Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2019-2020 #1)  

**Six Attachments With This Message**

**Item #1: Welcome Back SkillsUSA Maryland Advisors!**

**Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!** The State Officer team, Board of Directors and I wish you great success as you prepare your students for a productive and enjoyable year. The SkillsUSA theme for the 2019-2020 school year is:

**SkillsUSA: Champions at Work**
**I’m Ready**

The SkillsUSA competition theme is used throughout the year as the topic to be addressed by contestants in the Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions at local, state and national levels.

The topic to be addressed by contestants in the Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions is how our theme, “**SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, I’m Ready,**” addresses the SkillsUSA program of work in the area of professional development.

**Item #2: 2019-2020 Lead Advisor Contact List**

Please carefully review the “Lead Advisor Contact 2019.20.xls” document (attached) to confirm that your chapter representative(s) listed is accurate and current. **If this is not the correct contact person(s) and/or contact information for your local chapter please forward correct information to State Director.**

**Remember:** if you experience difficulty opening emails, attachments, etc., all advisor updates are available online via the SkillsUSA Maryland official website: [www.mdskillsusa.org](http://www.mdskillsusa.org). At the homepage select “Resources” (in red box) then select “Advisors.” Updates will be listed according to release date.

**Item #3: SkillsUSA Maryland Annual Advisor’s Meeting / CTSO Advisor Training**

Plan to join Maryland CTSO advisors representing FBLA, FFA and SkillsUSA for an MSDE-sponsored professional learning opportunity, **Monday, September 23, 2019.** This one-day event will be held at Maritime Conference Center (MCC), 692 Maritime Blvd., Linthicum, MD, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Invitations have already been sent to Career and Technical Education (CTE) Local Directors. Please make sure that all new and experienced SkillsUSA advisors from your school attend this important back-to-school meeting. Potential new advisors are also welcome to attend. **See registration information attached - be sure to have registration approved by your CTE Central Office.**
***As an added incentive for your chapter to be represented every attending SkillsUSA advisor will receive a free gift and the Board of Directors will be raffling a special prize to go home with a lucky advisor!

Item #4: SkillsUSA Maryland Website

Please visit the SkillsUSA Maryland official website to stay informed and up-to-date regarding state association information and activities. Check the website often as important and helpful information will continue to be posted throughout the school year. Melvin Baker, Frederick County CTC, is our official website manager. Here is a link to the website: [http://mdskillsusa.org/](http://mdskillsusa.org/)

Item #5: SkillsUSA Framework

As you introduce SkillsUSA to new students, teachers, administrators and business and industry partners please be sure to include the SkillsUSA Framework. The Framework will enable your students to more clearly understand and articulate the benefits of SkillsUSA chapter participation in support of personal, workplace and technical skill development. The 2019-2020 chapter membership kit references the Framework and Chapter Excellence Program (CEP). Visit the following link to learn more about the SkillsUSA Framework: [https://www.skillsusa.org/about/skillsusa-framework/](https://www.skillsusa.org/about/skillsusa-framework/)

Item #6: SkillsUSA Career Essentials / Foundations

*Career Essentials* aligns to and supports the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills, ensuring students develop and strengthen the foundational skills, attitudes and values that will distinguish them from other applicants in the skilled labor marketplace. *Career Essentials: Foundations* is included as part of professional membership. Visit the following web link to learn more about Career Essentials: [https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/career-essentials/](https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/career-essentials/)

Item #7: SkillsUSA Maryland 2019-2020 Program of Work Calendar

Upon returning to school, students should begin developing a list (calendar) of chapter activities for the year, referred to as the Program of Work (POW). Be sure to include important state association dates and deadlines already established. The SkillsUSA Maryland 2019-2020 POW is available on the state website: [http://mdskillsusa.org/documents/POW19_20.pdf](http://mdskillsusa.org/documents/POW19_20.pdf)

Item #8: 2019 National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) Press Release

Maryland students earned eighteen national medals at the 2019 NLSC in Louisville, KY. See attached press release. Our delegation competed in 94 events, finishing in the national top ten in more than half of the competitions. As a result of a scoring challenge and subsequent adjustment, we are proud to announce that our TeamWorks team also finished in the national
top ten. Congratulations to Jonathan Brown, Ryan Mandl, Kyle Robey and Andrew Wood, from Harford Technical High School, Harford County Public Schools!

Share this good news with instructors, administrators, parents and business and industry partners. Let’s make sure that everyone knows Maryland CTE programs continue to be among the best in the nation!

Item #9: 2019 Fall Leadership Conference

SkillsUSA Maryland is returning to the beautiful Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, MD, for the annual Fall Leadership Conference. Be sure to mark your calendar (POW), November 7-8, 2019. The hotel address and contact information is: 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842, 410-520-2222 http://www.carouselhotel.com/

The registration fee for students, advisors and chaperones is $135.00 per person and hotel rooms are $115.00 per room. Single rooms are for adults only, however, students (and adults) can choose 2-4 occupants per room.

The online Conference Management System (CMS) is an easy and accurate way to register you and your chapter members for the Fall Leadership Conference. If you’re unfamiliar with CMS instructions/tips will be shared at CTSO Advisor Training, September 23, 2019. Be sure that a representative(s) from your local chapter attends this important meeting!

Item #10: 2019-2020 State Officer Team

President:
Jazmine Garcia – Worcester Technical High School

Eastern Region V.President:
Meghan Masden - Dorchester Career & Technology Center

Western Region V. President:
Abigail McCrobie – Southern Garrett High School

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Nicole Saldana Aldazabal – Worcester Technical High School

**State Officer Advisor:**
Charlene Zinnel
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Thank you for all you continue to do for Maryland Career and Technical Education students.

Have a great year!

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