



SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter October Edition

Greetings to SkillsUSA Texas,

As we enter November, the excitement is building for our upcoming district contests and the many events that lie ahead. Our teams are hard at work finalizing contest details, securing venues, and preparing resources to ensure an outstanding experience for all participants. With registration just around the corner, I encourage everyone to stay engaged, prepare, and reach out to your district coordinators if you have any questions.

Thank you for your dedication to SkillsUSA Texas. Let's continue to empower our students and build a strong future together!

SkillsUSA Texas Strong!
Crystal Latham-Alford, Executive Director

Important Updates

Competition Webinar Resources

*Crime Scene Investigation
November 7 @3pm
[Register](#)

*Criminal Justice
November 7 @4pm
[Register](#)

*Emergency Medical Technician
November 6 @3pm
[Register](#)

*Firefighting
November 6 @4pm
[Register](#)



Celebrate National Apprenticeship Week

November 17 - 23, 2024

Host an Event

Apprenticeship graduations
Business open houses
High school career fairs
Industry roundtables

District Competition Registration Opens November 15, 2024

[Registration Site](#)



Membership

\$16 students

\$40 advisors

Non-refundable, transferable.

*Must be a member before February 15th
or district registration*

*If you complete your membership by **Nov. 15**, with at least 15 student members, you will receive a Free SkillsUSA resource. **New this year**, if you join with an additional **25** members over your membership numbers last year, you will receive a podium banner. If you register **50** more members than last year, you will receive 2 podium banners.*

Student Spotlight: Pragathi Prakash District 6 Vice President

Pragathi started her SkillsUSA journey in middle school, where she attended the School for the Highly Gifted. There, her former advisor, Carlos Yoder, strongly suggested to participate in SkillsUSA. Although nervous, she decided to take a leap of faith and join the CTSO. From that decision, she had multiple opportunities open, including holding a chapter officer position and competing at the National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Aside from leadership, Pragathi studies Engineering Technology. In her program of study, she learns technical drafting, robotics, and land surveying. She will then gain her certification in 3D Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and participate in internships with local companies. All these opportunities help students like Pragathi choose which engineering field they want to go into, gain hands-on experience in those fields, and build the essential soft skills needed for their future. Pragathi claims, "For me, this pathway has not only prepared me but also inspired my decision to major in Biomedical Engineering after I graduate."

Outside of school, Pragathi enjoys arts and crafts such as making elaborate birthday cards and handmade gifts for friends. "After a long day, crafting and making art is what I always return to for a bit of joy and inspiration" she



states. She also dabbles in knitting, crocheting, painting, and drawing.

Pragathi states, "I continue to learn something new at every conference and from every person I meet. I will always be grateful for that first step into SkillsUSA, which has shaped my journey in ways I never could have imagined".



Missed the October Town Hall?

No worries! Click the video below to catch up on the latest district updates and upcoming contest changes. Stay informed and prepared for what's ahead!

ADVISOR CORNER



Vision Conference
December 4-7, 2024
San Antonio, TX

[Learn More](#)



2025 Summer Conference
July 13-18, 2025
Corpus Christi, Texas

[Learn More](#)



Winter Conference
February 10-12, 2025
San Antonio, TX

[Learn More](#)

Next Townhall Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2024,
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/>

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