



SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter July 2022

Greetings from SkillsUSA Texas,

Congratulations to all of our students who competed at NLSC in Atlanta last month. Texas won more medals than any other state. That goes to show the time and dedication that each of our advisers and students put in to their preparation.

Texas had a total of 205 students competing and won a total of 80 medals! 22 Bronze medals, 25 Silver medals, and 33 Gold medals plus 157 of our students placed in the Top 10. Once again- Congratulations to all of our advisers and students for a great showing at NLSC!

To find how your student placed, please see the links below and have the necessary information needed in order to access the data.

We will have our District Coordinators appointed by the end of this month. Please continue to check our website for this information. In addition, Fall Leadership is being planned and those dates and locations will also be posted on our website as we get confirmation.

Continue to enjoy the rest of your summer and be sure to stay cool and hydrated out there!!

Jake Lopez, M.Ed Executive Director, SkillsUSA Texas

National Leadership and Skills Conference

- Final scores are posted: https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/results/ You will need the contestant's number and birthday to search for results.
- There is a survey from the Texas state office for feedback on our trip to Atlanta: https://forms.gle/7Rp1EApiGKzjBuaP8

Texas Finalist Harbor Freight Tools for Schools

The 2022 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence will Recognize 20 Winners in October. Fifty public high school skilled trades teachers were named as finalists for Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence. A total of \$1.25 million in cash prizes will be awarded in October when the field is narrowed down to 20 winners. In 2022 for the first time, there were applicants from all 50 states, including a record 768 applications received.

Texas Finalist!!! Dallas Bergstrom, Manufacturing, <u>Miller Career and Technology Center</u> – Katy, TX Congratulations!

Washington Leadership Training Institute

WLTI 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
- Visit the National Leadership Center

Scholarship applications are available <u>here</u>. The deadline to submit an application is August 31st.

The conference hotel is the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Flight arrangements should be made into Reagan Airport.

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.

Registration dates, rates and deadlines will be posted soon. As we get more details the information will be posted on our website: https://www.skillsusa.org/events-training-institute/

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

2022 Fall Leadership

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. Reminder you do not need to be a member to attend this conference.

TIVA Summer Professional Development Conference

Omni Houston Galleria Sunday, July 24 – 30, 2022

Tentative Agenda: More sessions added daily! Reserve Online

Any Questions please email: Harry@tiva.org or call 512-478-0761 (TIVA office)

SkillsUSA Texas will have new teacher and chapter management sessions. We will also be meeting with districts and programs to discuss the coming year.

We hope to see you there!

Planning for 2023 Has Started!

Save the Date

2023 SkillsUSA Texas Leadership and Skills Conference

Thursday, March 30th - Saturday, April 1st, 2023 in Corpus Christi Texas

Updates coming in Fall - We can't wait to start the next competition season.

We had 205 students compete at Nationals this year and 157 of them placed <u>in</u> the top 10!

SkillsUSA

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.

Dates for state are confirmed. We are working on hotels, tech chairs and other details.

District Leadership Positions Announced Soon!

Your district representative will be announced by August 1st and you can find their contact information on your district page on our website. Your Teacher Advisor Committee representative will also be posted. Please use these folks as your first stop for help in your district - they are here to assist you in leading your chapters to success

Texas Regulations

The latest version for 2021-2022 is posted on our website. The updated version should be posted by Sept 1st.

We will be working on updates this summer. Programs will meet at TIVA in July to discuss. If you have ideas or suggestions please get involved!

Next Townhall Meeting

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

<u>Click here</u> to register in advance for this zoom meeting.

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

Board of Directors

Chairperson: Brenda Drawdy Stanford, drawdyb@ccisd.com

Please reach out to her, she would love to hear from our membership! The next board meeting is in July where new industry members will join and a new chairperson will be elected. Look for more details on our calendar.

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