



MEMORANDUM

TO: Secondary & Postsecondary Trade, Industry, Technical and Health Instructors
Secondary & Postsecondary Information Technology Instructors
Career and Technical Directors and Administrators
Secondary and Postsecondary State Officers
SkillsUSA Executive Committee

FROM: Clarke Molter, State SkillsUSA Director
Tony Scheerz, Postsecondary SkillsUSA Advisor
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DATE: August 27, 2009

SUBJECT: 2009-2010 SkillsUSA Membership and Activities Information

2009 NATIONAL SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thanks and congratulations to all of the great North Dakota SkillsUSA participants who made the 2009 National SkillsUSA Conference another success. North Dakota SkillsUSA completed another good showing this past summer at our SkillsUSA National Championships. Please join us in recognizing these individuals for their accomplishments at the National Championships:

Eric Nelson: Postsecondary, North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, ND, received a **Silver Medal** in Automotive Refinishing Technology. Eric's advisor is Tim Such.

Nick Graumann: Secondary, Bismarck Technical Center, Bismarck, ND, received a **Silver Medal** in Electronics Technology. Nick's advisor is Lee Gullingsrud.

Chance Pausch: Postsecondary, North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, ND, received a **Bronze Medal** in Welding. Chance's advisor is Clinton Gilbertson.

Top Ten Finishers

Along with the mentioned award winners, nine of our individuals and/or teams finished in the top ten in their respective events.

Skill Point Certificates

A total of eight of our North Dakota students were awarded a Skill Point Certificate, which recognizes outstanding talent beyond those who earn medals. These certificates are based on a "cut score" predetermined within their technical area. Students can use these certificates to document achievement and to show potential employers as indicators of proficiency. These certificates are tied directly to the *Workforce Ready System* and *Skill Connect Assessments*.

World Skills Championships will send invitations to winners in the SkillsUSA competitions for those areas that are part of the World Skills Championships. Not all areas of competition in the SkillsUSA Championships are included in the World Skills Championships.

WELCOME TO ND SKILLSUSA 2009-2010

On behalf of your 2009-2010 State SkillsUSA officer team, we welcome you to what will be another great SkillsUSA year. Goals are set for the 2009-2010 SkillsUSA year under the direction of the six member executive committee (**Dale Hoerauf, Steve Thompson, Marla Luehring, Leverrett Larsen, Neil Rittenour and Lee Friese**) and the state officer teams. We would like to thank outgoing board member Kathy Dollinger for her commitment and service to ND SkillsUSA and at the same time welcome Leverrett Larsen as our newest board member. Our primary goal is to increase membership. To do this we must generate the enthusiasm of North Dakota SkillsUSA. This begins with you, the advisor. We want to encourage each local chapter to set a membership goal and achieve it. You have heard it said there is strength in numbers. It is true. Increasing membership brings on improvement in every aspect of our organization.

Our national slogan is “*SkillsUSA: Champions at Work – Connecting the Opportunities.*” Building a world-class workforce with this theme means that industry, educators and people in the community can have a better understanding of what SkillsUSA really is. They will see that we are the trained professionals of the future who demonstrate “Champions at Work” and who take pride in everything we do.

We urge you to get the word out about SkillsUSA and Career and Technical Education. Our students are the solution. Show others how the programs we offer through SkillsUSA are preparing our students to be a better workforce. We are depending on you to carry this message to those instructors who have not yet joined SkillsUSA.

Following is information you will need as you participate in SkillsUSA this year, as well as our Calendar of Events for the 2009–2010 school year.

LEAD SCHOOL/CENTER CONTACT

All schools or career and technical centers are asked to please pick **ONE Lead SkillsUSA Contact**. The Lead Contact will be the main contact person with our office for all ND SkillsUSA events and will copy, distribute, and collect all correspondence and forms from this date on. The Lead Contact could be someone other than an instructor.

*****ACTION REQUIRED:** Please e-mail the name of your school or center Lead Contact to Kamie (kbeeson@nd.gov) by **SEPTEMBER 4, 2009**. If we do not receive this information by **SEPTEMBER 4, 2009**, all correspondence will be sent to last year’s Lead Contact.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership registration takes place on the National SkillsUSA website: <http://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx>. A User Guide is available on the SkillsUSA website to assist you in the online registration process. Go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/downloads/PDF/userguide.pdf> to download and print the User Guide for use as you complete your online membership registration. Please complete a separate roster for each program area.

IMPORTANT: We use the online rosters to verify membership for the State Conference. It is crucial to get your membership rosters in on time!!!

MEMBERSHIP DEADLINES

*November 15, 2009 for first semester enrollees
February 15, 2010 for second semester enrollees*

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Student Dues		Professional Dues		Associate dues (Advisory Committee Members, Parents, Business/Industry)	
State Dues	\$5.00	State Dues	\$5.00	State Dues	\$ 5.00
National Dues	\$8.00	National Dues	\$14.00	National Dues	\$14.00
Total	\$13.00	Total	\$19.00	Total	\$19.00

*Please organize your chapter as soon as possible, register your members online,
and send your membership fees to the National SkillsUSA Office:*

(*note the address change*)
SKILLSUSA
14001 SKILLSUSA WAY
LEESBURG, VA 20176-5494

ND SKILLSUSA WEBSITE

Please visit the ND SkillsUSA website at: www.edutech.nodak.edu/ndskillsusa. The site contains contact information for our office, current state officers, the calendar of activities for the year, conference information, and forms that will be used for state events throughout the year. Items will be updated as needed. It is our hope that the website will be a helpful resource to students and advisors throughout the year.

ELECTRONIC MAILINGS

In an effort to simplify mailings and cut costs, our office submits only electronic mailings as much as possible. Please make the necessary adjustments to be able to continue receiving mailings from our office electronically. Your cooperation is appreciated. If you are not already receiving e-mail from us, we do not have your current e-mail address. Please send your current e-mail address to Kamie at kbeeson@nd.gov. If you know of any instructors in your school that should be receiving e-mail from us, but are not, please ask them to send us their e-mail address as well.

Forms and documents are posted on our website in Microsoft Word and PDF formats. Forms are electronically fillable and savable. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to open PDF files. Go to the Adobe website for a FREE download of this reader: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>. Adobe Acrobat Professional software purchased for your computer will allow you to save PDF files with the information you typed in.

We look forward to your participation in North Dakota SkillsUSA this year!

Best wishes for a successful year!



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2009 – 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 19 – 23	Washington Leadership Training Institute Herndon, Virginia
OCTOBER 5	Fall Leadership Conference East Region: Ramada Inn, Grand Forks, ND West Region: Bismarck State College, Bismarck, ND
NOVEMBER 15	Membership Fees and Rosters due to National Office (First Semester)
FEBRUARY 15	Membership Fees and Rosters due to National Office (Second Semester)
APRIL	SKILLSUSA MONTH
APRIL 18-20	37 th Annual State Skills & Leadership Conference Wahpeton, ND
JUNE 20-26	46 th Annual National SkillsUSA Championships Kansas City, Missouri

State SkillsUSA Director	SkillsUSA Dues (send to National SkillsUSA)	Postsecondary SkillsUSA Advisor												
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