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# FRIDAY FLASH

## »» Ready for SkillsUSA Week?

SkillsUSA Week will be happening Feb. 6-10, and you can participate in many ways: Honor your community supporters, connect with local business and industry professionals, or make a presentation about your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter at a school board meeting. Celebrate the week by planning activities that follow the daily schedule for chapters nationwide.

- **Monday, Feb. 6, Recognition Day.** Recognize and honor members, advisors, administrators, business partners, community leaders and supporters who make a meaningful impact on your CTE program and SkillsUSA chapter.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 7, Give Back Day.** Rally around your school community by focusing on ways for your chapter to give back.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 8, Partner Day.** Invite local business and industry leaders to connect with members, highlighting the importance of developing career-readiness skills found in the SkillsUSA Framework.
- **Thursday, Feb. 9, Advocacy Day.** Amplify CTE in your community by conducting a local public relations activity, such as presenting to school board members, administrators and community leaders.
- **Friday, Feb. 10, SkillsUSA Day.** Celebrate SkillsUSA by wearing your favorite SkillsUSA T-shirt, planning a celebration activity or posting your SkillsUSA Framework story on social media using the hashtag: #SkillsUSAWeek.



The [SkillsUSA Week Chapter Guide](#) assists chapters in planning for each day of SkillsUSA Week.

## »» SkillsUSA Week at the SkillsUSA Store

There's still time to gear up for SkillsUSA Week! Head to the [SkillsUSA Store](#) to shop the SkillsUSA Week collection for the SkillsUSA T-shirt and other spirit items, such as SkillsUSA sunglasses, buttons, bracelets, balloons and more.



## »» Register Members by March 1 to Claim Big Benefits

The national SkillsUSA membership deadline is **March 1**. Student members must meet both state and national deadlines to be eligible to participate in national competitions; serve as voting delegates; run for national office; participate in national programming; or apply for scholarships, awards and honors. As a benefit of membership, professional members receive [online access to a host of powerful resources](#). Learn how to access your professional membership benefits [in this Google doc](#).

## »» Get Students Career Ready with the SkillsUSA Framework Integration Toolkit

The Framework Integration Toolkit helps advisors to ensure career readiness within your classroom, training program and chapter. Eight strategies have been developed to integrate the SkillsUSA Framework into the classroom, each with activities and suggestions for additional learning opportunities. The Framework provides a structure to assess student development along a learning continuum of awareness, demonstration and mastery. Professional members can access the Toolkit in [SkillsUSA Absorb](#).

## »» Honor Your Champion With These National Awards: Nominations Open

If you would like to nominate an individual for recognition by SkillsUSA as an Honorary Life Member, Outstanding Career and Technical Educator, or for the Hall of Champions Award, please [complete the online applications here](#). You can also learn more about each award at the link. The deadline is **Feb. 15**. If you have questions, contact [Laura Rauch](#).

## »» Take Up the Challenge! National Conference Pin and T-shirt Design

SkillsUSA is offering the 2023 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) Pin and T-shirt Design Challenge to all paid student members. The winning designs will become the official T-shirt and pin design for the 2023 NLSC. The challenge opens on Jan. 15, entries must be received by **March 3 at 12 a.m. ET**, and winners will be announced on March 10. [Rules and submission links can be found on the SkillsUSA website](#).

## »» Presidential Honors for Selfless Service

At the 2023 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC), SkillsUSA will recognize advisors, students and registered alumni for their community service through the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). To qualify, SkillsUSA members must submit a record of their service hours. With SkillsUSA's focus on community service, you may have already met the requirements. For details on how to apply, [visit the website](#). Applications must be received by **April 1** for recognition at the 2023 NLSC.

## »» SkillsUSA Technical Fridays Workshops

Join us for "SkillsUSA Technical Fridays," a series of virtual workshops led by industry experts to help teachers develop specific technical skills relevant to their career fields. Leave the sessions with new knowledge and skills

to implement in the classroom. On Jan. 27, from 4-5 p.m. ET, Dan Banach will lead an "Autodesk Fusion 360" session with an overview of Fusion 360, including tips to get started as well as sketching, part and assembly modeling and how to create setup for additive and subtractive manufacturing. He is a nationally



recognized instructor, speaker at Autodesk University and author of 25 books on 3D mechanical design software, [Learn more about the workshops here.](#)

The workshop is free but space is limited. [Register here.](#) If you have questions, contact [Karolina Belen.](#)