

Fall Leadership Conference

Special Guest



Dr. Karen Salmon

Keynote Speaker



Danielle Aaronson

National Officer



Helen Smith

This year's fall leadership conference theme is "**Focus on the Future.**" Conference activities will include leadership, employability skills and teambuilding workshops. Here are some highlights:

- Welcome and remarks from Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools, Maryland State Department of Education. This is Dr. Salmon's second consecutive year at the conference!
- Opening and closing sessions and a variety of workshops and activities featuring the 2016-17 SkillsUSA Maryland State Officer Team.
- Keynote speaker, Danielle Aaronson, will inspire student leaders to make intentional choices that move them to positive action. Danielle presented to hundreds of SkillsUSA state officers from across the country at the 2016 National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in Louisville, KY. She looks forward to sharing her mantra, "Be the change you wish to see in the world," with SkillsUSA Maryland conference participants.
- Students and advisors can plan an excursion to the award-winning Ocean City Boardwalk.
- The evening session will feature SkillsUSA National Officer, Helen Smith, a senior at Sandy Creek High School in Tyrone, Georgia. Helen has been active in SkillsUSA for four years where she served as the 2015-16 state secretary, competed in various design contests and won the 2015 National T-shirt Challenge. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and is a Georgia Governor's Honor Program 2015 finalist.
- All participating students (and advisors!) are encouraged and challenged to earn the Statesman or Advanced Statesman Awards.

Fall Conference Agenda—Carousel Hotel, Ocean City, MD

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016

- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Registration
- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Opening Ceremony
- 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm Keynote Address
- 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm Group Activity
- 2:30 pm - 4:45 pm Chapter Supervised Activities
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Dinner
- 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Evening Workshops
- 9:00 pm - 10:30 pm Dance/Social Activities
- 11:00 pm Curfew

Friday, Nov. 4, 2016

- 7:00 am – 7:45 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am – 10:45 am Morning Workshops
- 10:45 am – 11:15 am Pack / Load Luggage
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm Special Session
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Closing Ceremony
- 2:00 pm Adjourn

* **Conference Dress Code:** official or business dress should be worn Thursday, with the exception of free time and dance. Friday dress is the conference tee shirt and black pants.