



State Officer

NYS SkillsUSA State Officer Reports Month of: August 2024



Abriana Briggs
President

Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella

Hi my name is Abriana Briggs and I am the SkillsUSA New York State President. For my August Officer Report I wanted to talk about the NLSC we attended in Atlanta Georgia and our Summer Leadership Conference in Albany. At NLSC I learned so much by making new friends from around the United States, growing friendships in our officer team, and learning so many more things about the SkillsUSA Framework and everything it is about. At the Summer Leadership the other officers and I went over the activities we would be bringing to our Fall Leadership Conference coming up in the fall, I had an amazing time seeing all of the different activities and seeing how the framework would tie in. I can't wait to bring back all of the things I've learned to my own local chapter, and hopefully inspire others with those ideas. Overall I feel as though both the NLSC and the Summer Leadership Conference have helped me become a greater person, and even more involved in SkillsUSA!



Amira Saleh
Secretary

Advisor:
Mrs. Blackman

I am the newly appointed New York Secretary for SkillsUSA, with this I have taken the time to fully comprehend what ^{my role} is and what is expected of me. So over August, I collected all the knowledge that I had gained and used ^{my resources} to create a blueprint plan for the upcoming school year. I plan to increase student participation in SkillsUSA ^{at my BOCES}. For the first couple of meetings, I want to be able to allow the students in the program to get to know ^{each other} more closely, while at the same time learning the SkillsUSA Framework. From Leverage training to the ^{summer conference}, I was given many books with endless information. I have then made use of such books, and have created ^{a set} of icebreakers and activities that are to be played out during meetings. I am also talking with my advisor about ^{how we} should use these activities and working along with her to see what could work and what might not work at my chapter.



Angelina Rodriguez
Parliamentarian

Advisor:
Mrs. Brissing

Since I traveled to The National Conference in Atlanta, and Summer Leadership I learned more about SkillsUSA. I learned how to be a good facilitator by working the framework into activities to help educate the members involved in the organization. I will use the experiences I've had in the past two trips to include more activities in my local chapter. At my BOCES we don't have a SkillsUSA kickoff so I want to try to get started with activities right away in our meetings. Since my BOCES is more focused on competitions, I want to include some activities in the very beginning that will help teach the members more about the framework and the essential elements. I plan to do this in order for them to succeed when it's competition time.



Abigayle Wright
Treasurer

Advisor:
Mr. Rozewski

These past few months of being a state officer have been a once in a lifetime experience. It started in Atlanta, Georgia where we attended NLSC. During this conference we went through Leverage training. Leverage taught us about how to be a leader and how to facilitate. We also were delegates who voted for the new National Officers. Nationals was such a fun experience with memories that will last a lifetime. After nationals we were back together again 16 days later for Summer leadership. During summer leadership we practiced the opening and closing ceremonies. We also prepped for fall leadership in October. We were able to practice facilitating. Summer Leadership helped a lot in feeling confident in my facilitation skills. The skills that I've learned in these two trips I will use for the rest of my life. I'm so excited for school to begin and to be able to start recruiting new members to SkillsUSA. I am also super excited to attend WLTI in September.



Payal Gajmer
Reporter

Advisor:
Mrs. Probst

June 21, our first trip together as a team, was to Atlanta, GA, where we were trained and got to learn a lot from our advisor, team manager and the other SkillsUSA members and facilitators. Later, the officers and advisors met to welcome everyone and get to know each other. We talked about our schedule for this whole trip. We met the National Officers; they talked about Leverage training and what we will be doing and learning during our Leverage sessions. During the training we worked in groups with the facilitators each day and learned various topics. Those topics included parliamentary procedure, POWERR formula, what a facilitator is and how to facilitate a successful Fall Leadership conference. All of this was very fun and through those lessons we got to meet and interact with the other officers from different states. We also got to give our vote for the new National Officers. The Atlanta trip was so fun and I got to learn so much from the whole trip and, as a team we all grew a lot. And recently we went to Albany for our Summer Leadership conference, where we went over opening and closing ceremonies and we trained and practiced our parts. The trip was very fun. We did a lot of activity and had a great time, we all created activities that we had to lead which gave us an opportunity to see what Fall Leadership will look like and got a lot of great feedback from advisors and officers on how to improve our training activities. Overall, though these trips were so fun and I benefited a lot from learning new things and using the things we learn to help others, we even got to grow as a team and these trips made our bond stronger.



Charlie Stidd
Historian

Advisor:
Mr. Zwart

So far during my time as an officer I have participated in many things. I attended NLSC, in Atlanta, GA, and Summer Leadership in Albany, NY. During these training sessions I learned a great deal about parliamentary procedures, as well as how to work together as an officer team to plan further events through the use of the training I learned during Leverage and Summer Leadership. During Summer Leadership we worked as an officer team to develop activity plans and prepare for our Fall Leadership Conference. As part of my BOCES chapter on 8/19, I gave a speech along with one other chapter officer during the Washington County Fair. This speech was about cultivating futures in agriculture. Furthermore, our chapter will be setting up booths to promote not only the idea of futures in agriculture, but also our CTE programs at the Southern Adirondack Education Center (SAEC). Finally, as of now, I have finished my two July activities and am working to complete my last of the two for August. I will also soon be working on the team room schedule with my partner for FLC.



Savannah Wehner
Area I VP

Advisor:
Mr. Payne

During the NSLC conference in Georgia, the Officer Team and I attended multiple leadership training sessions. Each of us learned how to successfully facilitate the importance of how to publicly speak with important structure using the POWER formula. Summer leadership 2024 in Albany the Officer Team and I discussed our activities and community service project for Fall Leadership in November 2024. We also used parliamentary procedure to come up with our theme for our upcoming fall leadership. Lastly, we went over our room assignments and began discussing our plans for what we want to accomplish in our break-out rooms.



Matthew Byrne
Area II VP

Advisor:
Mrs. Harke

In June, I attended the SkillsUSA National Conference in Atlanta, GA. It was the first time the officer team had gotten together since the State Conference, and we started to learn what it was like to be a leader in a group of leaders. I learned that we all have strengths and weaknesses, and how to make this work best for the team. Some of the training I did taught me about what being a delegate involves, and what parliamentary procedure is and why it's important. It was fun making connections with other Skills members (and one of the other state officers and I have become really good friends). In July, I attended the Summer Leadership training in Albany, NY. I and the other officers had the chance to practice our activities for Fall Leadership, which helped me learn how to give and receive constructive criticism. This will help us make any changes to improve our activities. At this training, we also practiced the opening and closing ceremonies, and the flag ceremony. The flag ceremony taught me the history of our flag, and was very meaningful to me. I was also glad that I was able to spend more time with the other officers, and gave me an opportunity to get to know them on a more personal level. Right now, I am working on creating more activities for Fall Leadership. I have reached out to my State representatives to hopefully arrange for a meeting when we attend WLT in September. I also emailed the CTE director at my local BOCES to set up an interview so I can learn more about the Perkins Grant. I will soon be working on the pre-work for WLT.



For this month, on August 19th, I spoke at the opening ceremony for the Washington County Fair. In my speech I talked about how CTE programs are more than learning a skill, rather it prepares the student, no matter the age, for the workforce. CTE programs prepare students for future employment from developing professionalism skills to being a strong worker. At the Washington County fair, our BOCES had several booths where students throughout the CTE center highlighted their programs and showcased their programs.

Charity Lupo
Area III VP
 Advisor:
 Mrs. Citro



For the start of the school year I plan to add a simplified version of parliamentary procedure to our local chapter once we get President, Vice President, ect confirmed. I really want students to be able to go through ideas they come up with. Recently in the last year or more students come up with ideas to help our community, create committees but many of these ideas never get completed. I am currently working on making a better system so we can actually go through with events and ideas our local chapter plans. Overall I have an idea what I want to implement into my local chapter. Although I need to talk to people at my local chapters to see their input and add and incorporate their ideas, thoughts and feelings too.

Bryce Buntyn
Area IV VP
 Advisor:
 Ms. Dickerson



Our chapter ended the year by announcing our seven new chapter officers. Following NYS’s model, they were all elected to an “At Large” position, and they will receive their official title after their Summer Leadership training. Even with the enthusiasm surrounding the new officer team, it became emotional, as we all bid farewell to our seniors. Hopefully, our next year will be even better! At NLSC, we brought over 22 students to compete in six competitions. Our time at the conference was unforgettable as we met people from all over the country to form new bonds through competitions and pin trading. The closing ceremony was the highlight of the event as our Engineering and Technology Design Team brought home bronze, our first national medal—shoutout to Alock, Sevenne, and Szymon! Lastly, the state officers gathered for a leadership training conference at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY where we learned valuable leadership skills to serve you better. We also chose the theme for the 2024 Fall Leadership—it’s an amazing one, and I can’t wait for you all to see it!

Darshveer Singh
Area V VP
 Advisor:
 Ms. Olfana



Hi my name is Toryn Snyder, and this summer has been a crazy one. I flew for the first time when the State Officer team and I went down to Georgia in June. Nationals was really fun and it was cool to see people from all over the country and people who live on islands like Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and The Virgin Islands. I learned a great deal about SkillsUSA, and Leverage training provided me with valuable information and skills to help facilitate my leadership development. Summer Leadership was really fun and I was glad to see everyone again. During Summer leadership we continued to work on our leadership skills development and presented our activity plans for Fall Leadership. Coming up next we have WLTl or Washington Leadership Training, which I am very excited for. After WLTl, Area 2 has our Area 2 Kickoff, where we welcome SkillsUSA members from Area 2. I cannot wait for this upcoming School year and to continue my journey in SkillsUSA.

Toryn Snyder
Office At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella



I am excited to share my plan to educate our upcoming juniors about the incredible opportunities available through SkillsUSA. I aim to introduce them to the organization's core values, emphasizing the importance of leadership, teamwork, and personal development. I'll also highlight the possibility that some of them could become officers next year, taking on key roles to lead and inspire their peers. My goal is to show them that by joining SkillsUSA, they can develop essential skills that will not only benefit them in their academic and professional careers but also empower them to make a meaningful impact within our school community.

Fiza Khan
Office At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Bitzer



This summer I went to Atlanta with all of the other state officers to do training sessions on how to be an effective state officer. I learned how to create activities for Fall leadership and how to be a more effective leader. I will use these skills in my home school where I will continue to grow my skills chapter along with the class officers. For the month of August I have started to work on a project with one of my assistant principals using our activities that we do in our SALT class. This project will create activities to help gain membership and highlight what that club does. The first two months of SALT activities will be done by SkillsUSA. I have been using my Fall Leadership activities to help me create the SALT activities. With this I hope to continue to increase membership as our school prepares for Fall kickoff and Fall leadership.

Nolan Wall
Office At Large
Advisor:
Mr. Ferris