

# SkillsUSA Texas 2022-2023 Town Hall Meeting

May 5, 2023

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# Welcome to 2022-2023 SkillsUSA

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- Board of Directors Announcements
- Road to Atlanta NLSC
- Summer Leadership Updates
- TIVA Save the Date
- WLTJ Save the Date



# Board of Directors Updates

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- ▶ Welcome New Board Members

**Nathan Van Ryn**  
Law Enforcement Teacher  
Cleburne High School

**Danna Farmer**  
Cosmetology Teacher  
Hamilton High School

- ▶ Welcome Crystal Latham Alford as new Executive Director

- ▶ Post Secondary information remains as separate contact information:

Email: [crystallatham@skillsusatxps.org](mailto:crystallatham@skillsusatxps.org) Website: <https://skillsusatxps.org/>

- ▶ Next Board Meeting information



# State Office Updates

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***We are hiring!***

**Regional Manager I** full time, remote

**Director of Championship** full time, remote

**Executive Administrative Assistant** full time, remote

**District Coordinator (13 openings, Deadline May 26th)** part time, remote

To submit your application please send:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Three references which include at least one letter of recommendation.

Email [crystal@skillsusatx.org](mailto:crystal@skillsusatx.org) with the job title you are applying for in the subject line. The job postings will close on May 19th for applications to be considered. Staff training will be scheduled during the Summer TIVA event.

- Detailed job descriptions can be found here:  
<https://skillsusatx.org/about/contact-information/>



# Wrap up State Conference

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- ▶ Missing plaques, medals, ribbons
- ▶ Grievances
- ▶ Past Due Invoices



# NLSC Registration

- **Registration OPENS: April 10, 2023, Registration CLOSES: May 8, 2023 at 7pm**  
*No exceptions will be made to this deadline. No Substitution or cancelations.*
- **Payment is due no later than May 12th** to SkillsUSA Texas P O Box 173847  
Arlington, TX 76003. *If you have any past due invoices your plans for NLSC may be compromised.*
- **\$390 per person (age 11 and over)** Registration includes admission to general sessions at State Farm Arena, access to the SkillsUSA Championships, SkillsUSA TECHSPO, SkillsUSA Academy of Excellence, SkillsUSA University, Champions Festival, the official conference pin, and a TX State t-shirt and pin. Hotel room is not included, this is just registration, see below for add on housing costs for all in price:

Room Choice	5 Nights Arrive Monday Depart Saturday Registration plus hotel room	Extra Hotel Nights: Rate is per night per room regardless how many you have in the room. You should only add extra night to one person in the room.
Single	\$1765.00*	\$275.00
Double	\$1078.00	\$275.00/2
Triple	\$850.00	\$275.00/3
Quad	\$735.00	\$275.00/4
*(\$275*5)+\$390=\$1765		



# NLSC Sessions

**3 sessions offered for additional Cost \$165/pp for Activate: Chapter Leaders, Leverage: State Officers, Engage: Advisors. Need to add hotel nights.**

**Scholarship Opportunities deadline May 5<sup>th</sup>: <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/rhas79l0f2mdde/>**

Saturday, June 17 8:30am registration

- 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Activate, Leverage and Engage

Sunday, June 18

- 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Activate, Leverage and Engage

Monday, June 19

- 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Activate, Leverage and Engage

**Advisors - Included in \$390 registration:** The NLSC Advisor Summit is designed exclusively for SkillsUSA advisors, CTE teachers or administrators. As an NLSC Advisors Summit participant, you'll have time to explore the conference on your own and participate in a variety of Academy of Excellence and SkillsUSA University educational sessions designed to meet your professional development needs.

**Child Session Pass — \$75 per person (age 10 and under)** Registration includes access to conference floor at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), Champions Festival, and admission to general sessions at State Farm Arena.

**Full Conference NLSC Pass — \$195 per person (age 11 and over)** Registration included admission to two general sessions at State Farm Arena, access to the SkillsUSA Championships, SkillsUSA TECHSPO, SkillsUSA Academy of Excellence, SkillsUSA University, Champions Festival. **NO** shuttle, Texas only gatherings, pins, shirts or hats. ***This option must be arranged with the state office.***



# NLSC Basic Agenda

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**Full schedule will be released on the NLSC app after June 1st**

## **Monday, June 19**

Before 7pm Check in at Sheraton

4-7pm Registration Pick Up at Sheraton (Ballroom TBD)

7-9pm Texas Delegation Conference Meeting Snacks provided

## **Tuesday, June 20**

10am-5pm SkillsUSA Championships at GWCC, check app for schedule

7-8:30pm Opening Session at State Farm Arena

## **Wednesday, June 21**

8a-5p SkillsUSA Championships at GWCC, check app for schedule

Free to explore Atlanta this evening

## **Thursday, June 22**

8a-5p SkillsUSA Championships at GWCC, check app for schedule

6-9:30pm SkillsUSA University Champions' Festival, Centennial Olympic Park

## **Friday, June 23**

9a-12p Community Service Project at GWCC

5-8:30p NLSC Awards Ceremony at State Farm Arena

9-10:30p Texas Celebration at Sheraton Snacks provided

## **Saturday, June 24**

Check out of Sheraton and Safe Travels Home!



# Free Sessions at NLSC w Badge

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- ▶ Academy of Excellence: Registration for these sessions is included in NLSC registration fee for advisors, teachers, administrators and counselors.
- ▶ SkillsUSA University offers all registered NLSC attendees a chance to learn directly from industry expert practitioners and gain field-specific skills which they can later incorporate into their classroom instruction.
- ▶ SkillsUSA TECHSPO offers all registered NLSC attendees an opportunity to engage directly with partners from industry and education on the exhibit hall/competition floor.
- Please note the Awards Session is available to view at no charge via live stream on your personal devices from the SkillsUSA website, and the viewing link will be posted the day of the event.
- *The Advisor Summit registration option is exclusive to advisors who are not chaperoning students to competition (and want to come just for Professional Development and the NLSC experience)*



# NLSC Contestant Reminders

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**Resumes:** All competitors must create a one-page resume and submit via online portal. No upload=10 point penalty. Testing information along with resume upload instructions will be sent to your students email address on file. Registration: USE EMAIL ADDRESS THAT CAN RECEIVE EMAILS AFTER JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> and a HOME ADDRESS not the school address.

**Professional Development Testing** via the SkillsUSA Online Testing Platform. Registered competitors will receive an email **after May 23rd** to the email address supplied in NLSC conference registration with their assigned username, password, and login URL. All Professional Development **Tests must be completed by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, June 9** to be scored. Action Skills, Building Maintenance, Community Action Project, Employment Application Process, and all middle school competitors are not required to complete the Professional Development test and will thus not be enrolled in a test.

## **Additional Online Testing**

Competitors from select contests will also have a technical assessment for their contest loaded into their online testing account. **Quiz Bowl, TeamWorks and Welding will have an online pre-conference assessment test and will receive test at the same time as the PD Test. Competitors in the Baking and Pastry Arts and Culinary Arts will complete an online third-party assessment(s) and will receive instructions via email.**

You must register in advance if you want to participate in Community Service event on Friday morning. Don't forgot to check that box in registration.



# NLSC Updates

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Contest updates are posted by the National office. You should be checking this regularly. Check out the National websites for the latest information:

<https://www.nlsc.skillsusa.org>

<https://skillsusanlsc.squarespace.com>

<https://www.nlsc.skillsusa.org/championships>

**MARTA train stations:** 3 block walk to the Sheraton, 1 block to GWCC. Use train for airport, daily it is not a practical option. **MARTA's fare system uses Breeze Cards.** Purchase cards at [www.BreezeCard.com](http://www.BreezeCard.com).

**DART Airport Hotel Shuttle:** Dart Airport Transfers to offer a discounted rate for airport to hotel shuttle. You will receive a discounted rate when you book online using promo code, "SKILLS23." Visit the custom booking portal by clicking [Pick Me Up Dart](#).

**Parking at GWCC:** Daily \$10 pre-purchase · \$15 day of Multi-day parking passes available: · 3, 5, 7 days parking pass available. **Pre-purchase parking at this link:** [bit.ly/GWCC-Parking](http://bit.ly/GWCC-Parking)

**Parking at Sheraton** is limited but we are getting more details, please reserve a car if you will need one.

**NLSC Shuttle:** There is a NLSC shuttle bus that runs from our hotel to the GWCC/State Farm but there are limited seats and times they are running. More information coming on the route and schedule.

**Registration bag:** Bling for opening/closing, Texas T Shirt and 9 trading pins, name badge. Times and location for Hat and Pin sales will be posted in Signal app.

**TX Swag for Sale** at registration meeting and other posted times: Cowboy Hats: \$20/each. Bag of 9 Trading Pins: \$20/bag. Texas T-Shirt: \$20 (limited quantities and sizes)



# Community Service NLSC

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**NLSC Community Service Sock Drive (this is in addition to the Fri am bike build)**

## **The Need**

**Atlanta is an incredible city known for mouth-watering fried chicken, exciting museums and of course, southern hospitality. At the 2023 NLSC, we have an opportunity to showcase that hospitality to those who need it most: Atlanta's homeless population.**

Socks are one of the most requested clothing items at homeless shelters. The reason for this is that socks are not often donated, and when they are, they are typically unable to be sanitized and used. NLSC attendees have an opportunity to provide a local Atlanta charity with a plethora of free, new socks to gift to people in need. The impact of this giving opportunity to showcase support for the homeless population in Atlanta will be immeasurable.

## **The Challenge**

**This is a SkillsUSA chapter vs. SkillsUSA chapter challenge! Throughout NLSC week, chapter members will have opportunities to drop packages of new socks into donation boxes stationed throughout the Georgia World Congress Center. Through a sock donation tracking system, we will follow the number of socks donated by the chapter. At the end of the week, all socks will be collected and donated to a local Atlanta charity. The chapter that donated the most socks will be recognized on stage at the Awards Session!**

## **Your Role**

We need your help in encouraging chapter members to get excited about giving back! If each NLSC attendee brings a new pack of socks we could potentially donate over 12,000 pairs! Promotional material and further details regarding the NLSC Community Service Sock Drive will be heading your way in the coming months. Let's work together to leave a positive and lasting impact in our host city...one sock at a time!



# NLSC Delegates-Includes National Officer Voting

***Our State Officer Secretary: Ger'kariah Shine is running for National office!***

## **The Delegate Program schedule:**

### **Tuesday, June 20**

- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . – Delegate Training
- 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Optional Parliamentary Procedure Training

### **Wednesday, June 21**

- 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Executive Council/High School Business Meeting
- 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – High School Meet the Candidates Session***

### **Thursday, June 22**

***10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – High School Meet the Candidates Session***

### **Friday, June 23**

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (estimated end time) – High School Business Meeting

**The High School Voting of National Officer Candidates will open immediately at the close of the Business Meeting for 90 minutes.**

## ***Please consider adding the delegate option to your students.***

- Delegates can also be contestants, but schedules should not conflict. We have 23 votes for the state and want to ensure that all of the ballots we have are cast. District officers are expected to attend, financed by the school district. State officers are mandatory - registration fees and hotel paid by SkillsUSA Texas.
- Before May 8<sup>th</sup> you can mark the delegate box in the student's registration for your designated voter. Once you arrive in Atlanta and find that the chosen delegate is not able to vote due to contest conflict or other circumstances you can notify Crystal as soon as you can to make the switch. This notification must happen 2 hours before the vote to make change official.



# NLSC Contacts/Info

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903-887-4013: State Office will be on site Crystal: Ext 1, Amy: Ext 3

Sheraton Atlanta Hotel: 165 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 phone: 404-659-6500

SkillsUSA NLSC App: released in June

NLSC Signal for Texas: [https://signal.group/#CjQKIH6V4c0sGr2-Y3ZZiJdpfWbCenPQsO\\_k5iQpwDx6Nrp8EhCPqHDZg7\\_5jBuXyjj-zO-m](https://signal.group/#CjQKIH6V4c0sGr2-Y3ZZiJdpfWbCenPQsO_k5iQpwDx6Nrp8EhCPqHDZg7_5jBuXyjj-zO-m)

Urgent Care 24/7 Centennial Park: 285 Centennial Olympic Park Drive NW  
Commercial Unit #2 Atlanta, GA 30313 (404) 721-0444

CVS 235 Peachtree St Atlanta, GA, 30303 (404) 892-8468



# Atlanta Venues

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- ▶ GWCC: free wi-fi, credit card only concessions. All contests are open for viewing with a badge/pass.
- ▶ State Farm Arena: free wifi, credit card only concessions. Bag policy in affect. May be lines to get through security.
- ▶ Sheraton Hotel: On-Site restaurant and vending store, wi fi free in room
- ▶ Airport: Ground transportation: rental cars, paid shuttle bus services; taxi, uber; and MARTA.
- ▶ MARTA: download app, Breeze Cards, Peachtree Station for Sheraton
- ▶ Maps of downtown/parking are available on our website=NLSC Packet
- ▶ Food trucks will accept Apple and Visa Pay. CNN Food Court and Hub at Peachtree accept cash at food vendors. Most options are CASHLESS, please have your students prepared.
- ▶ Make your plans now for Wednesday pm, you are on your own. There are discounts offered at venues if you plan in advance.



# Summer Leadership Registration

Who should attend: SkillsUSA Texas (9) District Officers and their Advisors.

**June 3-8<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Mo Ranch 2229 Fm 1340, Hunt, TX 78024**

Detailed updates will be sent in newsletter on May 15<sup>th</sup> and posted to website  
Registration includes: Training materials, conference shirts, 11 meals and refreshments and 4 nights lodging.

Advisors allowed single and double rooms. Add rooming options under state fees before you submit. State approval required for rooming before submit.

Registration	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Lodging 4 nights	760.00 Single	380.00 Double	254.00 Triple	190.00 Quad Bunk+
Total	\$1460.00	\$1080.00	\$954.00	\$900.00

State officers and national officer candidates are paid by SkillsUSA Texas. *District officers and advisors are paid by school funding per officer agreement.*

**Registration Opens April 10<sup>th</sup> and Closes May 5, 2023.**

There is no late registration. Payment Due by June 5, 2023.



# Summer Leadership State/National Officer Agenda

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Attendance and participation is mandatory for all State District officers and advisors. Cost of the summer conference registration, travel and hotel for the district officers attending is financed by the school district. If an officer does not attend they cannot remain a district officer for the term they were elected in Spring. District officers are responsible for all costs.

## **State Officers**

### ► Saturday June 3

4p-5p Check in

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30-10 pm State Officer Training

### ► Sunday June 4

7:00 am Breakfast

8a-12p State Officer Training

12-1pm Lunch

1pm - Help with Registration



# Summer Leadership Brief Agenda

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## ► Sunday June 4th

1:00 pm Registration

2:30 pm Advisor and Student Meetings

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30pm Advisor and Student Meetings

10:00pm Reflection Campfire

## ► Monday June 5th

7:45am Breakfast

8a-12p Advisor and Student Sessions

Noon Lunch

1p-6p Advisor and Student Sessions

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30pm Advisor and Student Meetings

10:00pm Reflection Campfire

## ► Tuesday June 6th

7:45am Breakfast

8a-12p Advisor and Student Sessions

Noon Lunch

## ► Tuesday June 6th

1p-6p Advisor and Student Sessions

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30pm Advisor and Student Meetings

10:00pm Reflection Campfire

## ► Wednesday June 7th

7:45am Breakfast

8a-12p Advisor and Student Sessions

Noon Lunch

1p-6p Advisor and Student Sessions

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30pm Installation, Statesman, Closing

10:00pm Reflection Campfire Celebration

## ► Thursday June 8th

7:45 am Breakfast, travel home



# TIVA Summer Conference - Advisors

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**Omni Hotel Fort Worth July 16-21, 2023**

**Registration is open now until July 3rd**

**<https://www.acteonline.org/tiva/conference/>**

TIVA's vision is to empowering Career and Technical Educators to develop innovative, relevant programs that embody excellence, instill lifelong learning, and promote economic and professional readiness for all students. TIVA Conferences are where we gather to share information and provide hands-on continuing education for all members. Serving the following Career Clusters:

Architecture & Construction

Arts, A/V Technology & Communications

Career Development

Culinary Arts

Government & Public Administration

Hospitality

Human Services (Cosmetology)

Information Technology

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

Manufacturing

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

Transportation, Distributions & Logistics



# WLTl Save the Date

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## **Sept. 23-27, 2023 – Texas Tours TBD**

**There will be a registration and hotel fee. Travel is on the school to arrange.**

State officers registration including hotel and meals financed by SkillsUSA Texas.

District officers are encouraged to attend, financed by the school district.

Scholarships may be available.

SkillsUSA offers advanced training for students and advisors that focuses on professionalism, communication and leadership skills. This training is held in Washington, D.C., and allows members the opportunity to share their SkillsUSA and career and technical experiences with elected officials.

### **Washington Leadership Training activities include:**

Congressional visits, Tours of Washington D.C., including monuments

Laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns and evening activities.

**Texas Tours are a few extra days that our State explores  
Gettysburg and Mount Vernon.**



# Communicating with SkillsUSA

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- Sign up for newsletters on district pages: <https://skillsusatx.org/districts/>
- Subscribe to the calendar to get reminders. <https://skillsusatx.org/calendar/>
- Help with membership: **SkillsUSA Customer Care at: 844-875-4557**
- District questions contact your district coordinator: **district#@skillsusatx.org**
- State contacts: Office: 903-887-4013  
[crystal@skillsusatx.org](mailto:crystal@skillsusatx.org) or ext 1 and [amy@skillsusatx.org](mailto:amy@skillsusatx.org) or ext 3
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn
- Alumni LinkedIn page as well
- Past content is posted on our News page: <https://skillsusatx.org/news/>



# What's Next?

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- **Save the date:**

Next Town Hall, Thurs June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm

**Check our calendar for upcoming deadlines!**

**We will take a break from Townhall Meetings**

**July and August. We will be back in Sept.**

**We hope you enjoy your summer break!**

