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State Director's Flash Friday Report Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the Month

Dear Advisors:

WLTi

Our first event of the new year was WLTi Sept 23-27, 2017 in Washington DC. It was a great learning experience for our State Officers along with advisor and others. The highlight of the event was the Congressional visits that students and advisors participated in on Capitol Hill.

All the Officers and students did an outstanding presentation.

Here we find Hannah Grisewood and Alaine DeCamella hard at work in the training sessions.



Temporary Funding Bill Continues Perkins Support

The Association for Career and Technical Education reports that Congress has approved a stopgap continuing resolution (CR) for fiscal year 2018 to provide temporary funding for the federal government through Dec. 8 (see: www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/090617-CONTINUING-APPROPRIATIONS-ACT-FY18-SECTION-BY-SECTION.pdf). The effort to pass a short-term CR was combined with emergency funding for victims of Hurricane Harvey and a suspension of the federal debt limit. The CR is intended to put the federal budget on autopilot by continuing the current funding levels for Perkins and other programs until a long-term agreement can be reached.

The CR includes a 0.68 percent across-the-board reduction that was needed to keep overall spending within the required budget caps for the year. Because of the way Perkins funds are budgeted and distributed, this reduction will impact Perkins Basic State Grant advance funding from FY 2017 that will become available for allocation to the states beginning on Oct. 1. While the reduction in funding will likely be very small for those states that see a reduction (some will not be cut at all), ACTE will work to ensure that those funds are restored in the final FY 2018 funding bill.

Fall Leadership Conference

Registration is open for NY Fall Leadership Conference in November, this is a great opportunity for members and chapters to connect and gain valuable information.

If you haven't already, please mark your calendar for the Fall Leadership Conference. This year the conference will be held November 5-7 at the Desmond Inn Albany, NY. SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) focuses on developing leadership, team building, and chapter management skills. The conference has training tracks for students and advisors that teach the skills needed to be champions at work in both our communities and in our personal lives. For more information, please visit; www.nysskillsusa.org

Communication is key

The success of this organization and for us to have successful communication we need the lead advisor's e-Mail address and information. It is also key that the lead advisor communicate with all the advisors in the Chapter. Please complete the Lead advisor form found on the website www.nysskillsusa.org under the forms tab.

Through the Friday Flash, I like to keep in communication with all advisors. We will later be asking for an e-mail list of all your chapter advisors and administration so that we can keep all as up to date as possible with what is happening in the world of SkillsUSA.

Please Note: We change the website look and information regularly so please refresh you web-page. This will help to keep it current with our updates.

Survey:

We sent out a survey a few week ago on new contest and have only heard back from 8 schools. The survey explains the contest and we ask that you return this check off to us. These are all national contest and you can find information about the on the Nationals Site.

ALSO: We are looking for a Cluster Chair for the Computer contests. Contact Ellen Coughlin if interested.

If offered our center will participate in the following contests; Please ✓ check and return to Ellen or to me.

- Interactive Application & Video Gaming
- T-Shirt
- CNC Technician

- CNC Milling Specialist (already offered)
- Automated Manufacturing Technology (already offered) (Team of 3)

Center's/Chapter name: _____

Address: _____

Turnkey Lesson Plan Makes Integrating SkillsUSA Easy



Step 3 of the 10 Steps to a Successful Chapter provides a hands-on lesson plan so you can ensure SkillsUSA is integral to your CTE program.

Use the Job-Ready Day One lesson plan to embed SkillsUSA into your activities. A SkillsUSA chapter exists as a teaching tool where intentional learning can take place in a safe environment. Students can make mistakes

and learn from them with your guided practice, which moves them along a continuum of awareness to demonstration and eventual mastery-level learning. The Job-Ready Day One lesson plan makes it easy for students to understand the SkillsUSA Framework and how it connects to their future success.

Three unique lesson plans serve specific learner needs:

- [Middle School — Career Exploration Lesson Plan](#)
- [High School — Preparing for Success Lesson Plan](#)
- [College/Postsecondary — Landing That Job Lesson Plan](#)

Career Planning Site Provides Students With Free Tools

As part of the SkillsUSA Framework lesson plan, students will benefit from visiting the [Career Transitions site](#), where they can:

- Assess their career interests by taking an online assessment
- Browse career paths and check out videos of real people working in the field
- Learn to write a résumé and cover letter

With this free registration, students will receive a year's worth of career planning tools and resources that will help ensure they are job-ready Day One. Don't delay, have students sign up today to begin to take advantage of these tools!

The screenshot shows the top section of the Career Transitions website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "SEARCH JOBS, INTERNSHIPS, & MORE". Below this, there are input fields for "Job Title" and "City, State, or Zip Code", along with a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are four main navigation buttons: "WRITE A RESUME" (Create a resume to send to potential employers), "WRITE A COVER LETTER" (Prepare a cover letter to send with your resume), "TIPS & ADVICE" (Get tips about resumes, applying, and interviews), and "INTERVIEW SIMULATION" (Prepare for job interviews with our interview simulation). Below these buttons, there is a section titled "DISCOVER A NEW CAREER" with four sub-buttons: "ASSESS YOUR CAREER INTERESTS", "BROWSE CAREER PATHS", "MATCH EXPERIENCE TO NEW CAREERS", and "Find Schools & Programs". Below this, there is a "FEATURED VIDEOS" section. The first video is titled "Daily Leap Career Video of the Week: 6 Tips for Becoming a Successful Solopreneur". The video description states: "Each week we present our Daily Leap Career Video of the Week. The video we share presents news or advice related to career and life development, searching for a job, the economy and employment, and other career-related topics." The video thumbnail shows a man in a suit speaking, with the text "The Job Search Minute: Weakness" at the bottom.

New Tools Help Instructors Embed Global Content into CTE Coursework

Today's students will be graduating into a world that is ever more interconnected. One in 10 Americans is foreign born, and local communities — urban, suburban and rural — are growing more diverse. To take advantage of global market opportunities, companies want employees with the knowledge and skills to work across cultures. Therefore, career and technical education (CTE) instructors must prepare their students to compete, connect and cooperate on an international scale.

A new, free [professional development course](#) and [toolkit](#), "[Global Competence Through Career and Technical Education](#)," is available to help. This customizable, 10-12-hour, online course for middle- and high-school CTE instructors was created by Asia Society's Center for Global Education in partnership with the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and Advance CTE, through funding from [PMI Educational Foundation](#). Educators can earn two [Continuing Education Units](#) upon completion of the course. For more information, visit [AsiaSociety.org/CTE](#) or email Heather Singmaster, associate director, Asia Society: hsingmaster@asiasociety.org

Showcase Your Program's Amazing Work

Think you have one of the best CTE programs in the nation? Apply for Advance CTE's 2018 Excellence in Action award to showcase the amazing work of your students, instructors, faculty and partners at the national level. In its fifth year, this award honors innovative and high-impact programs across the 16 Career Clusters that prepare students for the real world.

Not only will your program be featured in the media and at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in the spring, you'll also be contributing to a positive image of CTE programs. And, you'll help show policymakers, employers and education leaders how CTE really is for all students and prepares them for a lifetime of college and career success. Applications are open to high schools and postsecondary institutions.

Apply starting Oct. 2 at: <https://careertech.org/excellence-action-award>. If you have questions, email Katie Fitzgerald: atawards@careertech.org.