



SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter October 2022

Greetings from SkillsUSA Texas,

October is when we start our Fall Leadership Conferences and a few have already been completed. I had the pleasure to meet some students and advisers while at the Fall Leadership Conferences for Districts 13, 11, and 9 last week and it was great to see so many upcoming student leaders from around the state. We still have quite a few more Fall Leaderships coming up and I will be at several including Districts 10, 3, 6, 1, 8, and 7. Feel free to come up and say Hi. I look forward to getting to meet more of our students and advisers in person throughout the rest of the month.

The Technical Standards have been posted through the Absorb website and can be downloaded with your paid membership and are part of your professional benefits. Additional information on the Technical Standards for 2022-23 can be found further in this newsletter.

In addition, updates to District and State Competitions are still being posted on our website. Be sure to check the calendar and your District pages for any information pertaining to dates and competition information. Current information is also listed towards the end of this newsletter.

November 15th is the deadline to submit your membership if you would like to receive incentives that come with early membership. More information can be found in this newsletter as well.

Recall that our Texas membership deadline is February 1st or prior to your district competition.

Once again, looking forward to being able to meet more of you in person throughout the month of October and until then, have a great day!

Jake Lopez, M.Ed
Executive Director, SkillsUSA Texas

SkillsUSA Career Essentials Instructor Revisions

A new version of [SkillsUSA Career Essentials](#) is now available on SkillsUSA Absorb.

Below are a few general highlights of the new course revisions:

Instructors can now purchase individual units from the high school and adult curricula.

Required project activities have been reduced; instructors have greater control over which and how many project activities students complete.

Instructors are no longer required to approve required project activities from their admin dashboard.

Instructors choose how students submit project activities. For example, students can now submit project activities by turning in physical documents, by email, uploading to a shared drive, etc.

To view how each course has been revised for greater flexibility and ease of use, click

Share Your Champions

The [SkillsUSA Champions](#) magazine staff is looking for potential feature stories. If you know of a SkillsUSA student, advisor, industry partner or graduate whose story would be motivating and inspirational, please submit the information [through our online form](#). We also welcome your chapter news and photos for a possible school Spotlight story.

National Apprenticeship Week in November

This year's National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) is Nov. 14-20. This national celebration established by the U.S. Department of Labor brings together business leaders, career seekers, labor, apprentices, educational institutions, and others to showcase the positive impact apprenticeship programs have on addressing the skills gap and preparing the American workforce for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Join the celebration by hosting an event -- such as apprenticeship graduation, business open house, high school career fair, skills competition, or industry roundtable -- or submit a proclamation supporting NAW and apprenticeship. [NAW information](#).

Membership Incentive Deadline

Deadline is November 15th for membership registration of at least 15 students and one professional member due. You will receive a free educational resource item: Member Handbook (value: \$6).

Upon request, the National office will gladly mail a [SkillsUSA Membership Kit](#) to help you involve staff or students. To request a kit, call 844-875-4557.

SkillsUSA's Updated Fact Resource Now Available

[SkillsUSA's Fact Resource](#) is updated for the new school year. It includes national membership statistics, survey results showing the benefits of SkillsUSA and CTE involvement; talking points for various audiences; quotes of support from various sources to use in your presentations and more.

District Contest Dates

- D1: Feb 2-9 various locations in El Paso.
- D2: Feb 17th at Howard College, Feb 25-26 at West Texas Training Center
- D3: Feb 16-18 at South Plains College Levelland
- D4: Feb 10-11 at Ben Barber HS, Feb 16-18 at Tarrant County Community College
- D5: Feb 2-4 at TSTC Waco. Plus offsite TBD
- D6: Feb 16-18 at TSTC Waco. Plus offsite TBD
- D7: Feb 4 at Clear Creek; Feb 10-11 at TX Carp, Lone Star; Feb 16-17 LIT Beaumont
- D8: Feb 17-18 at San Jacinto, Pasadena. Plus offsite TBD
- D9: Feb 24-25 at TSTC Fort Bend, Plus offsite TBD
- D10: Feb 9-11 at TSTC Hutto, Plus offsite TBD (Temple college and KISD)
- D11: Jan 27-Feb 18 various locations around the district
- D12: Feb 24-25 Del Mar College, Plus offsite TBD
- D13: Feb 17-18 at TSTC Harlingen, Plus offsite TBD

Schedules and updates are posted on the district calendar and webpage. Keep

checking back for more information as we get it confirmed. Remember if it is in red it is still tentative and not confirmed.

National Technical Standards Released

National standards are located in Absorb and you will gain access to them after joining/paying as a professional member. They are part of your professional benefits. They are posted for 2022-2023.

Check for updates here: <https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/>

- Video News Production (formerly Broadcast News)
- CNC contests have new names check carefully when registering
- Baking and Pasty Arts (formerly Commercial Baking)
- Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair - now skilled not under demo

Chapter Recruitment Meetings

•There is a Chapter Leader Planning Guide found here:

<https://skillsusa.egnyte.com/dl/w8va8Fjdpb>

•Part of SkillsUSA's Recruitment Week resources hub

<https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/recruitment-week/recruitment-chapter-leaders/>

•Learn how your chapter leaders can successfully lead a first chapter meeting while also planning a local recruitment week to engage new SkillsUSA members.

•You'll also find Advisor Resources to help coach chapter leaders around recruitment and engaging new members.

<https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/recruitment-week/recruitment-advisor-resources/>

Texas Regulations

The latest version for 2022-2023 is posted on our [website](#). Updates that we know are coming in RED. Please read it carefully and discard any previous versions. Check for updates regularly.

Next Townhall Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 5:30PM Central

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

Esthetics Theme Released

The 2023 Esthetics competition theme is "Fairy Tale".

Nail Art and 3D Nail Art, Texas-only contests, and the Commercial Baking Job Exhibits will also utilize this theme. Let us know if you have any questions.

Update to Official Clothing

The official SkillsUSA windbreaker, sweater and black Carhartt jacket are no longer available for purchase in the SkillsUSA Store. However, these clothing items are grandfathered in as previous official SkillsUSA clothing and can be worn in SkillsUSA competitions.

Note: Wearing socks or hose is no longer required. If worn, socks must be black dress socks and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/nonpattern.

District Officer and Advisor of the Year Applications

These are posted on your district webpage. Please make sure you are checking for deadlines and that your submissions are complete. Reach out to your district coordinator if you have any questions.

SkillsUSA Texas Board of Directors

Your Texas Board of Directors Chair is [Victor Ramirez](#). Please reach out to him, he would love to hear from our membership!

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