



## SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter November 2023

### Greetings to SkillsUSA Texas,

Welcome to the November edition of the SkillsUSA Texas newsletter! As the leaves change and the air grows cooler, we're reminded of the many things we are to be thankful for in our community. This month, we celebrate not only the skills and achievements of our members but also the spirit of gratitude that Thanksgiving brings. Let's take this opportunity to appreciate the hard work, dedication, and camaraderie that define our SkillsUSA Texas family. Happy Thanksgiving, and let's make this November a month to remember for its learning, growth, and shared successes!

Best regards,  
SkillsUSA Texas Strong!  
Crystal Latham-Alford, Executive Director



### VIDEO MESSAGE COMING FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOVEMBER 29

Vital Update Coming November 29 via State Newsletter and December Town Hall! We will discuss the new state hotel housing policy and the organization's vision. It will be a great opportunity to be in the know of our next steps and also give your feedback at the December Town Hall.

### Spam Warning Regarding "SkillsUSA Lists of Attendees" Emails

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



**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 11/17 at 4 pm - 5 pm Eastern Time. Arts, AV Technology and Communication

## Member Registration is Open -- Join Early as a Professional

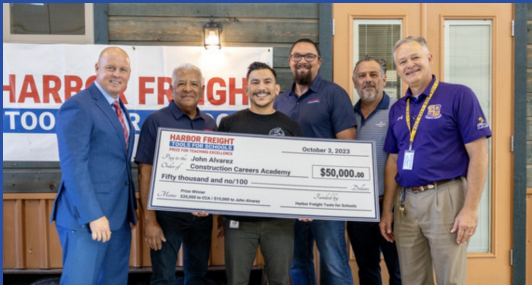
The SkillsUSA registration site is open for the 2023-24 school year! Advisors join early so you receive all mailings and emails. Joining and paying as a professional member is required for access to Aborb and the national technical standards. Professional members receive many benefits when they submit 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.

## Texas Harbor Freight Winners

Prize winners of \$50,000 each (\$35,000 for their school's skilled trades program and \$15,000 for the teacher):



John Alvarez  
Plumbing  
Construction Careers  
Academy



Katy ISD Teacher Receives \$50,000 Harbor  
Freight prize

Dallas Bergstrom  
Manufacturing  
Arthur Miller Career &  
Technology Center

## 2023-2024 Themes

- Chapter Display, Prepared Speech, and Promotional Bulletin Board Theme: No Limits
- Barbering creative/freestyle design Theme: Ocean/Marine
- Esthetics fantasy theme: Doll Face

- Theme for Commercial Baking Job Exhibits Nail Art Exhibit/Contest will be Superheroes NOT the Esthetics “Doll Face” Theme.

We are pleased to inform you that the **Advisor of the Year application** is **now available** on the district webpage. Please be advised that the deadline for submission is the final day of district competition registration. We urge all interested parties to review the application carefully and submit it in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any assistance or have any questions.

## A Journey of Growth and Leadership: Emily Zapata’s Experience

By: Jana Kawasmi, SkillsUSA Texas State President



SkillsUSA, an organization dedicated to preparing students for careers in various fields, has produced numerous success stories. This alumni stands out as a shining example of the organization's impact. Emily Zapata is a current college student who served as the Texas District 6 President in 2021-2022 and the Chapter 3 Vice President at her school, Townview Law Magnet, in 2022-2023. Not only was she an involved member who competed in various competitions, held leadership positions, and trained future SkillsUSA leaders, but she also volunteered as a mentor and public speaker at this year’s District 6 Fall Leadership.

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### District Contest Dates

- D1: Feb 1-7, 2024 El Paso
- D2: Feb 22-23, 2024 Odessa College, TBD
- D3: February 15 – 17, South Plains College, Levelland, TX
- D4: TCC campuses Feb 16-17th; [Offsite contests](#) - Feb 9-10th
- D5: Feb. 15-17, 2024, [offsite contests](#) - TBD
- D6: Feb 22-24, 2024 at TSTC Waco; [offsite contest](#) - Feb 15-16: TBD
- D7: Feb 8-10, 2024- LIT and Lamar Port Arthur; [offsite contests](#): various locations Feb 1-10
- D8: Feb 9-10, 2024- HCC and San Jacinto: [offsite contests](#): various locations Feb 1-10
- D9: Feb 15-17, 2024- Stafford High School; [offsite contests](#): various locations Feb 1-10
- D10: Jan 27th in Temple and Killeen and Feb 1-3, 2024 at TSTC Hutto
- D11: Jan 24-Feb 3, 2024 Various Locations

# Job Exhibit Updates 2023-2024

- *New Pricing Schedule:*
  - District Contest: \$50 fee w/student contestant  
\$25 notebook only w/out student contestant attending
  - State Pricing:  
\$50 w/out student but not eligible for BEST OF SHOW  
\$100 is eligible for all extras. Best of Show, conference t-shirt, etc
- *New Rules:*
  - 1-inch clear cover for front pg. 3-ring binder or bradded. Upload a photo to GDrive on the website link with a picture of the student and the project with the School name in the image to be posted in a reel at Closing at District Competitions. Picture specs will be included.

## TEXAS REGULATIONS AND MORE



## NATIONAL TECHNICAL STANDARDS

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, Dec 7, 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/>

### "S" Invoice Remit Address

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/>

**SkillsUSA Texas**  
**P.O. Box 65087**  
**Lubbock, TX 79464**

Invoices that start with "M" are for

### Past Due Invoices

After August 1st, 2023 all invoices that are past due will incur a \$50 past due fee per invoice on a monthly basis until payment is received. A PO is not payment for our purposes, only check or credit card will be posted as payment. Invoice reminders are sent to the email of person that created the invoice in registration.

If your records indicate an invoice has been paid, please verify if the

annual membership dues and are payable to the National Office. The remittance address remains:

**SkillsUSA Inc.**  
**Attn: Membership Dept.**  
**14001 SkillsUSA Way**  
**Leesburg, VA 20176-5494**

check has been cashed. If you do not show the check was cashed, please verify the payment address and resubmit. If payment was sent to any Mabank, TX or Leesburg, VA address we have not received the payment. For credit card transactions please add a 3% fee.

### 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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