tamara Ford, district11@skillsusatx.org

D12: Rebecca Soto, district12@skillsusatx.org

D13: Minnie Rodgers, district13@skillsusatx.org

Your Teacher Advisor Committee representatives are also posted.

<https://skillsusatx.org/districts/> Please use these folks as your first stop for help in your district - they are here to assist you in leading your chapters and Texas to a successful year.

Texas Regulations

The latest version for 2021-2022 is posted on our [website](#). The updated version for

Next Townhall Meeting

Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 5:30PM Central

2022-2023 should be posted by Oct 1st. We are working on updates this summer. If you have ideas or suggestions please get involved!

[Click here](#) to register in advance for this zoom meeting. Recordings of these meetings will be posted on our website. Career Essentials overview

Career Essentials Overview

- The National office is hosting a call on August 18 at 3 p.m. ET for advisors to learn how to use the SkillsUSA Career Essentials courses to ensure their students are career-ready. Register to attend here: <https://forms.gle/yMPDnAk6wXQyHxed7>
- How Career Essentials courses define, implement and measure the development of Framework skills
- Selecting the course that is right for their students
- How instructors and learners access the course through SkillsUSA Absorb (new updates in 2022)
- Pricing options and how to order.

New Chapters/Charters/Members

We are ready to help if you have questions about starting a new program at your school, creating a new chapter or changing the advisor attached to an existing chapter. If you need assistance contact amy@skillsusatx.org or the Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557. Click [here](#) to join as a member. Visit our website for more details: <https://skillsusatx.org/membership/new-chapter/>

SkillsUSA Texas Board of Directors Updates

- Chairperson: Victor Ramirez from Region 1, [Victor's Email](#) Please reach out to him, he would love to hear from our membership!
- Co-Chair: Tom Spence, Treasurer: Richard Morales, Secretary: Ed Sanchez
- Welcome our New Industry Members: Crystal Smith, Associated Builders and Contractors, Ed Sanchez, Bracewell LLP and our new TEA representative is: Lacy Freeman
- There are 3 open board positions for regions 2 and 3. Click [here](#) for the application, deadline to apply is Aug 26th. Any 2021-2022 professional member can vote in the elections coming Aug 30-31. Voting directions will be emailed out on Aug 27th with the candidate's information.
- The next board meeting will be in September. Look for more details on our calendar.

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