

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2018-2019 #3)

Item #1: **Action Item!** - Fall Leadership Conference Registration Deadline is Friday

The SkillsUSA Maryland Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) registration deadline is **Friday, October 5, 2018**. The State Officer Team has planned an exciting, informative and motivational experience for students and advisors. Help the officer team reach their goal of having every local chapter represented this year. Register now!

If you have trouble with the online registration system don't hesitate to contact Dennis Peaton, Conference Registration Manager, at dennis.peaton@gmail.com or [443-615-9338](tel:443-615-9338).

See you in Ocean City at the Fall Leadership Conference, November 1-2, 2018!

Item #2: Statesman and Advanced Statesman Study Guides (revised for 2018)

Be sure to share the Statesman and Advanced Statesman Award study guides with students planning to attend the **2018 Fall Leadership Conference**. We challenge every conference participant to earn their statesman or advanced statesman pins...this includes advisors! Study guides (revised for 2018) are available on the state association web site: http://mdskillsusa.org/fall_conference.html

Item #3: FLC Personal Liability and Release Form

The FLC personal liability and release form must be completed, signed and submitted for every student and adult attending the 2018 Fall Leadership Conference. Forms can be mailed to State Director before the conference or hand-delivered to the Carousel Hotel registration/check-in table, **Thursday, November 1, 2018**. Form is available on the state website, Fall Conference page: http://mdskillsusa.org/fall_conference.html

Item #4: Review/Confirm SkillsUSA Maryland 2018-2019 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. The "Lead Advisor List" can be found on the state website, Advisor page: <http://mdskillsusa.org/advisors.html>

Item #5: Construction Trades / CDM - Professional Development Opportunity

Please forward the attached invitation letter and agenda to all Construction Design and Management (CDM), construction trades and CAD/Drafting instructors in your building. They won't want to miss the annual statewide Construction & Development Cluster instructor meeting at Towson University, **Friday, October 19, 2018**. Instructors must receive approval to attend from your school district CTE director/office. The online registration deadline is October 12, 2018.

Item #6: 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!

Item #7: WorldSkills “Team USA” Microsite Launches

A team of America's best Career and Technology Education (CTE) completers/graduates will be travelling to Kazan, Russia, August 22-27, 2019, to compete in WorldSkills competitions. “Team USA” includes Maryland's own Brittany Whitestone, and content expert, Dave Hutchinson. Additional information about Brittany and Dave is available on the state website: <http://mdskillsusa.org/world.html>

SkillsUSA has launched a special microsite for 2019 WorldSkills which includes “Team USA” bios and photos. Twenty-two content experts are supporting this team, which now includes a demonstration event in Cyber Security. Check out the microsite here: www.WorldSkillsUSA.org

SkillsUSA has expanded its public relations and marketing efforts for this team. Please visit each of the following links and click on “subscribe,” “like” or “follow” so you don't miss any updates:

- www.youtube.com/channel/UC0zY7ngoY7UfoqrdZAI8Vg
- www.facebook.com/WorldSkillsUSA/
- www.instagram.com/worldskillsusa/
- <https://twitter.com/worldskillsusa?lang=en>

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