Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2019-2020 #3)

Item #1: CTSO Joint Advisor Training

Thank you to the advisors, administrators and board members who participated in Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Joint Advisor Training (JAT) at Maritime Conference Center, Monday, September 23, 2019. SkillsUSA Maryland was well-represented with 63 advisors and board members from 20 Local School Systems (LSS). If you were unable to attend, review the CTSO JAT program and advisor handbook for related information. For new advisors, please review the two Advisor Updates already released this year: http://mdskillsusa.org/advisors.html

Item #2: Advisor Handbook Available Online


Special thanks to Kim Clements, Board of Directors, SkillsUSA Maryland, for designing and managing the handbook.

Item #3: Fall Leadership Conference Promotional and National Conference Recap Videos Now Available!

The 2019-2020 state officer team created a short promotional video for the Fall Leadership Conference (FLC). Share this with students planning to attend FLC. Here's the link: http://mdskillsusa.org/fall_conference.html

Be sure to watch and share the newly released 2019 National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) Maryland Recap video, filmed and produced by Jacob Leftwich, SkillsUSA Maryland member and Television/Multimedia Production program completer at Frederick County Career and Technology Center: http://mdskillsusa.org/national_conference.html

Item #4: Action Item! Fall Leadership Conference Registration Deadline

As you know, SkillsUSA Maryland is returning to the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, MD, for the annual Fall Leadership Conference, November 7-8, 2019. The registration deadline is Friday, October 11, 2019. Please make every effort to adhere to the deadline as late registrations cannot be accepted.
As a reminder, 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 have any questions or problems with the online registration system, please contact Dennis Peaton, Conference Registration Manager, at dennis.peaton@gmail.com

**Item #5: Statesman and Advanced Statesman Study Guides Available Online**

Please be sure to share the Statesman and Advanced Statesman study guides with all students attending the Fall Leadership Conference. The study content has been revised and expanded to include new official dress descriptions and SkillsUSA Framework and Chapter Excellence Program information. We challenge all students (and advisors) to earn their Statesman or Advanced Statesman pins! Study guides are available at the following link: [http://mdskillsusa.org/fall_conference.html](http://mdskillsusa.org/fall_conference.html)

**Item #6: Action Item! Review/Confirm SkillsUSA Maryland 2019-2020 Advisor Contact Information**

Visit the state website to review and confirm chapter advisor contact information in the newly-revised SkillsUSA Maryland advisor contact list. Be sure to forward State Director any additional changes or edits to ensure this list is accurate and up-to-date. Follow this link to the "Advisor Contact List." [http://mdskillsusa.org/advisors.html](http://mdskillsusa.org/advisors.html)

**Item #7: NEW! SkillsUSA Membership Self-Registration For Students**

The SkillsUSA Membership Registration site now offers a quick way for students to “self-register” for SkillsUSA! Students can register from their cell phones or computers using a registration code provided by the advisor.

The advantages of student self-registration include reducing the number of misspelled names, ensuring accurate demographic information and providing a time-saving process for advisors. Important: students are not actually registered as members until the advisor approves/submits the registrations. The new capability will simply allow the student to add their name to the roster list which will appear in the unsubmitted column as it has in the past.

Attached are two documents to help guide you through the process. These documents are also posted on the National SkillsUSA website membership home page which is accessible when logged in with an advisor or school admin username.
Item #8: Help is Only a Call, Email or Chat Away!

Need Help with your chapter or registering members? Call the SkillsUSA Membership Hotline toll free: 844-875-4557. Hotline operators are ready to answer your questions on how to start a new chapter, engage chapter members and strengthen an existing chapter — you name it, they are ready to tackle it! Operators are on call from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Eastern) Tuesday and Thursday. Don’t have time to call? Send the operators an email at operators@skillsusa.org or chat with them online at the membership registration site!

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