



Officer/Position

Report for the Month of: April 2026



Xavier Williams
President
 Advisor:
 Mrs. Probst

No report Submitted



Giovanna Caminiti
Secretary
 Advisor:
 Mrs. Mead

The month of April has flown by with competition preparation and events happening within my chapter. Local news stations came into our Building Trades & Plumbing class to discuss a new commercial roofing unit designed for the workforce and state competitions, as well as parent meetings along with monthly membership regarding our upcoming state competition. Our capital project is moving forward quickly with construction of new buildings happening as we speak.

My time as a state officer may be coming to an end but my gratitude will forever be in debt to this organization. I am excited to see our upcoming state officer team come together and form with the ending of the state conference.

With the conclusion of the state conference there were so many things to see and now that our titles will be passed down to the upcoming team, I am so proud to see team Brooklyn Bridge come out with some truly remarkable people... or should I say state officers



Gianna Balsamo
Treasurer
Advisor:
Mr. Zwart

The state conference went phenomenal. I'm so happy for everyone who was involved! From the competitors to the advisors...thank you!

This past week the officer team and I worked extremely hard to make this conference the best we could, especially it being the 60th anniversary! I'm so proud of each and every one of us for this fantastic year we had. It was a very bittersweet feeling electing the new officers and seeing their hard work and dedication was so inspiring but having them take our spots as officers was very emotional. I know I was so proud of all of them but I wasn't ready to leave. This year flew by ! So hard to believe that was it :(

I'm so beyond proud of how far I've come not only as a leader but as a person through this organization. I'm so incredibly grateful that I was given this opportunity and I'll never forget all of the people who helped me along the way.



Elena Hymes
Parliamentarian
Advisor:
Mr. Hensen

This month marked my final event as a State Officer during our State Conference. It was inspiring to watch the competitors push their limits and showcase their talents. I had the privilege of leading tours for school superintendents, highlighting the profound impact of SkillsUSA and CTE on student development and advocating for continued support of these programs. I'm so proud of my team for pushing through the long days and nights practicing our last opening and closing ceremonies, we crushed it!

While it was a distinct honor to stand on stage and announce the newly elected officer team, the moment was truly bittersweet. I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by, I can't wait to watch them grow!



Antonella Barone
Reporter
Advisor:
Mrs. Bitzer

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Zoee Corrigan
Historian
Advisor:
Mrs. Wyatt

During the month of April, my main focus as a State Officer was preparing for the upcoming State Conference. This included collaborating with my fellow officers and advisors to finalize plans, organize sessions, and ensure everything was ready for a successful event.

We held meetings to go over conference details, assign responsibilities, and review our roles. I spent time preparing my own materials, practicing presentations, and making sure I was ready to represent our organization to the best of my ability. Communication was also important this month, as we worked to keep members informed and excited for the conference. I was especially excited to reconnect with my fellow State Officers after some time apart and to come together again as a team. Being able to collaborate in person and share this experience made all of our hard work even more meaningful.

The State Conference itself was an incredible success. It was amazing to see everything come together after so much preparation, and the energy, enthusiasm, and dedication from all members truly made the experience unforgettable. I am so proud of everyone who participated and contributed to such a positive and impactful event. Congratulations to all of the winners for their hard work and achievements—you all represented our organization so well.

Overall, April has been a productive and rewarding month full of preparation, teamwork, and celebration. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of such an inspiring experience and look forward to continuing to serve and support our members.



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Gianna Rowles
Area I VP
Advisor:
Mr. Rozewski

Attending the State Conference was an amazing experience and something I will always remember. I loved getting the opportunity to meet so many new people from across the state and connect with others who share the same passion and dedication. It was inspiring to see everyone working hard and coming together for such an important event. Being there as an officer was really meaningful to me, and I'm grateful for all the memories and conversations I got to be part of. I enjoyed every moment of meeting new friends, collaborating with others, and representing my organization at such a high level. As my time in this role comes to an end, I want to wish the new officers the very best of luck. I know they will do an incredible job and continue to grow the organization in positive ways. You're stepping into something really special, and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Goodbye, and thank you for an unforgettable experience.



Pierce Haney
Area II VP
Advisor:
Mrs. Romanowski & Ms. LaTourette

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MiaLee Robles
Area III VP
Advisor:
Mrs. O'Brien

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Area IV VP
Advisor:
Ms. Dickerson

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John Gates
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella

This month was all about preparing for and attending the State Leadership and Skills Conference. I went to the State Conference a day early so I could practice with the other state officers and get ready for everything we had to do throughout the week. We went over our responsibilities, rehearsed ceremonies, and made sure we were fully prepared. The next day, we greeted all of the guests and took part in the Opening Ceremony. It was a huge success, and I think we did a great job. After that, we went into our first delegate session, where we explained expectations and what everyone would be doing the next day. One of my responsibilities was giving a tour with Gina B. for representatives from BOCES across the state. We showed them the different competitions and explained how SkillsUSA makes an impact on students, even if they may not realize it at first. We also shared our own experiences and how SkillsUSA has helped us become stronger leaders and better individuals. For the rest of the day, I helped during delegate sessions by listening to candidates and supporting the process. After that, we practiced for the Closing Ceremony so we would be ready for the final day. The next day was my final official day in office. We practiced one more time and then went out in front of over 3,500 people for the last time. We gave our closing remarks and helped present awards. One of the best moments for me was hearing that my school earned another state officer position and had a third-place finisher. Since our chapter is small, every success means a lot, and I was proud to see our school recognized. At the end of the conference, we officially closed the meeting and were surprised with gold medals. It was a great way to end my term, and everyone was excited by the surprise. This conference was the perfect way to close out my time in office, and it reminded me how much SkillsUSA has helped me grow.



Joshua Trop
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Ross

Pre State Conference: It's the day before states and I'm super excited!! Everybody at our chapter has been practicing really hard and making the final touches to anything they might need to bring. I've seen a lot of the preparation our members have been making and we definitely have a chance at bringing home some medals. I've also been connecting with our chapters NY State Officer candidates as they've been preparing campaigning materials and making any last minute adjustments to their speeches and such. I'm really hoping that our chapter will have two of our members in office for the second year in a row. To all the contestants out there, get as much rest as possible before competitions so you're ready for the long days of competitions. And lastly, I can't wait to see all of you at our final event as NY State Officers. I've enjoyed every moment of the position. But I'll talk about all of that more in our final report next month. Good luck everyone!! Post State Conference: Man I've gotta say, that was quite the last hoorah. It feels strange that the new state officers have finally been elected, I personally think they've got a tough act to follow haha. Congratulations to everyone in the competitions!! Everyone who I handed medals to had such a bright smile! I hope that you all are proud of the work you did, I know I certainly am. I really appreciated this opportunity to be one of your state officers this year, it really has changed my life for the best.



Malachi Plaza
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mr. Henson

The SkillsUSA New York 25-26 State Competition just ended. It was so amazing to see all of you one last time! While competitions were going on, a couple of your state officers, including me, were giving tours of the fairgrounds to CTE directors, representatives from the NYS Board of Education, and other amazing people that led CTE schools. Once that was finished, we all went back to the delegation room, and with your help, we voted for the new state officers. For me, this entire conference was a lot of training and practicing for the opening and closing ceremonies. It was tiring, but it was worth it knowing that we've made an impact on so many people! Over 3,000 competitors and over 200 delegates came this year. I couldn't be more happy knowing that I've had some impact on these numbers. Congratulations to everyone that came, and I hope this trip was as memorable for you as it was for me!



Savanna Juste
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Carnavale

Hello NY!!!! This April we had the 60th annual New York State SkillsUSA State Conference! It was an amazing experience. As state officers we arrived a day early to rehearse and prepare for the opening and closing ceremonies as well as prepare for the tours of the competition grounds we gave to the different principals, administrators and superintendents from all the different BOCES and Career and Technical chapters in NY. We think the first hand look at what the competitors from their schools do here at the SkillsUSA made a good impact. When I browsed through the different buildings such as the Expo or the Horticulture building, I saw so many students hard at work. It showed what SkillsUSA is really about, everything those students did build more experience toward their trade whether win or lose. At the Center of Progress building (COP) there was a delegate session taking place where members of SkillsUSA voted in the new Officers for the 2026-2027 term. All the candidates did an amazing job with their speeches, posters and campaign material. I'm excited to see what the newly elected officers will accomplish this upcoming year. At the State Conference on top of the competitions taking place there were still ways to keep people active and involved, there was a brick laying station hosted by Bricklayers Allied Craft workers, during my tour of the dairy building we stopped by and an administrator laid some brick! We all watched and cheered her on. This conference went so well from day 1 all the way to closing ceremony, being able to put all those medals on all those winners was my favorite part, everyone was so happy and excited and I got to see the moment that all their hard work paid off. I even got to medal some of the winners from my school which felt really good to be a part of that moment especially having seen all the work they put in and how nervous they were. I'm very satisfied with the fact that this was my last SkillsUSA State Conference because I'm walking away with so many good memories and fun times.