



*“Preparing for
Leadership in the
World of Work.”*

Inside this issue:

New State Director 1

- Meet Tony Scheerz, the new state SkillsUSA director.

Lifetime Member Named 1

- Joshua Boschee selected as Honorary Lifetime Member.

Community Service Project 2

- Raising money for the Brain Tumor Association with the help of the United Way.

Secondary Report 2

- State Officers keep busy with training and conferences.

Introduction of Officers 3

- Meet the State Officer team.

Post-Secondary Report 3

- Recruiting college and alumni members.

Sponsor Thank You 3

- ND SkillsUSA thanks Butler Machinery Co.

SkillsUSA Alumni

Tony Scheerz is the New State Director

Our new State SkillUSA Director is Tony Scheerz. Tony grew up in Dickinson and graduated from high school in Reeder in 1977. He received a degree in Business Management from NDSCS in 1982 and lived in Wahpeton for another eighteen years. A majority of his experience is in construction.

In 1995 Tony began working with Construction Trade Associations. He has worked for the North Dakota Association of Home Builders, as well as Associated General Contractors of

North Dakota. In 1999, he moved to Wyoming and was the Training and Education Director with the Wyoming Contractor Association.

Tony returned to North Dakota in August 2004, to take a position with the Department of Career and Technical Education, also assuming the role of State SkillsUSA Director. He has been involved with SkillsUSA for the past nine years.

Tony attended the SkillsUSA National Championships in Kansas City in June. He was

impressed to see an empty exhibit hall the size of eleven football fields become a bustling competition hall. He thinks that every person that has an opportunity to go to Nationals and compete or just observe should try to do so.



Joshua Boschee Named Honorary Lifetime Member

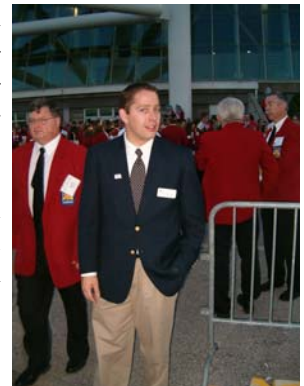
By: Tony Scheerz

North Dakota SkillsUSA state officers have voted to name Joshua Boschee an honorary lifetime member of the North Dakota SkillsUSA Alumni Association. Joshua will receive his honorary membership during the opening session of the 2005 North Dakota SkillsUSA Championships.

Joshua is a graduate of Parshall High School and attended college at North Dakota State College of Science. While at NDSCS, Joshua majored in Automotive Technology. He was also very involved in the Skills-USA chapter and competed in both state and national championships, earning a Gold Medal in each competition.

After competing at the National SkillsUSA Championships, Joshua was offered the opportunity to compete in the WorldSkills Championships in Seoul, South Korea. He represented the United States and North Dakota very well by placing second in the world in Automotive Technology. North Dakota SkillsUSA is proud of the professional manner in which Joshua represented our state and our SkillsUSA chapter. He is the first American to win a Silver Medal in Automotive Service Technology.

I met Joshua during the 2004 SkillsUSA Championships and he continually asked how he could help build the SkillsUSA chapter in North Dakota. He also offered to help in any way that he could with the state conference. Joshua currently works for Hyundai Motors America in Aurora, Illinois.



**Joshua Boschee at
Kemper Arena in
Kansas City, MO.**



“The American Brain Tumor Association exists to eliminate brain tumors through research...”



Ashley Ladbury
Secondary Reporter

“...the year has been exciting... The team is looking forward to the rest of the year.”

Community Service Project **By: Marjorie Lehman**

The SkillsUSA officers, with the support of the United Way, will work to raise money for the American Brain Tumor Association. The officer team was inspired to take on this project when they were introduced to a young girl, Lauren Weigel, who is a brain tumor survivor. Lauren’s passion is to raise money for research, so others can be survivors as well. She received national recognition in 2004 by raising over \$10,000 on her own.

The American Brain Tumor Association is a non-profit organization that serves individu-

als globally and awards funds to researchers throughout the United States and Canada. Their mission is “to eliminate brain tumors through research and to meet the needs of brain tumor patients and their families.”

The state officers will help Lauren meet her goal by placing collection jars at local businesses in their communities. The community service project begins March 1, 2005, and runs through the month. For more information about the American Brain Tumor Association, please visit their website at www.abta.org.

Secondary Report **By: Ashley Ladbury**

The year for the SkillsUSA Secondary State officer team started out at the State Conference in May 2004 at NDSCS where they were elected for a term of one year.

In June the officers met for a two-day training session in Bismarck where they got acquainted and worked on their team building skills. They also made general plans for the year and prepared for Nationals.

At the end of June, Nationals were held in Kansas City, MO. While there, secondary and post-secondary students competed with the rest of the nation in their respective skills and leadership areas. At Nationals, North Dakota took home three medals and three honorable mentions: Silver for secondary Basic Health Care Skills, and gold and silver

medals at the post-secondary level.

In September the State Fall Leadership Conference was held in Jamestown. Schools from around the state came together to learn about and practice their leadership skills. At this year’s Fall Leadership Conference the 200 students were divided into 10 tribes. The tribes competed against each other in leadership events.

At the end of October, the officer team traveled to Columbus, Nebraska for the Mid-America Conference. While there they learned about skills and leadership events and collected ideas for the next State Conference.

So far the year has been exciting and fun-filled. The team is looking forward to the rest of the year.

Introduction of State Officers

By: Samantha Kuntz

Hi, I am Samantha Kuntz, the 2004-2005 Post-Secondary State President. This year has started off very well and the State Officer team has decided that our goal for this year is to make it a very memorable year for everyone, even you. Our first success in this endeavor occurred on October 4, 2004, in Jamestown at our Secondary Fall Leadership Conference. I would like to thank everyone, including the State Officer team, for their cooperation and efforts to make this conference very effective and most of all fun for everyone that was involved.

While preparing for the Fall Leadership Conference the State Officer team got to know each other very well. We would like to think that this is part of the reason that the conference went so well. To continue our mission of making this year the best, we would like you to have the chance to get to know the state officer team, as well. With this in mind, I would like to introduce to you your 2004-2005 SkillsUSA State Officer Team:

Secondary Officers:

President: Heather Hansen is enrolled in Automotive Technology at James Valley Career and Technology Center in Jamestown.

Vice President: Megan Halvorson is enrolled in Health Careers at North Valley Career and Technology Center in Grafton.

Post-Secondary Report

The Post-Secondary SkillsUSA officers have been discussing how to recruit college students into ND SkillsUSA and what we can do to help our Alumni become more involved. Our goal was to visit with some of the four year colleges in the state to try to promote SkillsUSA. We hope to accomplish those visits prior to State Conference this spring. Any Skills-USA Alumni that would be willing to help either by supplying contact

Secretary: Jaren Mondry is enrolled in Health Careers at North Valley Career and Technology Center in Grafton.

Treasurer: Jamie Tupa is enrolled in Health Careers at Red River High School in Grand Forks.

Reporter: Ashley Ladbury is enrolled in Graphic Design at Sheyenne Valley Career and Technology Center in Valley City.

Parliamentarian: Jeb Lockwood is enrolled in Welding at Sheyenne Valley Career and Technology Center in Valley City.

Historian: Kala Griggs is enrolled in Computer Networking at Southeast Area Career and Technology Center in Oakes.

Post Secondary Officers:

President: Samantha Kuntz is enrolled in Business Management at Minot State University.

Vice President: Josh Lehman is enrolled in Criminal Justice at North Dakota State College of Science.

Secretary/Treasurer: Marjorie Lehman is enrolled in Architectural Drafting at North Dakota State College of Science.

Now that you have met the officers, we look forward to meeting you, which would help fulfill our mission to make this year the best.

information or accompanying us on the visit are invited to call the state office and the post-secondary officers will coordinate with you.

Post-Secondary officers have attended the National Competition in Kansas City, Fall Leadership in Jamestown and the Mid-America conference in Nebraska. Post-Secondary officers have also been active in all state officer meetings.



Samantha Kuntz
Post-Secondary President

“...our goal
this year is to
make it a very
memorable
year for
everyone...”



*North Dakota Skills-
USA Officers and
Staff would like to
thank Butler Machin-
ery Company, especially
Julie Trudeau, for
their support of ND
SkillsUSA this year.*



North Dakota SkillsUSA
600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 270
Bismarck, ND 58505-0610

Phone: 701-328-3165
Fax: 701-328-1255
www.edutech.nodak.edu/ndskillsusa

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE!
WWW.EDUTECH.NODAK.EDU/SKILLSUSA

SkillsUSA Upcoming Events:

32nd Annual North Dakota State SkillsUSA Skills & Leadership Conference

North Dakota State College of Science

Wahpeton, ND

April 3-5 2005

41st Annual National SkillsUSA

Championships

Kansas City, MO

June 19-25 2005

