

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2018-2019 #2)

Item # 1: CTSO Joint Advisor Training

Thank you to the advisors, administrators and board members who attended CTSO Joint Advisor Training (JAT) at Notre Dame of Maryland University, Wednesday, September 26, 2018. SkillsUSA Maryland was well-represented with 53 advisors and board members from eighteen (18) Local School Systems (LSS) participating. Welcome again to all new advisors!

For those unable to attend see, "2018 Advisor Training Resource Guide," (<http://mdskillsusa.org/ctso.html>) distributed at the meeting. Please refer to this guide as you manage and grow your chapter.

I'd like to recognize and offer a special "thank-you" to the following SkillsUSA board and professional members for leading discussions at the training:

Kim Clements, Member, Board of Directors, Charles County
Curtis Hoover, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Anne Arundel County
Robin Mearman, Financial Officer, Board of Directors, Anne Arundel County
April Powell, Secretary, Board of Directors, Worcester County
Bonnie Skinner, Lead Advisor, St. Mary's County
Rick Stephens, Chair, Board of Directors, Worcester County
Charlene Zinnel, Officer Advisor/Board of Directors, Dorchester County

Although Charles Burkes, President, SkillsUSA Maryland, was unable to attend Joint Advisor Training, he delivered a video message to the advisors. See his message at the following link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wb9fk5agP83eX6EyVkc5rn2flKIhwZQR/view?usp=sharing>

Item #2: Fall Leadership Conference Promotional Video

The 2018-2019 state officer team produced an exciting and enlightening video highlighting the Fall Leadership Conference (FLC). Be sure to share the video with students planning to attend FLC. Visit the "Fall Conference" page at the following web link:

http://mdskillsusa.org/fall_conference.html

Item #3: 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 1-2, 2018**.

The registration deadline, originally scheduled for October 1, has been extended to **Friday, October 5, 2018**. Please make every effort to adhere to this extended deadline as late registrations cannot be accepted.

The registration fee for students, advisors and chaperones is \$125.00 per person and hotel rooms are \$110.00 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 #4: 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 expanded to include information regarding the SkillsUSA Framework and Chapter Excellence Program. We challenge all students (and advisors) to earn their Statesman or Advanced Statesman pin! Study guides are available at the following link: http://mdskillsusa.org/fall_conference.html

Item #5: Advisor Handbook Available Online

Be sure to review the new and improved SkillsUSA Advisor Handbook 2018, now available on the state website:

<http://mdskillsusa.org/advisors.html> Thank-you to Kim Clements, SkillsUSA Board of Directors, for designing the handbook and ensuring it's up-to-date.

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