



## SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter February 2023



Greetings from SkillsUSA Texas,

February 2023 has been an extremely busy month as we already started our District Competitions across the state, per the pics above. Recall that each student participating in a competition must take the PD Test that will be given online this year. This is mandatory and part of the overall score for each contest. If your students do not receive their verification email with a link and code on the Monday prior to your testing date, be sure to contact your District Coordinator to get the information needed. Overall, those are working well but we always hit a bump here or there, but we always find a way to overcome it and improve upon it for all.

As you know, we may also run into weather related issues depending on where you're located in the state and the date of your competition. Should this happen when your contest is scheduled, we will notify you immediately about any changes to your schedule. We will try to keep the competition date the same with a late start if possible. All information and updates will be sent via your Signal App for your district. Your understanding and willing to work with us during these types of situations is greatly appreciated.

We will also have our annual Legislative Day next week in Austin. All information is posted

on our website with regards to times, locations, etc. Looking forward to seeing some of you there!

Finally, thank you for all the hard work I know each of you have put in working with your students to prepare them for these competitions. It takes time to ensure your students are well prepared and I can see the evidence of the many hours spent from what I've seen at the competitions I've been able to attend so far. Continue the great work and hope to see you at a district event soon. Until then, stay safe and have a great competition season!

Jake Lopez, M.Ed  
Executive Director, SkillsUSA Texas

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## SkillsUSA Texas State Conference Hotel Blocks Open

Click [HERE](#) for link to Passkey. Enter the total number of rooms you need and check in and out days. Check 3 ppl per room minimum to get the most accurate results to pull up. From the list you are offered select your choice and enter the names and information for the rooms and hold the reservation with a credit card. Do not book directly with the hotel, they will not honor the Skills pricing. Let us know if you need help.

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## District Registrations

All district registrations are closed and the deadline for joining as a member was Feb 1st. Good luck to our contestants, we can't wait to see your hard work pay off. Remember if you got a blue ribbon on your job exhibit you are bringing your project to state! Advisors, If you need help preparing for next year we are happy to get dates on your calendar now so you are ready!

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## Updates to National Level Contests

The competition updates posted provide members with the latest information about themes, clarifications, professional development test study guide, national competitor online submission/testing requirements and more. A competition update covers anything that is not listed in the official SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards and that a competitor and/or advisor needs to be aware of and bring and/or complete for the national competition. State-specific competition updates are not published on the national website.

Please check back often!

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

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## Delegate Voting

You will get a purple delegate wristband in your registration packet. Advisors can choose who is available to attend the delegate session and cast the votes for your chapter.

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## District Contest Results

Approximately 10 days after your awards ceremony for your contest the results will be posted on your district webpage. Keep your contestant numbers if you want to verify the scorecards on the national website approximately 21 days after the contest. Check the state contest schedule that is posted to see if you need to start your PO process for state registration and travel.

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## Take the Challenge! National Conference Pin and T-shirt Design

SkillsUSA is offering the 2023 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) Pin and T-shirt Design Challenge to all dues-paying student members. The winning designs will

become the official T-shirt and pin design for the 2023 NLSC. The challenge opens on Jan. 15, entries must be received by March 3 at 12 a.m. ET, and winners will be announced on March 10.

[Rules and submission links can be found on the SkillsUSA Website.](#)

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## State Registration

The registration page for state will open March 1st. [www.skillsusa-register.org](http://www.skillsusa-register.org)  
The contest schedule and agenda are posted. Updates coming regularly. It is almost time to have our Texas Champions in Corpus Christi!

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## Texas Regulations

The latest version for 2022-2023 is posted on our [website](#). Please read it carefully and discard any previous versions. Check for updates regularly.

## Next Townhall Meeting

Thursday, Mar 2, 2023 at 5:30PM Central

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

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## PD Testing for State

Look for updates on the date/time for when the online test will be offered for state contest. The format and process will be the same as it was for district.

## Graduation Cords

To order graduation cords for your students click [HERE](#)

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## 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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