



### »» SkillsUSA's Advisors of the Year Finalists Announced

SkillsUSA's five regional Advisors of the Year have been chosen through a competitive process that recognizes outstanding advisors for their work with student-led local chapters. Congratulations go to:

- Jennifer Probst, WEMOCO Career and Technical Education Center (N.Y.), Region 1
- Wanda Tyson, Nash Community College (N.C.), Region 2
- Matt Mullins, Lockport Township High School (Ill.), Region 3
- Pake Carlson, High Plains Technology Center (Okla.), Region 4
- Brady Mitchell, West - MEC NWC (Ariz.), Region 5



These five amazing SkillsUSA advisors will be interviewed at the National Leadership & Skills Conference, and one instructor will be named SkillsUSA 2025 Advisor of the Year on June 24.

### »» Reflect on Your Chapter Success

The end of the school year is an excellent time for students to reflect on their personal growth during the year. Start a chapter meeting or class with a reflection question such as:

- What specific Essential Elements did you learn and grow through our chapter activities?
- How did you demonstrate your leadership skills this year?
- How did SkillsUSA help inform decisions about your future career path?

The answers to these questions and examination of their accomplishments can help students reflect on their growth and see the value of SkillsUSA in their life. For inspiration, encourage your students to visit the [SkillsUSA Champions digital hub](#) for more and [submit a SkillsUSA story for consideration](#). Share a few stories with your students and ask them to write a story about their own SkillsUSA experiences.

### »» Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship

The Larry Rash Scholarship provides one \$2,500 award in 2025 to support active SkillsUSA members who plan to further their education in architectural drafting or a related field. One scholarship is granted to the best qualified applicant in an online application process, and the second award goes to the national high school gold medalist in architectural drafting at NLSC. This year's online application winner is Amani Omar, High School for Construction Trades Engineering and Architecture, N.Y.

## »» Presidential Volunteer Service Award Winners

SkillsUSA is an official certifying organization for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) and recognizes its members for individual and team service efforts. This year, 71 SkillsUSA members from 33 SkillsUSA chapters in 12 states were recognized for their outstanding community service. Congratulations to these state associations: Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas! This national honor is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States. The award recognizes the best in the American spirit and encourages all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service and civic participation. Gold, silver and bronze awards are based on the number of documented volunteer hours served over 12 consecutive months. Participants receive a lapel pin, certificate and a congratulatory letter from the President. For more information, visit the [SkillsUSA webpage](#).



## »» Clifford H. "Ted" Rees, Jr. Scholarship

The Clifford H. "Ted" Rees, Jr. Scholarship Foundation, an Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) Charitable Foundation, offers four merit-based \$2,500 scholarships to SkillsUSA members each year. The scholarship provides tuition support for students pursuing postsecondary education/training in HVACR. Here are the 2025 winners:

- Caylan Hixon, Johnson Community College, N.C.
- Christopher Paukstis, Perry Technical Institute, Wash.
- Jonathan Rubio, Perry Technical Institute, Wash.
- Noah Durazo, Collin College, Texas

## »» Share Your Chapter Successes

The SkillsUSA Store is gearing up to bring the heat to national conference in Atlanta! This year, they will feature over 75 new SkillsUSA products, including 14 T-shirt designs, six new drinkware pieces and so much more. Plus, every purchase includes a gift! Please shop early if you need competition attire, SkillsUSA souvenirs for your supporter back home or the latest fashion gear to show your pride.

### SkillsUSA Store Hours at NLSC:

- Monday, June 23: Grand Opening 1 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 24: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 25: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursday, June 26: 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



**Important Note:** The SkillsUSA Store is **CASHLESS!** All major credit or debit cards and Apple Pay are accepted