



Year in Review

2023-2024





SkillsUSA Tennessee Postsecondary has a statewide membership of over 14,000 students and instructors representing Tennessee's community and technical colleges. Members have consistently demonstrated their expertise and professionalism while participating throughout the year in various leadership and competitive conferences. SkillsUSA's mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA improves the quality of the nation's future skilled workforce by developing SkillsUSA Framework skills that include personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics. Our vision is to produce the most highly skilled workforce in the world, providing every member the opportunity for career success.

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A Talent Pipeline for the Future Skilled Workforce

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry members working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. Since 1965, SkillsUSA has served students preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, empowering them to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA serves secondary and college/postsecondary members in all 50 states, two U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia, and our members represent 130 skilled occupations, more than half rooted in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). SkillsUSA manages local, state, and national career competitions – nearly 10,000 per year, planned and judged by industry – to set relevant quality standards for career and technical education and provide students recognition and motivation. SkillsUSA offers employability skills development, workplace credentials, and technical skills assessments through the SkillsUSA Career Essentials suite of curricula for instructors and students. As a talent pipeline and skills gap solution, SkillsUSA graduates more than 100,000 career-ready students each year.

The SkillsUSA Difference is the Framework



SkillsUSA accelerates student growth through our SkillsUSA Framework. The Framework components include Personal Skills, Workplace Skills, and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics. The Framework builds a foundation for relevant learning and provides a common language to help students communicate the value of SkillsUSA to others, including teachers, parents, industry, and future employers. The Framework Essential Elements were developed using research from over 1,000 employers and represent the most crucial skills employers look for in a successful hire. The Framework is essential to SkillsUSA's mission because it serves as a blueprint for career readiness.

Industry Involvement is Key to the Mission

At SkillsUSA, we take pride in building relationships that benefit education and industry, working closely with partners to meet their organizational priorities and produce a strong return on investment. We know success has different measures for each relationship, and we work hard to provide meaningful sponsor opportunities. Based on the level of investment, SkillsUSA partnerships include connections to local classrooms and state associations, brand recognition, direct social media connections with our members, and advertising and exhibitor opportunities to reach our demographics. Our partners help SkillsUSA close the skills gap while benchmarking U.S. technical training against global standards.

SkillsUSA Tennessee Postsecondary concluded the 2022-2023 academic year with a record-breaking 14,400 members, marking the largest college/postsecondary state association membership in the nation. This milestone also represents the highest membership enrollment since our inception in 2005. Furthermore, our SkillsUSA Tennessee College Postsecondary division was honored with an award for the highest increase in the nation. A total of 34 Tennessee Colleges and Postsecondary Institutions submitted membership for the 2023-2024 academic year, underscoring the continued growth and influence of our organization.



Lollie Brown | President
Health Information Technology
Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Henry/Carroll

Scott Mull | Vice President East
HVAC/R
Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Knoxville

Matthew Nelson | Treasure
Computer Information Technology
Chattanooga State Community College

Amanda Sovago-Royal | Reporter
Massage Therapy
Chattanooga State Community College

Brittany Thomas | Vice President East
Drafting CAD Technology
TCAT Memphis



This year, trainings were hosted in the three grand regions to get college chapters off to a great start and to bring training to members on a regional level. TCAT Henry/Carroll, TCAT Dickson, and TCAT Knoxville were host colleges.

College students learned about the importance of communication, the different ways to problem-solve, the SkillsUSA Framework, and how to set up their program of work goals for the year. They also learned about leadership opportunities in SkillsUSA, contests, state officer opportunities, the chapter of excellence program, and much more.

With so many post-secondary members across the state, one of the overarching goals is that each member gets the opportunity for engagement while a member. These regional offerings provide a one-day training opportunity where members can determine how much their involvement can impact the state.





A delegation of students and instructors from SkillsUSA TN C/PS met with their elected officials in Washington, D.C., from September 23 to 27, 2023, to discuss how SkillsUSA and its career and technical education (CTE) programs have prepared students to be college—and career-ready.

The SkillsUSA Washington Leadership Training Institute conference held Sept. 23-27 in our nation's capital allowed students to grow in their professionalism, communication, and leadership skills, which they apply during their visits to Congress. Delegations talked to elected officials or their staff members about their education paths and CTE training programs, the value of career and technical education, and the benefits of their SkillsUSA participation. They explained how today's workplace requires employees with career readiness skills and that SkillsUSA develops these skills in students of all ages and backgrounds.

The conference focused on advanced communications skills, including developing a SkillsUSA Framework story to share during their visits with elected officials. This year's conference included training students and advisors on personal and workplace skills, a tour of Washington, D.C., monuments and museums, and a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

SkillsUSA is one of the nation's largest individual membership organizations for career and technical students, and its programs are integrated into the CTE curriculum.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the average high school graduation rate for students concentrating in CTE programs is 94% compared to an average national freshman graduation rate of 85%. CTE also helps create a trained pipeline of future workers to support a strong American economy and global competitiveness.

WLTl Attendees 2023

| Name | College |
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| Mike Mercer | TCAT Chattanooga |
| Cynthia Rutledge | TCAT Chattanooga |
| Sarah Kirk | TCAT Chattanooga |
| Breanna Foster | TCAT Chattanooga |
| David Brant | TCAT Chattanooga |
| Matthew Nelson | TCAT Chattanooga |
| Nellie Blanton | TCAT Knoxville |
| Ericka Fowler | TCAT Knoxville |
| Maxwell Reid | TCAT Knoxville |
| Sam Hazem | TCAT Knoxville |
| Mauri Jonquet | TCAT Knoxville |
| Derek Whittenburgh | TCAT Harriman |
| Tomas Anderson | TCAT Harriman |
| Cameron Cofer | TCAT Harriman |
| Lollie Brown | TCAT Henry/Carroll |





The October Tennessee Leadership Training Institute is a collaborative event between the Student Government Association and SkillsUSA. It provides leadership training in areas such as teamwork, self-care, advocacy, communication, and job skills. Over 100 attendees attend the two-day event at TCAT Murfreesboro Smyrna Campus. SkillsUSA state officers are elected at the event, and students can earn their Statesmen Award and promote cross-college collaboration. Students learned about leadership, teamwork, communication, and the importance of student involvement at the campus and state levels.



In March, the SkillsUSA C/PS division and the Student Government Association spent the day at our capital in Nashville, Tennessee. They met with various legislators and expressed their appreciation for all our Tennessee lawmakers do for our system, the Tennessee Board of Regents, and their colleges. They enjoyed sharing their educational journeys and attending congressional meetings.



High School Regionals and Middle School State Conference

This year, SkillsUSA C/PS assisted in organizing five high school regional conferences held across the state during SkillsUSA week. These contests occurred at TCAT Memphis, TCAT Nashville, TCAT Hartsville, TCAT Knoxville, and Northeast State Community College. Students from each region participated in several contests. The SkillsUSA high school and college post-secondary teams held awards ceremonies at each regional conference to announce the students advancing to the state conference.



Tennessee hosted the first SkillsUSA middle school state conference this year at the TCAT Murfreesboro Nissan Smyrna campus. The high school and college/post-secondary students conducted the opening and closing awards ceremonies and provided attendees with leadership and professional development training. Fifty members competed in the middle school event, and the gold medalists will advance to the SkillsUSA Nationals in Atlanta.





SkillsUSA National Signing Day is a nationwide celebration showcasing our next generation of skilled professionals and the skilled career paths that have been, are, and always will be essential to America’s future. Each May, local SkillsUSA chapters are encouraged to host a National Signing Day event and invite industry partners, administrators, teachers, elected officials, SkillsUSA alumni, family, and friends to honor students as they sign letters of intent for a job offer, apprenticeship or advanced technical training. With the labor shortage continuing to affect many skilled trade areas, generating student interest in pursuing these in-demand, high-paying careers—and honoring those who do—is more vital than ever.



February 2-8, 2025



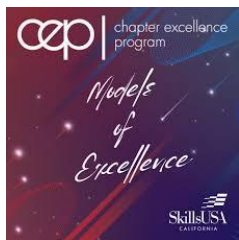
SkillsUSA Week is celebrated in February each year in SkillsUSA chapters nationwide. The event offers state associations, advisors, and student members the opportunity to promote SkillsUSA programs and activities at the local and state levels while highlighting the importance of skilled trades.

Chapters are asked to incorporate the following specific themes for each day of the week:

- On Monday is **Recognition Day**, members, advisors, administrators, partners, and other supporters are recognized and honored.
- Tuesday is **Give-Back Day**, a day when students rally around their school community and focus on ways to give back using their career-ready skills.
- Wednesday is **Partner Day**, where local business and industry leaders are invited to connect with members while highlighting the importance of career-ready skills found in the SkillsUSA Framework.
- Thursday is **Advocacy Day**, amplifying the skilled trades in communities through local public relations activities.
- Friday wraps up the week with the celebratory **SkillsUSA Day**, on which students are asked to wear SkillsUSA clothing in their schools, post about SkillsUSA on social media, and hold special recognition activities.

Tennessee College P/S traveled to Gallatin TN Tractor Supply to celebrate Tractor Supply and their support of SkillsUSA.





The Chapter Excellence Program recognizes achievement as it relates to integrating the SkillsUSA Framework in the chapter program of work activities. As a chapter's yearly action plan, the program of work is at the heart of student learning and employability development. By using the Framework as a guide, chapters have a blueprint for creating relevant activities that encourage participation and foster an understanding of student learning attained during each activity. The Framework's focus on intentional learning turns the program of work into more than just a planning tool. Using the Framework, the program of work becomes the vital conduit that links students to the application of personal, workplace, and technical skills demanded by industry.

The Chapter Excellence Program has three award levels to recognize program involvement. A chapter's state association acknowledges the first two levels; the third is recognized nationally. Each level is designed to give chapters a benchmark for success and future improvement, leading to more vital chapters and prepared students.

Model of Excellence Chapters

Chattanooga State Community College
Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Pulaski

Gold Chapters of Distinction

Motlow State Community College
Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Henry/Carroll
Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Knoxville
Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Hartsville
Tennessee College of Applied Technology– Harriman
Tennessee College of Applied Technology– Hohenwald

Quality Chapters

Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Athens



The SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year program recognizes Professional members who actualize the organization's mission of empowering students to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens. A SkillsUSA chapter is only successful with the support of an Advisor who has dedicated themselves to career and technical education by intentionally integrating the SkillsUSA Framework and ensuring students can articulate the skills they have developed.

Originally from Knoxville, TN, this advisor attended High Point University in High Point, NC, where she received a BA in Communications. She then attended East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN, where she earned a Master's Degree in Counseling. She worked for Knox County schools for five years before starting her current position as an Admissions Counselor and Recruiter at Tennessee College of Applied Technology Knoxville.

She focuses her work there on mentoring students to help them achieve personal and professional success while they are students and in their future roles. Working at TCAT Knoxville has allowed her to utilize her communication and counseling skills and strengths in a leadership role. Her professional goal is to continue to work in career technical education to help provide pathways for people to change their lives and meet their goals. She has been the lead SkillsUSA advisor for TCAT Knoxville since February of 2022 and has developed a great passion for the organization and how it works to help prepare students for the world of work.

Career and technical education students across Tennessee won medals at the 59th annual 2024 SkillsUSA Tennessee State Leadership & Skills Conference.

The 2024 state championships were held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 14-17. The annual SkillsUSA conference showcased our state's career and technical education (CTE) students, where almost 3,000 outstanding students competed in 113 different trade, technical, and leadership events. 111 high schools and colleges participated, with the high school division having 78 different schools present and the college division having 33 institutions represented. 764 medals were awarded, with the high school division medaling 471 students and the college division medaling 286.



During the state SkillsUSA competition, the CTE students worked against the clock with each other, proving their expertise in occupations such as electronics, computer-aided drafting, precision machining, medical assisting, and culinary arts. SkillsUSA runs all contests with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations, testing competencies set by industry. In addition, leadership contestants demonstrated their skills, which included extemporaneous speaking and conducting meetings using parliamentary procedure. Top student winners received gold, silver, and bronze medallions. Many also received prizes such as tools of their trade and scholarships to further their careers and education. The annual championships event is for high school and college-level students who are members of SkillsUSA.



The following colleges and postsecondary institutions participated in this year's conference:

Chattanooga State Community College
Cleveland State Community College
Motlow State Community College
Nashville State Community College
Northeast State Community College

Pellissippi State Community College
Resource Valley Construction Training Council
Roane State Community College
Southern Adventist University
Volunteer State Community College

TCAT Athens
 TCAT Chattanooga
 TCAT Crossville
 TCAT Crump
 TCAT Dickson
 TCAT Elizabethton
 TCAT Harriman
 TCAT Harriman
 TCAT Hartsville
 TCAT Henry/Carroll
 TCAT Hohenwald
 TCAT Jacksboro

TCAT Jackson
 TCAT Knoxville
 TCAT Livingston
 TCAT McKenzie
 TCAT Memphis
 TCAT Morristown
 TCAT Murfreesboro
 TCAT Nashville
 TCAT Northwest
 TCAT Oneida/Huntsville
 TCAT Pulaski
 TCAT Shelbyville

Top student winners received gold, silver, and bronze medallions. Many also received prizes such as tools of their trade and scholarships to further their careers and education. The gold winner in each contest is eligible to represent the State of Tennessee and compete at the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 24-28, 2024. The full list of SkillsUSA Tennessee Postsecondary contest winners may be viewed below.

| State Contest Winners by Contest | | | |
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| 3-D Visualization and Animation | Team: Jadon Devito, Alanna Murphy | Pellissippi State Community College | Gold |
| 3-D Visualization and Animation | Team: Stephanie N Pinckle, Gabriel Bailey | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hohenwald | Silver |
| 3-D Visualization and Animation | Team: Michael Lana, Joshua Michael | Pellissippi State Community College | Bronze |
| Additive Manufacturing | Team: Nicholas Ballinger, Thomas Fitzpatrick | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Morristown | Gold |
| Additive Manufacturing | Team: Caden Bercik, Dalton Goins | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Nashville | Silver |
| Additive Manufacturing | Team: Dakota J Key, Charles F Vance | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Jackson | Bronze |
| Advertising Design | Brody Scott | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Gold |
| Advertising Design | Jayden bane | Chattanooga State Community College | Silver |
| Advertising Design | Winter Knolton | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hohenwald | Bronze |
| Architectural Drafting | Anthony Bogle | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Morristown | Gold |
| Architectural Drafting | Cody Vines | Northeast State Community College | Silver |
| Architectural Drafting | Eliza Brafford | Cleveland State Community College | Bronze |
| Audio-Radio Production | Team: Isaac Bean, Bruce Hairston | Pellissippi State Community College | Gold |
| Audio-Radio Production | Team: Jackson Walkington, Michael Armitage | Pellissippi State Community College | Silver |

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| Automated Manufacturing Technology | Team: Charles Ferrell, Justin Whitacre, Michael Turner | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Shelbyville | Gold |
| Automotive Refinishing Technology | Wesley Allin | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Automotive Refinishing Technology | Brallan Ortiz-Ruiz | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Athens | Silver |
| Automotive Refinishing Technology | Keaton Milner | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Morristown | Bronze |
| Automotive Service Technology | Ryan Casteel | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-McKenzie | Gold |
| Automotive Service Technology | Sophia Grandia | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Elizabethton | Silver |
| Automotive Service Technology | Rachel Blackwell | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Bronze |
| Aviation Maintenance Technology | Camden Kupres | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Morristown | Gold |
| Baking and Pastry Arts | Brylee Quintrell | Chattanooga State Community College | Gold |
| Barbering | Juan Lucas Tercero | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Barbering | Luis Rafael Gonzalez | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |
| Barbering | Mechieana Boddie | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Northwest | Bronze |
| Career Pathways Showcase-Health Services | Team: Robert Artis, Alexis Stevenson, Lontriona Ferguson | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Memphis | Gold |
| Career Pathways Showcase-Human Services | Team: Katherine Hallmark, Nicole Nourvle, Sofia Pfister | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Nashville | Gold |
| Career Pathways Showcase-Human Services | Team: Charles Davis, Zedrick Woods, Edward Sanford Jr | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Memphis | Silver |
| Career Pathways Showcase-Industrial, Engineering Tech | Team: Craig Heaton, Joseph Griffith, Trevor Massengale | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Harriman | Gold |
| Carpentry | Benjamin Hines | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crossville | Gold |
| Carpentry | Alex Fowlkes | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Northwest | Silver |
| Carpentry | Nathan Brownlee | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Nashville | Bronze |
| CNC 2-Axis Turning Specialist | Christopher Varney | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Shelbyville | Gold |
| CNC 2-Axis Turning Specialist | Kevin Nolan | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-McKenzie | Silver |
| CNC 2-Axis Turning Specialist | Lee England | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Shelbyville | Bronze |
| CNC 3-Axis Milling Specialist | William Young | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Athens | Gold |
| CNC 3-Axis Milling Specialist | Dusty Griffin | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-McKenzie | Silver |
| CNC 3-Axis Milling Specialist | Nicholas Helms | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Shelbyville | Bronze |

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| CNC Programmer | Austin Sadoski | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-McKenzie | Gold |
| CNC Programmer | Zechariah Swiger | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Shelbyville | Silver |
| Collision Damage Appraisal | Tanner Norris | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Gold |
| Collision Damage Appraisal | Bobbi Lockett | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |
| Collision Repair Technology | Erick Boren | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Gold |
| Collision Repair Technology | Isaac Lopez Rivera | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Nashville | Silver |
| Collision Repair Technology | Michael Keel | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Bronze |
| Commercial Roofing Demo | Hunter Hamilton | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Henry/Carroll | Gold |
| Community Service | Team: D'Andre Johnson, Kam Johnson, Tia Bowers | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Computer Programming | Dow Cox | Northeast State Community College | Gold |
| Computer Programming | Gustavo Silva | Volunteer State Community College | Silver |
| Computer Programming | Zachary Johnson | Northeast State Community College | Bronze |
| Cosmetology | Bethany Jackson | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Harriman | Gold |
| Cosmetology | Alina Kennedy | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Harriman | Silver |
| Cosmetology | Joscelyn Magee | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Murfreesboro | Bronze |
| Crime Scene Investigation | Team: Annabelle DeWees, karla Guerra, Brandon Aranda | Volunteer State Community College | Gold |
| Criminal Justice | Shecoria Dowell | Volunteer State Community College | Gold |
| Criminal Justice | Maylee Brown | Volunteer State Community College | Silver |
| Culinary Arts | Aliah Wilkerson | Chattanooga State Community College | Gold |
| Customer Service | Nadia Jones | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Customer Service | Daeja Beckom | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |
| Customer Service | Mikayla McNeal | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Bronze |
| Cyber Security | Team: Mason Ramsey, Ethan Fink | Northeast State Community College | Gold |
| Cyber Security | Team: Noah Shelton, Stephen Whittenberger | Roane State Community College | Silver |
| Cyber Security | Team: Ethan Kirkpatrick, Charles Johnson | Volunteer State Community College | Bronze |

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| Dental Assisting | Leilani Ochoa | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Northwest | Gold |
| Dental Assisting | Abigail Easley | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Northwest | Silver |
| Dental Assisting | Grace Ward | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Bronze |
| Diesel Equipment Technology | Matthew Walter | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Dickson | Gold |
| Diesel Equipment Technology | Daniel Ensor | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Elizabethton | Silver |
| Diesel Equipment Technology | Woodson Crowder | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Northwest | Bronze |
| Digital Cinema Production | Team: Harrison Huber, Hamilton Baker | Pellissippi State Community College | Gold |
| Electrical Construction Wiring | Michael C Cains | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Jackson | Gold |
| Electrical Construction Wiring | Blake Shumaker | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Silver |
| Electrical Construction Wiring | Titus Stovall | Northeast State Community College | Bronze |
| Electronics Technology | Ashlyn Carroll | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hohenwald | Gold |
| Electronics Technology | Kylie Burgess | Cleveland State Community College | Silver |
| Electronics Technology | Angela Yates | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Memphis | Bronze |
| Emergency Medical Tech | Team: Chelsea Yurgealitis, Esmeralda Flores | Motlow State Community College | Gold |
| Emergency Medical Tech | Team: Alexis Olsen, Molly Hicks | Motlow State Community College | Silver |
| Emergency Medical Tech | Team: Chandler Johnson, Jenna Wright | Motlow State Community College | Bronze |
| Employment Application Process (IDEA) | Alissya Popoca | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Employment Application Process (IDEA) | Lovey Wakefield | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |
| Engineering Technology Design | Team: Roasha Odom, Noah Cooper, Joseph Hinkel | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Morristown | Gold |
| Esthetics | Leann Thomas | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Murfreesboro | Gold |
| Esthetics | Emmalyn Lowe | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Harriman | Silver |
| Esthetics | Ginger Sharp | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Nashville | Bronze |
| Extemporaneous Speaking | Caroline O'Neal | Chattanooga State Community College | Gold |
| Extemporaneous Speaking | Mason Crowell | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hartsville | Silver |
| Extemporaneous Speaking | John Beatty | Chattanooga State Community College | Bronze |

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| First Aid-CPR | Noah Burns | Motlow State Community College | Gold |
| First Aid-CPR | Brianna Mueller | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crossville | Silver |
| First Aid-CPR | Alexia McClure | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski | Bronze |
| Graphics Imaging-Sublimation | Boston Pilkinton | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Gold |
| Health Knowledge Bowl | Team: James Latimer, Kaydence Dault, Reva Prusynski, Jessica Rager | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hartsville | Gold |
| Health Knowledge Bowl | Team: Chloe R Hensley, Hailey E McCoy, Jaden L Carey | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hohenwald | Silver |
| Health Knowledge Bowl | Team: ErinHeidle, Olivia Graham, Maja Horton, Annie Jarnagin | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Bronze |
| Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration | William G. Hunter | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Dickson | Gold |
| Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration | Benjamin Kemplin | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |
| Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration | Brian Karr | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Bronze |
| Industrial Motor Control | Miguelangel Francisco | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crossville | Gold |
| Industrial Motor Control | Thomas Grady | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Athens | Silver |
| Industrial Motor Control | Wilson Bernabe Jacinto | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Bronze |
| Information Technology Services | Christopher Young | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Morristown | Gold |
| Information Technology Services | Sam Hazem | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Silver |
| Information Technology Services | Chase Parrish | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Jackson | Bronze |
| Interactive Application and Video Game Development | Team: Cain Arnold, Daniel Porter | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Gold |
| Internet of Things and Smart Home | Gabe Dunn | Pellissippi State Community College | Gold |
| Internet of Things and Smart Home | Seth Wagner | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Jackson | Silver |
| Internet of Things and Smart Home | Alexander Parker | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Bronze |
| Internetworking | Joshua Kesler | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Morristown | Gold |
| Internetworking | Sadayaa Smith | Northeast State Community College | Silver |
| Internetworking | Neal Fleck | Northeast State Community College | Bronze |
| Job Interview | Shelby Defore | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Job Interview | Elizabeth Berberich | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |

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| Job Interview | Hannah Zheng | Cleveland State Community College | Bronze |
| Job Skill Demonstration A | Jennifer Farmer | Northeast State Community College | Gold |
| Job Skill Demonstration A | Oliver Leyva | Northeast State Community College | Silver |
| Job Skill Demonstration A | Joseph Ellis | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hartsville | Bronze |
| Job Skill Demonstration Open | Jade Davis | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski | Gold |
| Job Skill Demonstration Open | Daniel McClenithan | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |
| Job Skill Demonstration Open | Sydney Shelton | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski | Bronze |
| Marine Service Technology | Caden Wright | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Masonry | Philip Singleton | Resource Valley Construction Training Council, INC | Gold |
| Mechatronics | Team: William Cantrell, Daniel Uss | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Murfreesboro | Gold |
| Mechatronics | Team: Jonathan Webster, Jacob Yerkes | Roane State Community College | Silver |
| Mechatronics | Team: Jessie Mills, Seth Whited | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crossville | Bronze |
| Medical Assisting | Cheyenne Rollins | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Medical Assisting | Alexandria Milligan | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crossville | Silver |
| Medical Math (Online Only Contest) | Savannah Qualman | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski | Gold |
| Medical Math (Online Only Contest) | Jessi Rymer | Chattanooga State Community College | Silver |
| Medical Math (Online Only Contest) | Paige Hinkle | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hartsville | Bronze |
| Medical Terminology (Online Only Contest) | Madison Harris | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Gold |
| Medical Terminology (Online Only Contest) | Kaelyn Burton | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski | Silver |
| Medical Terminology (Online Only Contest) | Joellen McBride | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Northwest | Bronze |
| Motorcycle Service Technology | Mitchell Barron | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Motorcycle Service Technology | Brandon Hart | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Henry/Carroll | Silver |
| Motorcycle Service Technology | Darrell Dolan | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Bronze |
| Nail Care | Kathleen Lugo | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Murfreesboro | Gold |
| Nail Care | Skyler Bradford | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hohenwald | Silver |

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| Nail Care | Gloria Lopez-Hernandez | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Murfreesboro | Bronze |
| Nurse Assisting | Benton Fowler | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crossville | Gold |
| Nurse Assisting | Eden Prentice | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski | Silver |
| Occupational Health and Safety - Multiple | Team: Angelito Gonzalez, Osvaldo Utrera-San Juan, Logan White | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hartsville | Gold |
| Opening and Closing Ceremonies | Team: Matthew Nelson, Gwyneth White, Halyson Wood, Breanna Holloway, Emmalea Linebarger, Amanda Sovago-Royal, Sarah Kirk | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Opening and Closing Ceremonies | Team: Jasmine Brooks, Evelene Herrera, Vernisha Johnson, Erica Green, Jacrystal Purnell, Jamya Hines, Jada Burns | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Memphis | Silver |
| Pin Design | Lollie Brown | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Henry/Carroll | Gold |
| Pin Design | Halyson Wood | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |
| Pin Design | Joshua Neal | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Bronze |
| Plumbing | James Banks | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Jackson | Gold |
| Plumbing | Paul Lopez-Higuera | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski | Silver |
| Plumbing | Noah Edwards | Northeast State Community College | Bronze |
| Power Equipment Technology | Caleb Toliver | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Power Equipment Technology | John Reese | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Silver |
| Practical Nursing | Marcus Millbrook | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Northwest | Gold |
| Practical Nursing | Leslie Christian | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Silver |
| Practical Nursing | Tatyana Simmons | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Northwest | Bronze |
| Prepared Speech | John Jordan | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Principles of Engineering & Technology | Markus Zhuc | Volunteer State Community College | Gold |
| Promotional Bulletin Board | Team: Bentley Qualls, Miyanna Reaves, Tucker Mathews | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Gold |
| Promotional Bulletin Board | Team: Destiny Layne, Jamie Christian, Shelby Slaven | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Oneida/Huntsville | Silver |
| Quiz Bowl | Team: Joshua Concuan, Breanna Foster, Aida Briceyda Ambrocio Aguilar, Katie Cunningham, Ricardo Alston, Candice Jordan | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Related Technical Math (Online Only Contest) | Bryce Taylor | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hartsville | Gold |

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| Related Technical Math (Online Only Contest) | Matthew West | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Shelbyville | Silver |
| Related Technical Math (Online Only Contest) | Thuan Dang | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Murfreesboro | Bronze |
| Residential Commercial and Appliance Technology | Brian Matthews | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Jackson | Gold |
| Residential Commercial and Appliance Technology | Jacob Shockney | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Silver |
| Residential Commercial and Appliance Technology | Freddy Rivera Godinez | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Morristown | Bronze |
| Restaurant Service | Maddie Morris | Chattanooga State Community College | Gold |
| Robotics and Automation Technology | Team: Daniel Cooper, Johnathan Smith | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Gold |
| Robotics and Automation Technology | Team: Luke Hobby, Daniel McQuigg | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski | Silver |
| Robotics and Automation Technology | Team: Ethan Hall, Josh Kimball | Motlow State Community College | Bronze |
| Robotics Urban Search and Rescue | Team: Jackson Yerbich, Antonio Escamilla | Nashville State Community College | Gold |
| Sheet Metal | Adrian Hernandez Garcia | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Morristown | Gold |
| Sheet Metal | Cooper Watkins | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Silver |
| Sheet Metal | Lucas Rebbert | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Bronze |
| T-Shirt Design | Lollie Brown | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Henry/Carroll | Gold |
| T-Shirt Design | Halyson Wood | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |
| T-Shirt Design | Reanna Hardy | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Crump | Bronze |
| TeamWorks | Team: Eli Ervin, Luke Reagor, Matthew Richardson, Joseph Alford | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Northwest | Gold |
| TeamWorks | Team: Andrew Rogers, Dakota (Bryan) Bailey, Jacob Walls, Chris Jones | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski | Silver |
| Technical Computer Applications | Isaac Corum | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Gold |
| Technical Computer Applications | Paige Johnson | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |
| Technical Drafting | Trevor Eller | Northeast State Community College | Gold |
| Technical Drafting | Marci Kays | Cleveland State Community College | Silver |
| Technical Drafting | John Rowland | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Nashville | Bronze |
| Telecommunications Cabling | Gabrielle Miller | Motlow State Community College | Gold |
| Telecommunications Cabling | Nicholas Corbitt | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Silver |

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| Telecommunications Cabling | Bernice Donoho | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Elizabethton | Bronze |
| Television (Video) Production | Team: Camille Ellis, Alyssa Goldman | Pellissippi State Community College | Gold |
| Video News Production | Team: La Chic McWhorter, Shyanne Brinkley, James Farah, Trevor Walker | Chattanooga State Community College | Gold |
| Web Design and Development | Team: Caeden Scott, Sam Tooley | Southern Adventist University | Gold |
| Web Design and Development | Team: Mark Moskalenko, Noah Norwood | Southern Adventist University | Silver |
| Web Design and Development | Team: Logan Gardner, Shinn No | Southern Adventist University | Bronze |
| Welding | Jose Gabriel | Pellissippi State Community College | Gold |
| Welding | Conner Tipton | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Elizabethton | Silver |
| Welding | Cole Roberts | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Knoxville | Bronze |
| Welding Fabrication | Team: Bryston Hardison, Jason Voorheis, Justin Litchford | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Shelbyville | Gold |
| Welding Fabrication | Team: Preston Brazier, Case Givens, Rowan Nordwall | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Hartsville | Silver |
| Welding Fabrication | Team: Henry Mitchell, William Post, Daniel Pezzi | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Nashville | Bronze |
| Welding Sculpture | Joleian Williams | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Oneida/Huntsville | Gold |
| Welding Sculpture | Hulon Dunn | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Chattanooga | Silver |
| Welding Sculpture | Braydin Partin | Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Shelbyville | Bronze |

Additionally, two colleges had programs that received the President's Volunteer Service Award. This award recognizes our country's citizens and their long-standing efforts to give back to their communities. SkillsUSA takes pride in affecting change in our communities, hearts, and minds. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the time and effort of all our volunteers across the state. TCAT Northwest Building Construction Technology and TCAT Henry-Carroll Residential Building Maintenance have received the gold-level award for their efforts in building homes for Habitat for Humanity. They both received medallions and a letter of gratitude from President Joe Biden.

The final award is the James D. King Award. SkillsUSA Tennessee Postsecondary division recognizes outstanding chapters in honor of a true organization pioneer. This Annual Award recognizes outstanding Tennessee Colleges' participation and performance at the SkillsUSA State Conference. The winning colleges will retain a plaque for one year. The winners are:

- The Division III winner this year is the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Crump
- The Division II winner this year is the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Northwest
- The Division I winner this year is the Chattanooga State Community College



Career and technical education students from Tennessee colleges and postsecondary programs won 57 medals. They demonstrated excellence in dozens of technical and leadership skills competitions at the [2024 SkillsUSA Championships](#), part of the annual [SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference](#) in Atlanta.

Tennessee college/postsecondary students brought home 29 gold (first-place) medals, 21 silver (second-place) medals, and seven bronze (third-place) medals. All 29 gold medals, all seven bronze, and 18 of the 21 silver awards were won by students at Tennessee Board of Regents institutions – the state’s public community and technical colleges. There were 132 students

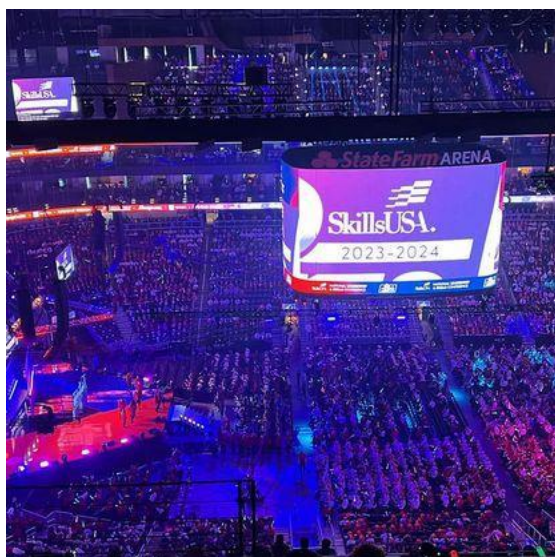
representing 26 institutions from Tennessee’s SkillsUSA college/postsecondary division competing in 83 of the 115 different technical, career, and leadership competitions. With 57 medals, Tennessee ranked second this year in the overall number of medals won at the college/postsecondary level – only one behind the 58 won by Georgia postsecondary students.

SkillsUSA’s National Leadership & Skills Conference is the largest gathering of students in America’s future skilled workforce. The annual week-long conference is the ultimate recognition of career and technical education excellence. Overall, the event brings together more than 16,000 attendees, including students, instructors, industry partners, government officials, administrators and more. The conference is for middle school, high school, and college-level students who are members of SkillsUSA. Students compete at their respective school levels.

“I am so proud of the accomplishments of our Tennessee students,” said Daphne Brown, SkillsUSA Tennessee Postsecondary state director and director of CTE student engagement at the Tennessee Board of Regents. “Tennessee postsecondary students placed in the top four in 41 of the 83 contests they competed in against students from across the nation, which means they placed in the top four in nearly half of those competitions – showcasing the exceptional quality of career and technical education provided by Tennessee colleges.”

SkillsUSA’s competitions test student competencies in their fields and are run with the help of industry, trade associations, labor organizations, and others. In addition, leadership contestants demonstrate their skills, including extemporaneous speaking and conducting meetings using parliamentary procedure.

Among Tennessee Board of Regents institutions, SkillsUSA students from **Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Chattanooga** won the medal count, bringing home 12 medals overall (11 gold and one silver) – followed by **TCAT Hartsville** with seven medals, **TCAT Memphis** and **TCAT Morristown** with six each, **Pellissippi State Community College** with 5, **Northeast State Community College**, **TCAT**



Henry/Carroll and **TCAT Jackson** with two each, and **Volunteer State Community College**, **TCAT Athens**, **TCAT Crump**, **TCAT Harriman**, **TCAT Hohenwald**, **TCAT Knoxville**, **TCAT Northwest**, **TCAT Oneida/Huntsville**, **TCAT Pulaski**, and **TCAT Upper Cumberland** with one each. Students at two independent institutions in the state also won medals: Southern Adventist University and Resource Valley Construction Training Council. Also, at the national conference, the SkillsUSA chapters at two TBR colleges – **TCATs Chattanooga and Pulaski** – were recognized for their [selection in April](#) as Models of Excellence for 2024, the highest honor bestowed on chapters. They were among only

24 chapters nationwide and the only college-level institutions selected in the Technical Skills category.

Tennessee also earned the award for the largest membership increase in its SkillsUSA college/postsecondary division – moving from 10,111 student and faculty members last year to 14,448 members this year – the largest Tennessee membership ever and the largest state delegation in the U.S.

The complete list of medalists from across the nation is [here](#). Tennessee postsecondary students who earned medals at the 2024 national conference:

| National Contest Winners by Institution | | | |
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| Northeast State Community College | Dow Dox | Computer Programming | Silver |
| Northeast State Community College | Trevor Eller | Technical Drafting | Silver |
| Pellissippi State Community College | Team of Hamilton Baker, Harrison Huber | Digital Cinema Production | Bronze |
| Pellissippi State Community College | Gabe Dunn | Internet of Things-Smart Home | Gold |
| Pellissippi State Community College | Team of Alanna Murphy, Jadon Devito | 3D Visualization & Animation | Silver |
| Resource Valley Construction Training Council, Knoxville | Philip Singleton | Masonry | Silver |
| Southern Adventist University | Team of Sam Tooley, Caeden Scott | Web Design & Development | Silver |
| TCAT Athens | William Young | CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer | Gold |
| TCAT Chattanooga | Team of Tia Bowers, Kam Johnson, D'Andre Johnson | Community Service | Gold |
| TCAT Chattanooga | Alissya Popoca | Employment Application Process | Gold |
| TCAT Chattanooga | Team of Matthew Nelson, Daeja Beckom, Sarah Kirk, Breanna Holloway, Amanda Sovago-Royal, Emmalea Linebarger, Breanna Foster | Opening & Closing Ceremonies | Gold |
| TCAT Chattanooga | Job Interview | Job Interview | Silver |
| TCAT Crump | Brody Scott | Advertising Design | Bronze |
| TCAT Harriman | Team of Joseph Griffith, Trevor Massengale, Craig Heaton | Career Pathways-Industrial & Engineering Technology | Gold |

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| TCAT Hartsville | Team of Osvaldo Utrera-San Juan, Angelito Gonzalez, Logan White | Occupational Health & Safety | Gold |
| TCAT Hartsville | Team of James Latimer, Jessica Rager-Hardwick, Reva Prusynski, Paige Hinkle | Health Knowledge Bowl | Silver |
| TCAT Henry/Carroll | Lollie Brown | Pin Design | Gold |
| TCAT Henry/Carroll | Hunter Hamilton | Commercial Roofing | Bronze |
| TCAT Hohenwald | Ashlyn Carroll | Electronics Technology | Bronze |
| TCAT Jackson | James Banks | Plumbing | Gold |
| TCAT Jackson | Brian Matthews | Residential & Commercial Appliance Technology | Gold |
| TCAT Knoxville | Tanner Norris | Collision Damage Appraisal | Silver |
| TCAT Memphis | Team of Edward Sanford Jr., Zedrick Woods, Charles Davis | Career Pathways-Human Services | Gold |
| TCAT Memphis | Team of Robert Artis, Lontriona Ferguson, Alexis Stevenson | Career Pathways-Health Science | Silver |
| TCAT Morristown | Christopher Young | Information Technology Services | Gold |
| TCAT Morristown | Joshua Kesler | Internetworking | Gold |
| TCAT Morristown | Camden Kupres | Aviation Maintenance Technology | Silver |
| TCAT Morristown | Team of Joseph Hinkel, Roasha Odom, Dalton Leonard | Engineering Technology-Design | Silver |
| TCAT Northwest | Marcus Millbrook | Practical Nursing | Bronze |
| TCAT Oneida/Huntsville | Joleian Williams | Welding Sculpture | Bronze |
| TCAT Pulaski | Savannah Qualman | Medical Math | Silver |
| TCAT Upper Cumberland | Benton Fowler | Nurse Assisting | Gold |
| Volunteer State Community College | Markus Zhuk | Principles of Engineering Technology | Gold |



SkillsUSA is sending eight skilled competitors to Lyon, France, on Sept. 10-15 to compete in seven events during the 47th biennial WorldSkills Competition. The event showcases trade skills ranging from construction and building technology to creative arts and fashion, information and communication technology, manufacturing and engineering, social and personal services, and transportation and logistics. The 2024 WorldSkills USA team members range in age from 19 to 22 — each a highly skilled young talent who has shown dedication to perfecting their trade skills over the past year as they prepare to compete against others

from around the globe.

SkillsUSA—America’s proud champion of the skilled trades—has been the official representative of the United States in the WorldSkills Competition since 1973. Its mission is to empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible community members.

“We’re thrilled the 2024 WorldSkills USA team has the chance to represent the U.S. while excelling at a skill they love,” said SkillsUSA Championships Director Brandon Hudson. “These team members come from across the nation and are competing for different reasons. However, they are all focused on a dream of standing on the WorldSkills medal podium to hold the American flag and hear our national anthem fill the arena. With their experts guiding them through individual training plans and with the invaluable support of our event sponsors, we have done our utmost best to prepare this team to compete and win.”

Representing the United States at the WorldSkills competition in Lyon are:

- **Automobile Technology:** Nathan Bulthuis, age 20, Homer Glenn, Ill. (Expert: Mike Elder)
- **CNC Milling:** Kaden Stanczyk, age 20, Custer, Wis. (Expert: Alden “JR” Colvin)
- **Cooking:** Novirah Lone, age 19, Plymouth, Mich. (Expert: Greg Beachey)
- **Heavy Vehicle:** Cale Mouser, age 22, Manhattan, Kan. (Expert: Tom Wozniak)
- **Mechatronics:** Gabriel Eady, age 22, Knoxville, Tenn., and Derek Summers, age 24, Sevierville, Tenn. (Expert: Josh Whittington)
- **Plumbing and Heating:** Brady Kroll, age 21, Barnesville, Minn. (Expert: Bob Hahn)
- **Welding:** Wyatt Hansen, age 20, Altonah, Utah (Expert: Ray Connolly)

SkillsUSA works year-round to instill career readiness skills in over 400,000 students per year so they can excel in the career of their choice. The organization has 850 national partners and is integral to the technical instruction in more than 22,000 classrooms. SkillsUSA inspires students to follow their passion, mastering trade skills invaluable to our nation. Years of work by these eight competitors have led to this upcoming experience of a lifetime: the 2024 WorldSkills competition.

The first WorldSkills competition was held in 1950 in Madrid, Spain. In 1973, SkillsUSA (then called the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) was recognized as the official U.S. representative to WorldSkills. Hundreds of thousands of spectators, public policymakers, employers, teachers, trainers, technical experts, and government officials worldwide will attend the 2024 biennial competition in Lyon, France, and see the WorldSkills USA team in top form.

Follow the 2024 team on the [WorldSkills USA microsite](#) and @WorldSkillsUSA on Facebook, Instagram, and X. Share their posts or interact with them using the hashtags #SkillsUSA and #WorldSkillsUSA.

The WorldSkills USA team's sponsors include the American Welding Society, Automotive Service Technology Technical Committee, Caterpillar Inc., Cummins-Meritor, DENSO, Gene Haas Foundation, Land O' Lakes, Lincoln Electric Company, PHCC Education Foundation, PPG Industries, Inc., and Unilever.

About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is the #1 workforce development organization for students, empowering them to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible community members. SkillsUSA represents more than 413,000 career and technical education students and teachers nationwide in middle schools, high schools, and college/postsecondary institutions. Those members represent 130 in-demand occupational areas, from 3-D animation to welding. A vital solution to the skills gap, SkillsUSA has served over 15 million members since its founding in 1965. Learn more at [skillsusa.org](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About WorldSkills

Since 1950, WorldSkills has come to symbolize the pinnacle of excellence in vocational training. It provides a unique means of exchanging and comparing world-class competency standards in the global economy's industrial trades and service sectors. The continued growth of WorldSkills attests to the fact that traditional trade and craft skills, along with newer technology's multi-skilled occupations, make an essential contribution to the economic and social well-being of people everywhere. For more information, go to [www.worldskills.org](#).

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Will Serve SkillsUSA for the 2024-25 School Year

Leesburg, Va., July 22, 2024 — SkillsUSA students have been elected national officers to serve over 400,000 members for the 2024-25 school year. The 14 high school and college/postsecondary students will serve as advocates for SkillsUSA and career and technical education (CTE) and will lead two national conferences, facilitate sessions for students and instructors, and advocate on behalf of SkillsUSA to elected officials and representatives of business and industry as they represent the national organization at various events.

“Each of these students has an incredible passion for SkillsUSA and for CTE. Through the election process, they demonstrated a deep knowledge of the SkillsUSA Framework and a work ethic that will make them great leaders to serve our members,” said Chelle Travis, executive director of SkillsUSA. “I look forward to working closely with this national officer team throughout the school year.”

Elections were run by the SkillsUSA House of Delegates during the 2024 SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) held June 24-28 in Atlanta. The student officers were elected through a formal process that concluded June 28 at the closing Awards Session of the NLSC when they were announced.

Newly elected SkillsUSA national officers for the High School division include:

- **President — Kallie Allen**, a Biotechnology student at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in Upton, Mass. SkillsUSA advisor: Rebecca Corda.
- **Vice President — Emma Gunn**, a Pre-Engineering student at Canadian Valley Technology Center in Chickasha, Okla. SkillsUSA advisor: Jonathon Knapp.
- **Secretary — Wyatt Boggs**, an Engineering student at Owosso (Mich.) High School. SkillsUSA advisor: Carrie Warning.

- **Treasurer — Brock Davis**, a Welding Fabrication student at Papillion (Neb.) La-Vista South High. SkillsUSA advisor: Roger Campbell.
- **Parliamentarian — Juan Orona**, a Welding student at Hobbs (N.M.) High School. SkillsUSA advisor: Juan-Carlos Medina.
- **Region 2 Vice President — Avery Smith**, a Law Enforcement Services student at the Center for Advanced Technical Studies in Chapin, S.C. SkillsUSA advisor: Joseph Chapman.
- **Region 3 Vice President — Violet Lowe**, a Culinary Arts student at Penta Career Center in Perrysburg, Ohio. SkillsUSA advisor: Janea Makowski.
- **Region 4 Vice President — Jana Kawasmi**, a Biomedical Sciences student at Grand Prairie (Texas) Collegiate Institute. SkillsUSA advisor: Rodney Kasper.
- **Region 5 Vice President — Kate Hughes**, a Construction Technologies student at Payson (Ariz.) High School. SkillsUSA advisor: Chris Harold.

Newly elected SkillsUSA national officers for the College/Postsecondary division include:

- **President — Pamela Williams**, a Career and Development of Young Children student at Northshore Technical Community College in Bogalusa, La. SkillsUSA advisor: Arlendra Zenon.
- **Vice President — Bailey Jensen**, a Public Health and Safety student at Boise (Idaho) State University. SkillsUSA advisor: Jack Polifka.
- **Secretary — Cooper Kias**, a Public Service Occupation student at Reedley (Calif.) College. SkillsUSA advisor: Mark Bray
- **Treasurer — Ally Cadue**, a Criminal Justice/Police Science student at Metropolitan Community College, Kansas City, Mo. SkillsUSA advisor: Jerry Herman.
- **Parliamentarian — Scott Mull**, a HVAC/R student at Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Knoxville, Tenn. SkillsUSA advisor: Nellie Blanton.

Joint Executive Committee

- **Chair — Brock Davis**
- **Vice Chair — Scott Mull**
- **Secretary — Violet Lowe**



SkillsUSA members must follow their school and state candidate process to run for a national office. Once qualified to run for national office, candidates begin the campaign process during the national conference to student delegates representing all 50 states and three territories. The NLSC is the largest and most diverse annual showcase of skill training in the nation, with over 17,000 attendees and 115 leadership and skilled trades competitions planned and managed by industry to their standards for entry-level employees in each field.

Meet the [new SkillsUSA National Officer team](#).

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The SkillsUSA State Standards of Excellence Program ensures that state associations have policies, procedures, and structures to provide a high level of service to members annually. This program allows states to benchmark their performance and identify areas for improvement to become the best organization for their members. States submit supporting documents for their practices to be reviewed by SkillsUSA Nationals. State associations are recognized for achieving State Standards of Excellence at the annual State Director and Staff Convening. This recognition celebrates the dedication, hard work, and achievements demonstrated by each state's leadership team in providing high service to their members. There are three achievement levels: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. SkillsUSA Tennessee C/PS is proud to have earned the Gold level State Standards of Excellence for the 2023-24 year at the Dallas, Texas State Director and Staff Convening.

