

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (2018-2019 SkillsUSA Maryland Update #20) **One Attachment With This Message**

Item #1: 2019-2020 SkillsUSA Maryland Board of Directors Election Reminder

Please see board candidate biographical revised information for Kim Clements, attached.

Action Item! - The lead advisor representing each local chapter is asked to submit one ballot containing votes for four (4) candidates. Please return your ballot to April Powell, Secretary, Board of Directors, by **Friday, May 24, 2019**. Send ballots to ADPowell@worcesterk12.org

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Brian Granger
Center of Applied
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REGION 3

Kim Clements
Robert D Stethem
Educational Center
REGION 4

Jack Newkirk
Frederick County
Career & Tech
REGION 6

Jenny Maher
Frederick County
Career & Tech
REGION 6

Michelle Dugans
Severna Park High
School
REGION 3

Linda Jones
Severna Park High
School
REGION 3

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Brian Granger

I would like to continue to expand my knowledge of the SkillsUSA Organization as well as assist the State Alumni Association.

I was a local officer for the Center of Applied Technology South in 2009 serving as their Vice President. As a student I competed in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies Team and assisted my team to get to the National Level. I then spent the next 7 years coaching an Opening and Closing Ceremonies team as an Alumni. I have been an active member for CAT-South for the last 10 years. In 2011 I founded the CAT-South SkillsUSA Alumni Supporters as a local SkillsUSA Alumni Chapter that provides a source of funding for students to attend SkillsUSA Events through events, business partner support and sponsorships.

I have served in multiple capacities in the SkillsUSA State Competitions from Chaperone, Advisor, and have judge many contests from Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Technical Math, Quiz Bowl, Customer Service and Extemporaneous Speaking. After working with the state level, I moved to the National Conference where I have also judged Extemporaneous Speaking, Customer Service and Quiz Bowl.

Kim Clements –

I want to continue to serve on the Board of Directors for SkillsUSA Maryland to assist in planning events and promoting the organization as a whole. Holding a key leadership position in SkillsUSA proves my dedication to not only my students, but also those around the state. I am such an advocate of SkillsUSA because it enables students to practice and extend their technical skills and interpersonal abilities. Skills taught in class are transferrable to the real-world experience and no other organization does this better than SkillsUSA. Managing the SkillsUSA Championships and leadership opportunities for the students is challenging. The more resources committed to the success of SkillsUSA would improve upon the quality of instruction in occupational areas represented. Continuing as a member of the Maryland SkillsUSA Board of Directors would provide me the opportunity to build upon the foundation of successful communications, to all advisors, but particularly the new ones, earning trust and allowing our students to flourish in their field of study. I have been teaching Career and Technology Education (CTE) programs since 2006, beginning with Graphic Communications at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center in Leonardtown, Maryland. It is here I was introduced to SkillsUSA and became passionate about the organization and the opportunities it provides students beyond the classroom. I took that passion and created a new chapter in 2010, when I accepted a position at the Robert D. Stethem Educational Center in Pomfret, Maryland as the Interactive Media Production instructor. Not only have I grown the membership through my school chapter, but also by promoting the organization to other interactive media instructors, two new chapters emerged this year in Maryland (DuVal High School and Severa Park High School)

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As a current Board member, I have strengthened communications by updating Web-related documents and redesigning the advisor handbook with the new advisor in mind. I have attended SkillsUSA district, state and national conferences, mentoring students to earn state gold medals in Advertising Design, Pin Design, T-Shirt Design, Digital Cinema, Photography, Broadcast News and Employment Application. My interactive media students have consistently placed top-ten in the state competitions. I have continued to volunteer time as a state contest judge or chair and look forward to coaching students to earn their statesman and advanced statesman leadership awards.

Jack Newkirk –

Continue to serve the students and chapters of the state of Maryland as a Board of Director. This is an outstanding organization for the development of our students and it is important to make sure we have leaders willing to give time as a board of director to ensure future experiences for our students.

I have served on the Maryland Board of Directors for the past 4 years and would like to continue with my service to this group. I have been involved with my local school chapter for the past 7 years. I have assisted with all state activities over the past four years and I hope to continue my service as a state board member in the future to support the activities for all students in the state of Maryland.

I believe my experience with the board for the past three years and as an educator for the past 27 years will enable me to continue to provide meaningful input and contributions to Maryland SkillsUSA. I have assisted with all state conferences and activities over the past four years and hope to continue my work with each of these activities in the future.

Michelle Dugans –

I would like to continue to serve the CTE students across the State of Maryland. I enjoy assisting our State Director and the Chairperson of the Board, in the development and implementation of the SkillsUSA Organization across the State of Maryland. During my tenure on the Board of Directors, I have had to opportunity to work with and assist many students and advisors from all over the State. I would like to continue my journey.

I have served on the Maryland Board of Directors for over 9 years. I have been the chair of the Board of Directors for two terms and served as a co-advisor to the SkillsUSA Maryland State Officer Team. I was an advisor at a career and technical high school for over 12 years. During

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that time I continually raised the participation levels at the school in membership, leadership, and competition activities. During my tenure at the school our chapter received the Chapter of Excellence Award – Silver Medal. I have started a new SkillsUSA Chapter in a comprehensive high school in our county. It is the first chapter in a comprehensive high school in our county. By starting this new chapter at Severna Park High School, it is allowing CTE students to participate in the SkillsUSA Organization, even though they do not go to one of the two career centers in our county.

I would bring the following skills to the Board of Directors.

- I am dedicated to the organization, I believe in its mission and philosophy.
- I have a common-sense approach to management, leadership, and group environments.
- I have outstanding relationships with students, faculty, and parents.
- I am a hard worker, and willing to volunteer my time to the organization.
- I make myself available to advisors all over the state, as a resource whenever needed.
- Valuable years of experience at the local, regional, state, and national levels. Both in the areas of Leadership and Competition.
- A background in business and technology.
- I am energetic and enthusiastic when representing the organization.
- I am organized, prepared, and ready to serve our State organization.

Jenny Maher –

I believe that I can bring new ideas and creative ways to get more students and advisors involved in SkillsUSA. I have experience in fundraising and planning events where I have raised over \$15,000 dollars at one event.

My passion for SkillsUSA is evidence in my student's performance at all levels of competition. I encourage my students to compete in competitions that allow them to push their abilities and do things that they would have never done if it wasn't for SkillsUSA

Attended local, regional, state and national competitions as a student in the 90's and currently as an advisor. I have attended every national conference since I was hired as an instructor in 2007. I attend the fall leadership conference every year and received my Stateman's Award. I received the Maryland SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year for region 6 in the 2012-2013 school year.

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I have a positive attitude and desire to see students be successful in their trades. SkillsUSA has the opportunity to help prepare students and I want to be a part of the process to help students reach their full potential.

What else do you want the membership to know that is relevant to your application for the Board of Directors?

By being on the Board I will learn more about what happens behind the scenes and I will be an advocate for my students.

Linda Jones –

Being a member of the Skills USA Board would provide me the opportunity to use my skills I have developed over my three-decade career in education, private and government industries to support and assist students who are training in the trades, service, health and other occupations.

While I have not been involved in the Skills USA activities I offer the following:

- Work experience in private, public and education industries.
- B.S., Business Education, University of Maryland, College Park
- M.A.Ed., Business Education, Tennessee State University
- Ed.D. in Education Leadership, University of Maryland, College Park
- Served as supervisor over vocational training programs on the high school and collegiate levels
- Business education teacher for 20 years
- School administrator for 16 years
- Adjunct professor on the collegiate level for 10 years

I am able to connect and build relationships with students to help them obtain the skills they need to develop to be successful workers and citizens.

I am willing to try new things—initiate needed programs to meet student needs. I organized the first student legal secretary organization in the state of Tennessee during my tenure at Nashville State Technical Institute. I created Falcon Flight at my current position at Severna Park High School to provide student academic tutoring, career and college application and support.