



SkillsUSA Tennessee College/Postsecondary Earns National Gold Standard of Excellence Recognition

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — SkillsUSA Tennessee College/Postsecondary has earned **Gold Level recognition** in the SkillsUSA State Standards of Excellence program, the organization's

highest honor for state associations, during the 2024 SkillsUSA State Directors Association Professional Development and Training Conference held Aug. 11–15 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Presented annually by SkillsUSA, the State Standards of Excellence program recognizes state associations that have demonstrated exceptional performance in organizational leadership, governance, financial stewardship, strategic planning, student engagement, and operational sustainability. The program serves as a national benchmark, helping state associations strengthen their operations while ensuring they deliver outstanding service to students, instructors, and industry partners.

Tennessee College/Postsecondary was among only **29 state associations nationwide** to earn the Gold Standard of Excellence in 2024, joining the highest-performing SkillsUSA state associations across the country.

"This recognition reflects the dedication of our advisors, student leaders, board members, educational partners, and industry supporters who work together to provide exceptional opportunities for Tennessee students," said Daphne Brown, State Director of SkillsUSA Tennessee College/Postsecondary. "Our focus remains on preparing students to become skilled professionals, leaders, and engaged members of the workforce while continuously strengthening our association to better serve our members."

The award recognizes more than organizational excellence—it demonstrates SkillsUSA Tennessee College/Postsecondary's commitment to continuous improvement, accountability, and delivering meaningful leadership development and workforce preparation opportunities for students across the state.

SkillsUSA Tennessee College/Postsecondary partners with colleges, technical colleges, and industry leaders to prepare students for successful careers through leadership development, technical skill competitions, workplace readiness, and community service. The Gold Standard of Excellence affirms the association's commitment to maintaining the highest standards while supporting Tennessee's growing workforce needs.