Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA Advisor 2019-2020 #13)

Item #1: **ACTION ITEM! - 2020 State Championship Registration Deadline!**

The SkillsUSA Maryland State Championship registration deadline is **Friday, March 6, 2020**. Please don’t wait until the last minute to register students and advisors for the conference. Contact Dennis Peaton, Conference Registration Manager, SkillsUSA Maryland, for assistance with online registration at dennis.peaton@gmail.com or 443-615-9338. Register now!

Item #2: **Online Registration - Check-in/Check-out Dates/Times For BWI Marriott Overnight Guests**

The SkillsUSA Conference Management System (CMS) requires check-in and check-out dates / times for all State Championship participants staying overnight at the BWI Airport Marriott hotel.

Item #3: **Check SkillsUSA Maryland Official Website for Important Information and Updates**

The 47th Annual SkillsUSA Maryland State Championship is next month, **April 17-18, 2020**. Please continue to visit the official state website, “State Conference” page for important contest-related information and updates. Contest updates are posted as received and will continue to be posted until **Friday, April 10, 2020**. Check the web site for important updates already posted (in RED)! [http://www.mdskillsusa.org/state_conference.html](http://www.mdskillsusa.org/state_conference.html)

Item #4: **2020 Contest Technical Standards & 2019 NLSC Contest Projects Available Online**

Don’t forget to visit the National SkillsUSA website to access SkillsUSA 2020 Technical Standards contest descriptions and 2019 NLSC national contest project information. Every SkillsUSA Professional Member has access to this important information – be sure to share with all competing students! Here's the link: [http://www.skillsusa.org/](http://www.skillsusa.org/)

Item #5: **SkillsUSA Maryland Delegate Information On State Website**

Visit the SkillsUSA Maryland website, "State Conference" page, to access the following voting delegate information:
Voting Delegate Voting Instructions
National Voting Delegate Application
Local Chapter State Voting Delegate Roster (be sure to list all local chapter
delegates/alternates!)

The State Officer Team encourages every local chapter to be represented at the State Championship Delegate Assembly, Friday, April 17, 2020, BWI Airport Marriott hotel. Be sure to send your delegates! Here's a link to this important information:  http://mdskillsusa.org/state_conference.html

Item #6: ACTION ITEM! - Eight Chapters Earn Chapter Excellence Program “Quality Chapter” Status!

The Chapter Excellence Program (CEP) is the single best way to build a successful SkillsUSA chapter. Congratulations to the following eight (8) SkillsUSA Maryland chapters for earning “Quality Chapter” status:

Carver Vocational-Technical High School, Baltimore City
Center of Applied Technology South, Anne Arundel County
Dorchester Career and Technology Center, Dorchester County
Frederick Career and Technology Center, Frederick County
Parkside High School, Wicomico County
Severna Park High School, Anne Arundel County
Somerset County Technical High School
Worcester Technical High School, Worcester County

The following chapters continue to work CEP online application:

Calvert Career and Technology Academy, Calvert County
Catonsville High School, Baltimore County
Dulaney High School, Baltimore County
Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, St. Mary’s County
Edmondson Westside High School, Baltimore City
Frederick Douglass High School
North Point High School for STI, Charles County
Robert D. Stethem Educational Center, Charles County
Southern Garrett High School, Garrett County
Thomas Edison High School of Technology, Montgomery County
Western School of Technology and Environmental Science, Baltimore County

Every chapter is encouraged to participate in CEP which offers three award levels to recognize program involvement. The first two levels (Quality Chapter and Chapter of Distinction) are acknowledged by a chapter’s state association and the third level is recognized nationally (Models of Excellence). Each level is designed to give chapters a benchmark for success and
future improvement, leading to stronger chapters and more involved and prepared students. The more a chapter applies the SkillsUSA Framework, the greater the chance for CEP honors.

To learn more about CEP visit the following web link: https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/chapter-excellence-program/  The deadline to submit CEP application is **March 15, 2020.**