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North Dakota SkillsUSA-VICA

“STEP UP TO SUCCESS”

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Josh Boschee Takes Home Silver Medal in World Automotive Service Competition

As taken from Automotive Industry Planning Council News

Joshua Boschee from North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, N.D. represented the USA in the 36th World Skills Competition held in Seoul, South Korea. He competed in the Automotive Service area and won second place. He is the first American to win a Silver Medal in Automotive Service Technology. He also was awarded a Gold Medal for Best in Nation with the highest score on the American team.



Josh Boschee and Governor John Hoeven

The U.S. has been involved in this international competition since 1973, when President Richard Nixon recognized SkillsUSA (then known as VICA) as the official organization to represent the USA. The team candidates are selected from among the top scorers at the SkillsUSA Championships held annually in Kansas City, Missouri.

North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, N.D. is a previous winner in the AutoIPC Awards of Excellence program.

President's Greeting

Hi, my name is Greg Anderson and I am the current Post-Secondary President of North Dakota SkillsUSA-VICA. I want to get right to the point and share with you an idea we've recently organized. Some fellow officers and myself along with our state advisor thought it would be a great idea to form an alumni association for North Dakota SkillsUSA-VICA. There has never been such an organization in North Dakota for SkillsUSA-VICA. It would be an excellent opportunity for former members to get together and participate in some activities that would be brought forth by alumni members. Not only that, but we hope the association will generate some support for current SkillsUSA-VICA members. North Dakota has very skilled members and is a serious competitor at the national level. We want to offer as much support for our members

as we can to help them achieve the goals they have set for themselves. We believe you can help us achieve these goals through your support. With an alumni association, funding would be made possible for national competitions, scholarships, and activities for North Dakota SkillsUSA-VICA members. We're not just looking for financial backing. We are also seeking the experience and knowledge you have to offer which is equally, if not more, important. An alumni association would be an open forum where members would have the opportunity to share some ideas about current issues and the future of SkillsUSA-VICA. It would mean a lot to us if you considered joining the first ever North Dakota SkillsUSA-VICA Alumni Association.

Thank you,

Greg Anderson

North Dakota PS SkillsUSA-VICA President

North Dakota SkillsUSA-VICA 2002-03 Postsecondary Officers:

President	Greg Anderson North Dakota State University
Vice President	Autumn Hanson Williston State College
Secretary	Terry Skalicky Williston State College
Treasurer	Lance Straabe North Dakota State College Of Science
Reporter	Cherrett Wilson Williston State College
Historian	Justin Jorstad Williston State College
Parliamentarian	Sarah Kuntz North Dakota State College of Science



Join the first ever **North Dakota SkillsUSA-VICA Alumni Association!** Complete the enclosed application and return. You will be part of the original spirit of the Alumni Association by becoming a Charter Member with this application. Don't hesitate! Join Today!

*From the desk of
Arnie Zent,
North Dakota
State Advisor...*



VICA'S NEW NAME

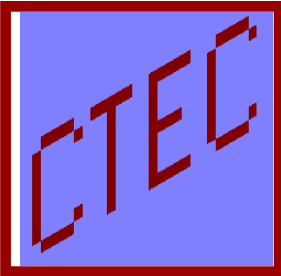
In 1994, VICA adopted the name "Skills USA Chamionships" for our nation wide competition program, which had formerly been called "The United States Skill Olympics." The change came about due to pressure from the United States Olympic Committee over the use of the term "Olympics."

Despite misgivings and concern by members and sponsors about making a name change, "Skills USA Championships" was readily adopted and accepted. Today "Skills USA Championships" has equity as the name of an event: the championships. It is because this name has already been so

widely accepted and

used that the name "Skills USA" was the most likely candidate for a new name among our existing members.

The time was right to introduce a name which implies the full range of skills needed by business and industry, at a time when workers possessing these skills are in supply and highly valued. By using the name "SkillsUSA-VICA" we have positioned ourselves firmly in the skills sphere, and garner new recognition and new partners. Keeping the tag of VICA on SkillsUSA would hopefully give recognition to those who have been partners and members of our great organization.



SkillsUSA provides leadership, citizenship, and character development programs and enhances job skill training.

Leadership Campus Initiative by Sarah Kuntz

The focus of the 2001-2002 team of officers was to promote SkillsUSA-VICA at the post-secondary level. We focused on the leadership aspect of our organization. Through an informal survey we found that most students felt that they were receiving good technical training, but they could use more leadership training. With this we decided we would like to suggest implementing more leadership training into the curriculum on campuses.

While at the National Conference we received guidance from Dr. Micheal Regauld, post-secondary service director, Leesburg, VA. Dr. Regauld informed the team that we needed industry and campus administrative support. So, we set to work. With the help of Wayne Kutzer, Director for the State Board for Vocational and

Technical Education, the state officers arranged for a meeting with the College for Technical Education Council (CTEC). On February 7th, 2002, SkillsUSA-VICA post-secondary officers were accompanied in Bismarck by Don Pratt from the Butler Machinery Company of Fargo, ND and Steve Hitch from the Caterpillar Corporation of Peoria, IL. Our presentation was very well received by Council members.

CTEC members agreed to provide representation to a Leadership Campus Committee to determine how campuses can do a better job of integrating leadership into programs. A Post-Secondary State officer and Don Roloff, the Post-Secondary state Advisor will also be serving on the committee. We are hopeful that within three years we will to see progress.

SkillsUSA National Championships

By Lance Straabe

SkillsUSA-VICA benefits everyone involved. I have been a member for four years now and I plan to continue in the future. I've been competitive since the beginning. When I first competed in Welding Technology as a junior in high school I went to see what it was all about. The impression that it gave me was one I'll never forget. I placed seventh and when I left I decided I would go back the next

year to compete again.

Eventually, I was able to attend the national conference and I couldn't believe the positive attitude of everyone. The industry representative was outstanding. Everything from Cosmetology to Diesel Mechanics is a competition area at the national level. I was able to compete in Kansas City several times and I am currently a candidate to represent the USA on the international level in Switzerland.

These experiences have been invaluable to me. Skills-USA is an organization that has helped me succeed in my profession as well as develop my leadership skills.



Lance Straabe in Welding Contest

State Director's Conference Held in North Dakota *Press Release*

Representatives from major industry, education, and SkillsUSA-VICA attended the annual SkillsUSA-VICA State Association Directors' Conference at the Radisson Inn of Bismarck. The North Dakota SkillsUSA-VICA Association and the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education hosted this national event. The conference was from August 20th through August 25, 2002.

The conference addressed issues relating to current vocational technical education issues relating to workforce development, leadership training, professional development and skills training through the Career and Technical Student Organization SkillsUSA-VICA. New director sessions provided training for new state SkillsUSA-VICA directors in managing statewide organizations, skill and leadership conferences with emphasis on the resources and services available through the SkillsUSA-VICA national office.

Major industry representatives such as Home Depot and Whirlpool Corporation addressed the conference with new initiatives and support for vocational technical education. Home Depot representatives from Atlanta,

Georgia presented the new Enterpreneurial Contest as a pilot this year. Whirlpool Corporation with representation from Pembroke Pines, Florida, presented support for SkillsUSA-VICA Championship with scholarships and other incentives to promote Major Appliance Technology.

North Dakota SkillsUSA-VICA provided a snapshot of the state of North Dakota through a variety of historical and cultural events.

Highlights of these events are:

- Visit with the First Lady, Mikey Hoeven
- Pitchfork Fondue at Historic Fort Lincoln
- North Dakota Native American Dancers
- Charles Keller Gatling Gun Presentation
- Dickinson Dinosaur Museum
- The Medora Musical

Vocational Technical Education continues to address the issues of the shortage of a skilled workforce. Hosting SkillsUSA-VICA State Directors Association Annual Conference provided a variety of views and ideas concerning workforce training while providing an opportunity to showcase the state of North Dakota.



Tim Lawrence, SkillsUSA-VICA Executive Director

Secondary Officers Report *by Shannon Zuelke*

This has been a very exciting but busy year in a SkillsUSA-VICA career. Our secondary officer team was elected at the State Skills Competition in April of 2002 and consists of: Brandan Ressler- President; Derrick Bopp- Vice President; Shannon Zuelke- Secretary; Mandi Bubach- Treasurer; and Tyler Majerus- Parliamentarian.

We have been involved in many conferences. To begin our year, we attended the National Skills Championships in Kansas City, MO. As newly elected state officers we used this time to become a team as we got to know each other and became friends. While there we represented North Dakota on the Secondary level as we attended career and leadership workshops and served as voting delegates to the National Delegation.

We brought home our new experience and organized and ran a leadership conference on October

7th in Jamestown. This conference, called Fall Leadership, gave new members a chance to compete in mock competitions modeled after the events at our state conference. Being new members, everyone was somewhat shy and nervous upon arrival, but we livened things up with a creative ice breaker. Soon everyone was more comfortable with each other and the SkillsUSA-VICA Competitions. The Fall Leadership Conference was a huge success.

October was a big month for us. On the 24th we traveled to Columbus, Nebraska for the Mid-America Leadership Conference. While there we learned the importance of leadership roles and activities. We also learned to work as a team and felt close bonds with our team members.

In conclusion, our busy year has helped us a lot and we hope we have helped many others to get excited about North Dakota SkillsUSA-VICA



Shannon Zuelke,
Secondary Reporter

Post Secondary Officers Year in Review by Cherrett Wilson

In case you were wondering and even if you weren't, this is what we have been doing the past year as State Officers. The first thing we did was attend the North Dakota State Skills and Leadership Conference April 23rd through April 25th. This is where we were elected into our offices. Greg Anderson was elected president, Autumn Marie Hanson vice president, Terry Skalicky was elected secretary, and Cherrett Wilson became our reporter. Also elected were Sarah Kuntz, parliamentarian and Justin Jorstad, historian.

We went with our respective schools to compete in several different competitions relating to our vocations or competed in different leadership skills that SkillsUSA-VICA promotes. The competitions started with written tests in the morning and followed with hands-on competitions in the afternoon.

Buggies-N-Blues was next on our agenda. This event took place in June on Main Street in Mandan, North Dakota. The Buggies-N-Blues is an event that is organized by the Musicians Association and local car clubs. Main Street was filled with over three hundred classic cars. Local musicians provided continuous music. We incorporated a fundraiser to raise money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation in support of Loran Weigel, from Bismarck. Our efforts helped Loran become the second largest individual fundraiser for the foundation.

We traveled to Kansas City at the end of June to participate in the National SkillsUSA-VICA Championship. As officers we were representing the state of North Dakota as voting delegates. In addition, we participated in several professional development events. Two thousand and two was a banner year for North Dakota contestants, bringing home the most medals and honorable mentions in North Dakota history.

On October 4, 2002, Post Secondary State Advisor, Don Roloff, organized a brief leadership workshop and tour with Goodrich industries, formerly Lucas Aerospace, in Jamestown, ND. Mr. Dave provided us with a tour and then sat with us in a conference room with a Power-Point presentation that he had put together on pointers for professionalism. Our success will be determined by the amount of professionalism we use. Our attitude toward customers, maturity

respect, honesty, integrity, and passion for our work was greatly enhanced. We would like to thank Goodrich industries for their time and interest in our success.

On October 5, we were able to collaborate with Secondary State Officer team to share our experience and plans, and assist in the operation of the Fall Leadership Conference also in Jamestown.

On October 24th, we attended the Mid-America conference. We introduced our state in a skit. We then split up into chapters, identified by colors. We competed in Opening and Closing, Promotional Bulletin Board, Public Relations, and Community Service events. For our promotional bulletin board we constructed a three-dimensional baseball field with ascending bases, which displayed steps to professionalism, bearing our motto, "Step up to success." For public relation we had a scrolling marquee welcoming the outstanding brown chapter, that's us, to Columbus. Our final event was community service. We walked dogs from the local animal shelter. We placed second overall.

Our most significant effort this year was deciding to organize the first ever North Dakota Skills USA-VICA Alumni Association. Our hope is to generate greater support for North Dakota Skills USA-VICA from past members. Our membership drive begins with this news-



Cherrett Wilson
Post Secondary Reporter

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