

SkillsUSA Texas 2023-2024 Town Hall Meeting

September 7 , 2023

Crystal Latham Alford, Executive Director

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Welcome to 2023-2024 SkillsUSA Texas

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Board of Directors Updates:

New Representation

Chair - Eduardo Sanchez (chair@skillsusatx.org)

All other new board seats can be found on the website

New Industry Members

Aaron Paul | Regional Vice President, **Advanced Technologies Consultants**

Gina Lopez-Montague | Field Recruiter, **Morton Buildings**

Teacher Advisor Committee

Chair - Joel Casiday (jcasiday@cocisd.org)

All other new committee seats can be found on the website

State Advisory Committee

Chair - Tommy Spence

Next Board Meeting
September 9, 2023,
Austin, TX

The agenda is posted here:
<https://skillsusatx.org/about/board-of-directors/>



State Office Staff Updates

- **New Regional Manager I - Eddy Parker**
 - District Director 6, 10, 11, 12, 13
- **New Regional Manager II - Darlene Mills**
 - District Director 5, 7, 8, 9
- **New Administration Assistant – Stephanie Evans**
 - Invoicing, New Chapters, New Schools, Scholarships, Assistant in the office of Executive Director
- **Director of Operations – Amy Baxmann**
 - District Director 1, 2, 3, 4
 - Past Due Invoices, Hotel arrangements, Bill Pay, Social Media, Website, Registration Opening and Closing
- **Executive Director – Crystal Latham-Alford**
 - All Payments, State Office Staff, Industry Relations, New Contest, State Officer Programming, Grievances, National Office, Professional Development, and all other state office business.



District Coordinators Announced

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| D1 | Amy Baxmann: district1@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Amy Baxmann 903-887-4013 ext.3 |
| D2 | Raymond Banert: district2@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Amy Baxmann 903-887-4013 ext.3 |
| D3 | Brandon Grace: district3@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Amy Baxmann 903-887-4013 ext.3 |
| D4 | Derick Simpson: district4@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Amy Baxmann 903-887-4013 ext.3 |
| D5 | Addie Downing: district5@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Darlene Mills 903-887-4013 ext. 4 |
| D6 | Shelia Hyde:district6@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Eddy Parker 903-887-4013 ext. 5 |
| D7 | Andi Pope: district7@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Darlene Mills 903-887-4013 ext. 4 |
| D8 | Darlene Mills: district8@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Darlene Mills 903-887-4013 ext. 4 |
| D9 | Teresa Reyna: district9@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Darlene Mills 903-887-4013 ext. 4 |
| D10 | Eddy Parker: district10@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Eddy Parker 903-887-4013 ext. 5 |
| D11 | Tamara Ford: district11@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Eddy Parker 903-887-4013 ext. 5 |
| D12 | Eddy Parker:district12@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Eddy Parker 903-887-4013 ext. 5 |
| D13 | Irma Bazan Castro - Paul Hernandez:district13@skillsusatx.org | District Director - Eddy Parker 903-887-4013 ext. 5 |

WLTl Updates

- Payment Due September 23, 2023 (3% fee for credit card transactions)
 - 6 night WLTl & TX Tours Sept 21-27 (Hotel, 13 meals Included)
 - 4 night WLTl Only Sept 23-27 (Hotel, 8 meals Included)

REQUIRED PRE-WORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR ALL ATTENDEES

The following pre-work assignments must be *submitted by Thursday, Sept. 21* through SkillsUSA Absorb (absorb.skillsusa.org). Participants will be uploaded into SkillsUSA Absorb on Thursday, Aug. 31. If participants have completed these modules before, they **MUST** be registered with the same email address to receive credit for previous activity.

- SKILLSUSA FRAMEWORK CERTIFICATION
- CTE KNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATION
- COMMUNICATING WITH AUTHENTICITY AND INTEGRITY IN INFORMAL SITUATIONS

WLTl Statesman Requirements

The SkillsUSA National Statesman requirements add up to 60 possible points. To receive this award, a member must receive a minimum of 40 points. Students, advisors, and state directors seeking to achieve this award, must complete the required pre-work assignments above to be eligible.

Award recipients will be honored during the WLTl Celebration Dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023.

PRE-WORK | INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW (Possible 20 pts)

Informational Interview Questionnaire Link found in the WLTl Guide page 12

PRE-WORK | SKILLSUSA KNOWLEDGE AND CIVIC AWARENESS TEST (Possible 20 points)

SkillsUSA Knowledge - Motto, Theme, Creed, SkillsUSA Colors, Program of Work, SkillsUSA Framework, Executive Director and role, Board of Director and role.

Civil Awareness and Carl D. Perkins Act - First Amendment rights, Branches of Federal Government, # of Senators and representatives and how they are selected, Name of Secretary of Edu. and role of the U.S. Dept. of Edu., Carl Perkins and Technical Education Act.

ON-SITE | INTERVIEW (Possible 20 points)

New Remit Address

Invoices that start with “**M**” are for annual membership dues and are payable to the National Office. This is the same as previous years:

SkillsUSA Inc.

Attn: Membership Dept.

14001 SkillsUSA Way

Leesburg, VA 20176-5494

Invoices that start with “**S**” are for registration fees for events from the State Office.

SkillsUSA Texas

P.O. Box 65087

Lubbock, TX 79464

Copies of the W9 can be found here:

<https://skillsusatx.org/about/payments-and-invoicing/>



2023-2024 Fee Recap

Membership: \$16 students, \$40 advisors for the year.

Non refundable, transferable.

Must be joined as a member before Feb 1st or district contest registration.

Fall Leadership: \$30 per person, do not need to be a member

District Contest: \$50 per person, see Texas Regs for eligibility

Legislative Day: \$40 per person, open to any members

State Contest: \$100 per person, qualified at district contest

Summer Leadership: varies, state and district officers (Fee Release Date November)

NLSC: varies, qualified at state and delegates (Fee Release Date February)

2023 Fall Leadership Save the Date

| District | Registration Opens | Registration Closes | Fall Leadership Event Date & Location |
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| D1 | September 22 | October 20 | October 27 - Western Tech - El Paso |
| D2 | September 12 | October 18 | October 25 - West Texas Training Center - San Angelo |
| D3 | September 8 | October 6 | October 13 - South Plains College - Levelland |
| D4 | September 7 | October 4 | October 10 - ESC Region 11 - White Settlement |
| D5 | September 11 | October 11 | October 18 - Collin College Wylie, TX |
| D6 | September 15 | October 18 | October 25 - Dallas College Cedar Valley - Lancaster |
| D7 | October 2 | November 1 | November 8 - Sam Houston - Huntsville |
| D8 | September 13 | October 12 | October 19 - Houston Community College - Houston |
| D9 | September 5 | October 3 | October 10 - James Reese Center - Sugarland |
| D10 | September 11 | October 11 | October 18 - Reunion Ranch - Georgetown |
| D11 | September 11 | October 13 | October 20 - La Vernia HS - La Vernia |
| D12 | September 1 | September 29 | October 6 - Harold T Branch Academy - Corpus Christi |
| D13 | September 8 | October 6 | October 13 - San Benito HS - San Benito |

2023 Fall Leadership Sessions

- There will be an advisor session at each district's fall leadership. Important updates on contests, district deadlines, membership, registration, chapters and costs will be covered. Please plan to attend and take the information back to your campus.
- Students will gain valuable insight into leadership goals, being an officer, understanding the program of work, framework and soft skills. Plus great teamwork activities.
- Lunch is provided, agendas are posted on your district page.
- Registration open and close dates and payment due dates are on the calendar.

Texas Regulations

- Texas Regulations are updated each Fall and the 2023-2024 version will be available online after Sept 15th at www.skillsusatx.org. Any changes/updates made throughout the year you will be notified through the SkillsUSA Texas monthly newsletter and the dates of the revisions are in the document.
- This document will describe in detail the rules for chapters to compete, the process for state officer selection and the contest standards for Texas only contests (those that do not advance to National level competition).
- This document along with the National Technical Standards and the SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook gives you a complete set of contests overviews and guidelines for the school year.
- National Technical Standards will be updated in early October in Absorb. You can access with your paid professional membership.



2023-2024 Theme

- The topic to be addressed by contestants in the 2024 SkillsUSA Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions is our theme, “SkillsUSA: No Limits.”.



Communicating with Your District

- We have set up the Signal App to utilize for each district. This group is for Advisors Only. Only advisors from that district will be approved to be added to the message group.
- You can download the app here: <https://www.signal.org/download/>
- On each district's page on our website you will see a download link to request to be added to that district's Signal group. <https://skillsusatx.org/districts/>
- Your district coordinator will be using this app in addition to emails from skillsusatx.org and the district webpage to get information out to your district.
- Sign up for newsletters: <https://skillsusatx.org/districts/>
- **Email your district coordinator: district#@skillsusatx.org**



Communicating with State Office

- Subscribe to the calendar to get reminders. <https://skillsusatx.org/calendar/>
- Help with membership: **SkillsUSA Customer Care at: 844-875-4557**
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, Alumni LinkedIn page as well
- Past content (newsletter, town hall) is posted on our News page: <https://skillsusatx.org/news/>
- State contacts: Office: **903-887-4013**
- crystal@skillsusatx.org or ext 1
- stephanie@skillsusatx.org or ext 2
- amy@skillsusatx.org or ext 3
- eddy@skillsusatx.org or ext 5
- darlene@skillsusatx.org or ext 4



What's Next?

- **Save the date:**

Next Town Hall, Thurs Oct 5th at 5:30pm

Fall Leadership Registration Opens soon.

Check our calendar for upcoming deadlines!

