



SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter October 2023

Greetings to SkillsUSA Texas,

Let your skills shine bright as October paints its vibrant canvas of opportunities! This month, embrace the spirit of excellence, dedication, and camaraderie. Your journey is a masterpiece; with each brushstroke, you are crafting a brighter future.

Remember, you are not just members but the architects of your success. Let's keep building bridges, breaking barriers, and making Texas proud!

The Fall Leaderships are going great, and I love seeing all the pictures and videos. So please keep them coming! Stay inspired, stay motivated, and let your skills lead the way.

Wishing you a successful October!

Best regards,

SkillsUSA Texas Strong!
Crystal Latham-Alford, Executive Director



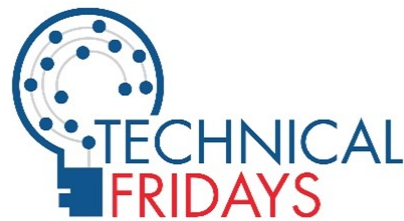
Seeking VICA or SkillsUSA Alumni!

Each district is seeking SkillsUSA success stories to share at District Fall Leadership events in October. If you can attend in person, participate in a phone interview or write us your story, we want our students to hear from you! For details, please email: darlene@skillsusatx.org

Spam Warning Regarding "SkillsUSA Lists of Attendees" Emails

Please be advised that SkillsUSA NEVER sells lists of attendees from our conferences.

SkillsUSA partners with Tractor Supply Co. and Carhartt to Support the Trades with an apparel collection to help advance skilled trades in the U.S. For every item sold, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to SkillsUSA!



Technical Fridays are virtual workshops led by industry experts to help teachers develop specific technical skills relevant in their career field of interest. Each month we focus on a different career cluster of CTE and a different, measurable micro-skill. There will be plenty of opportunities for networking, Q&A and comprehension checks so you can leave with a new skill and be ready to implement it within your classroom. You will also receive a PD certificate and participate in a raffle giveaway.

On 10/27 at 4 pm - 5 pm Eastern Time. Education and Training Career Cluster

District Fall Leadership Information

Please check your district webpage for detailed information. Save the Date!

- D1: October 27th at Western Tech College El Paso
- D2: October 25th at West Texas Training Center San Angelo
- D3: October 13th at South Plains College, Levelland
- D4: October 11th at Wiley G. Thomas Jr. Coliseum, Haltom City
- D5: October 18th at Collin College, Wylie
- D6: October 25th at Dallas College Cedar Valley Campus, Lancaster
- D7: November 8th at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville
- D8: October 19th at Houston Community College, NE Campus
- D9: October 10th, Stafford High School, Stafford
- D10: October 18th at Reunion Ranch, Georgetown
- D11: October 20th at La Vernia High School
- D12: October 6th at Harold T Branch Academy, Corpus Christi
- D13: October 13th at San Benito High School

"S" Invoice Remit Address

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After August 1st, 2023 all invoices

This will only apply to "S" invoices. A copy of the updated W9 can be found on our website.

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

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Texas Regulations

The regulations are now available on our website! [Texas Regulations](#)

Absorb

Any paid professional member has access to the National standards through this site. Call Customer care if you need help: 844-875-4557

Next Townhall Meeting

**Thursday, Nov 2, 2023,
at 5:30 PM Central
[Register Here](#)**

Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. All CTE advisors are invited to join this conversation with the state office. Recordings of these meetings will be posted: <https://skillsusatx.org/news/>

Member Registration is Open -- Join Early as a Professional

The SkillsUSA registration site is open for the 2023-24 school year! Advisors join early so you receive all mailings and emails. Joining and paying as a professional member is required for access to Absorb and the national technical standards. Professional members receive [many benefits](#) when they submit membership with a valid email address, including the SkillsUSA Framework Integration Toolkit, Program of Work Toolkit, SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards (available in October), Jump into Stem curriculum, E-Courses and professional development opportunities.

Student membership is \$16/pp, advisors are \$40/pp for the year.

You can add your students now and wait to join/pay until January if you choose. Advisors can join/pay now for added benefits. You and your students are not officially joined until you click JOIN NOW, you can select which individuals you want to join at any one time and can submit more than one invoice. When you join now you will receive an invoice that starts with "M" that is payable to the national office. Contact Customer Care for assistance with your log in at 844-875-4557.

SkillsUSA's State Standards of Excellence Program ensures state Associations have policies, procedures, and structures that deliver a high level of membership service. Congratulations, Texas, for completing the gold-level requirements and providing continual growth in our state!

2023 NLSC Sets Records

The National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) in Atlanta was a spectacular event for our students, teachers and partners. It was also the most highly attended NLSC in SkillsUSA history, with more than 16,000 attendees. Check out SkillsUSA Champions magazine for our [NLSC highlights story](#) and the [2023 NLSC recap video](#). The archived Opening Session, Recognition and Awards Session videos are [available to view](#) on the SkillsUSA website. Assets from our [daily photo and video coverage](#) are also available. (Please credit SkillsUSA if you use them.) Backstage medalist photos of the SkillsUSA Championships winners [are now posted](#).

Apply Now for ACTE Teacher and Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), in partnership with SkillsUSA, is seeking nominations for the National Trade and Industrial Education Division Awards to be presented during the ACTE CareerTech VISION conference, Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in Phoenix, Ariz. The deadline for nominations is Nov. 1. (Please note the Trade and Industrial VISION Awards are separate from the ACTE Excellence Awards.) Qualified individuals may be nominated for Teacher of the Year, New Teacher of the Year or Lifetime Achievement, and you may nominate yourself. (If you nominate someone else, be sure to notify the nominee.) [Submit nominations online](#). For additional conference information, visit [ACTE CareerTech VISION](#).



SKILLS JAM | SkillsUSA

PLAY BINGO FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN \$10,000 FOR YOUR CHAPTER

To celebrate the upcoming release of **SKILLS JAM**, the all-new heart-pounding, episodic docuseries, the **SKILLS JAM Crew** has developed a special competition for our **SkillsUSA** chapters.

One chapter per state/territory will be selected for a chance to win up to \$10,000 by completing the bingo challenges!

If your chapter would like to participate, reply to this email by 9/19 to be considered.

Chapters will be selected by 9/22 and details will follow.
Contest starts 10/2 and ends 11/20.

SKILLS JAM BINGO

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		JAM ASSASSIN	

Please remember to submit the name of the chapter you'd like to represent your state association in the upcoming Skills Jam BINGO competition. The contest begins officially on 10/2 and ends on 11/29. Please submit your chapter's name to Sylvia Phillips at sphillips@skillsusa.org.

SkillsUSA Texas Board of Directors

Your Texas Board of Directors Chair is [Ed Sanchez](#). Please reach out to him. He would love to hear from our membership!

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