

December 2017 New York State Officer Report

President:
Stiven Carrasco

Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella

During the month of December I haven't been active in much of the SkillsUSA meetings and activities. The reason is I had the opportunity to be a part of an internship that required me to be present less at my BOCES. But this didn't stop my chapter officers and advisors, they proceeded on working hard at our chapter activities. The officers informed our members more about communication skills and professional development where they practiced and participated in SkillsUSA Framework training. On behalf of SkillsUSA we also did a veterans drive at our school to help our community. Before our holiday break my fellow state officer Kathleen Martin and I wrote letters to our area Board of Regents representative Elizabeth S. Hakanson inviting her to the 2018 State Conference.

Secretary
Danielle Graham

Advisor:
Nancy Iannacone

This month has been a really busy month. For the month of December, we created a toy, food, and winter clothing drive to help our local families in need. There were a lot of donations and my local chapter really came together. With this community service project being such a hit, we have thought about bring in the people from ARC to do their hair, give them lunch, show them our school, and creating something that each person can take with them. This idea has already passed my principal. Unfortunately, the fundraiser a student at Fall Leadership shared with me was no allowed in my local chapter because of certain concerns. We had to head back to the drawing board. We created a fundraiser with the culinary students to make breakfast every Wednesday. The first week was a big hit. They are going to continue to do so every Wednesday. The candy sales have been doing great this month. We have also added Snapple drinks to give a larger variety to the students. Each class came together to order shirts and sweatshirts to represent their class, our school, and to raise more money for SkillsUSA. Everything is really starting to impact our school and every member is hands on.

I can't wait for officer screening to see my fellow officers and advisors!

Reporter
Hannah Grisewood

Advisor:
Mrs. Essig

This month my chapter discussed Area and the competitions that we can compete in. There are also a couple of people that are interested in becoming a state officer. We have started a fundraiser for Area and we are discussing the Ronald McDonald fundraiser. I am excited for the Area competitions and the delegate session.

Treasurer
Kathleen Martin

Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella

Since my last report I have ran meetings at my local chapter. We worked on the frame work especially technical skills. One of the activities we have completed was a modalable activity to help students see that working together and as a team requires flexibility. Another thing that I have done since my last report sent an invitation to my local Board of Regents representative inviting them to the 2018 State conference. Also at our

chapter we have had a veterans drive wear many student have contributed.I am looking forward to Morrisville and state competition

Parliamentarian
Lindsey Wilcox

Advisor:
Mrs. Richardson

This month we have been preparing for states by getting the students prepared in their fields for competitions, we also have did adopt a child for Christmas and it went really well. For those that don't know what adopt a child is, Adopt a Child is a program that families in need can sign up for and someone can adopt that family and get presents for their children to help them out. It's a really good feeling to know that we were able to help families in need during the holiday season.

Historian
Maylee Adams

Advisor:
Mr. Kramer

This month our chapter has a donut sale to raise money for our chapter and a toy drive to raise money and toys for all the needy children this holiday.

Area I Vice President
Alaina DeCamella

Advisor:
Ms. Gage

On December 9, my school held a breakfast with Santa for under privledged children to help pick out toys for their families and provided a breakfast meal for them. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend, but I did help set it up and organize the whole function. Also, on December 22 we held a SkillsUSA Christmas party where we played games and decorated cookies as a group and to help get to know each other! Can't wait to look forward to officer screening and what the next few months bring us!

Area II Vice President
Izzy Abelbeck

Advisor:
Mrs. Fiorenza

Merry Christmas!! Hope everyone is having a great holiday season! I have been busy plan Area 2's community service project. Again this year we are collecting non-perishable items for Feed our Vets. I have been making plans for Area 2 regionals on February 2nd. I'm excited to see everyone and to see all the officers in Syracuse for Officer Screening later that day. My chapter has been busy with community service. We helped at a couple different Christmas events for the community and we also did Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics. I'm looking forward to the new year and to see my SkillsUSA family. Happy New Year!!! Thank you!!

Area III Vice President
Savitri Persaud

Advisor:
Mrs. Hamel

December the month of giving and having the holiday spirit. To start it off a few Skillsusa members from my school and I, volunteered at our community Toy drive. Our BOCES students really stepped up and donated above and beyond what we expected.This was my second time attending this drive. Coming back this year was even better. Around the holidays I always want to give back, whether it's to little kids or my community. This event just happened to cover both. I had the honor of running our monthly SkillsUSA meeting as a state officer. My goal was to recruit another state officer candidate to represent our school. In this meeting I put

together a presentation explaining what a SkillsUSA state officer is responsible for along with the unforgettable memories it holds. Imagine my surprise when I found out that 3 students are willing to become candidates. I am looking forward to seeing my team and all the candidates in the beginning of February. It brings back memories to when I was in their position one year ago.

Area IV Vice President
Barnette Waldo

Advisor:
Mrs. Myers

December has been a very active month at my local SkillsUSA chapter and as a SkillsUSA state officer. In my local chapter our membership has continued to increase. My fellow officers and I are diligently working to incorporate the SkillsUSA framework and other essentials into our monthly meetings. We began incorporating aspects of the Semi Colon Project into our meetings. This idea was taken from Fall Leadership and developed more in depth by the officers at my CTI. We are also working hard to organize a yearbook for our school. Many yearbooks have been done in the past but we are trying to bring back the tradition and do it well. My CTI also participated in a food drive to benefit the less fortunate during the holidays. This was a success and we had a great turn out. I am eagerly looking toward the Area 4 Regional Competition. It is approaching quickly but I am very excited to help with this conference.

Area V Vice President
Lizbeth Martinez

Advisor:
Mrs. Kergoat

As we are at the last month of the year, we are getting ready for the new year and new activities and events coming up. This month, I had a great pleasure in attending 3 main events we had, a SkillsUSA social dance, Wreaths of America and our annual ice skating event. The SkillsUSA social was held at Queens Vocational and the theme was Winter in Paris. We had 2 other schools participate, Aviation high school and Williamsburg high school. The social was a great way to bring students from 3 CTE schools and socialize while dancing and eating the food given. Members from all schools came over, help getting the cafeteria ready, help with the decorating and giving out food. We decided to possibly make this a community service also by donating a percentage of the money made to Puerto Rico to help out. As a result, I got positive feedback about the event and some brought the idea of doing another one during the spring.

The next event that was held was Wreaths of America, which is an event with a mission to remember and honor our fallen soldiers by laying a wreath on their graves at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. We help out by donating money and buying wreaths and volunteer to do the actual wreath laying. Personally, I love this event because it honors those who have died protecting our country and our freedom. The last event that we had was another social, our annual ice skating social at Bryant Park. This was a city wide event meaning all schools that have SkillsUSA chapters can attend. It was cool knowing that multiple members from different schools come together on this day to skate and just have some fun at Bryant park. We were all eating and taking pictures and getting closer together. All in all, it's pretty cool and I love the fact that this amazing organization can bring all of these people together and have fun because I consider all of us to be a big family and events like this brings us closer together. To end, I want to wish you guys happy holidays and a new year, thank you for all of the moments we had together, the great laughs, ups and down, and I can't wait to see you guys in the new year. Thank you.

Area VI Vice President
Angeline Lamonica

Advisor:
Mrs. Amatulli

This month has been a little crazy... my officer team and I at school have been working really hard to raise money for the Barry Tech scholarship fund and this year we raised over \$300 just with one fundraiser. We sold candy grams like we did last year but this year we changed it up and ordered more candy canes. We also made it a bundle by adding Hershey kisses that was donated by the officers from both the morning and afternoon teams. We also put little note pads in with the bundle. We started to sell them for \$2 but that

wasn't selling that fast and we were getting nervous that we wouldn't sell all of them so the week before break we lowered it to \$1. Our next fundraiser is coming up and we are selling lollipops for a \$1 each. This year we hope to increase our profits by buying more lollipops. This would be our Valentine's fundraiser. I'm excited to see what the future has for our team and what doors will open up for not only me but for my peers involved in SkillsUSA.