



**Officer/Position**

**Report for the Month of: December, 2024**



**Abriana Briggs**  
**President**  
Advisor:  
Mrs. Petronella

In this officer report I wanted to touch base on what me and my local chapter have been doing. Me and another state officer went to Feed Our Vets and brought food and checks with the money gathered from the Fall Leadership Conference, and food my local chapter collected to support all that they do. We are also continuing our meetings with different framework skills and our membership seems to have been growing and I cannot wait to see how many more people will join. My local chapter is also holding a coat drive, where people donate coats to those in need. Overall my personal chapter is growing amazingly and I can't wait to see more there and at the state level! Thank you for reading!



**Amira Saleh**  
**Secretary**  
Advisor:  
Mrs. Blackman



This month, our chapter focused on several important initiatives, with our main priority being support for women veterans. As part of this effort, students donated feminine products to address the issue of limited access to essential supplies for many women. Through the collective contributions of our students, we helped raise awareness about this critical need and worked to lessen the problem. Additionally, we organized a Santa fundraiser, where a few chapter members volunteered to ensure the event ran smoothly. On a personal note, I had the opportunity to visit Kenton to help introduce and facilitate a meeting. I provided significant support to the junior class in particular, ensuring their involvement and understanding of our goals.



**Angelina Rodriguez**  
**Parliamentarian**  
Advisor:  
Mrs. Brissing

This month I attended the Area 4 Conference at SUNY Ulster. This was the first time our area ever had a SkillsUSA conference, and I was very honored to be a part of it. The conference was run by Bryce Buntyn, Ms. Shehe, and myself, and there were chapter officers from all over the area in attendance. We talked about what SkillsUSA is, elevator pitches, how to do activities and much more. There were times where we participated in icebreakers, and activities where the framework was incorporated into them which helped teach the officers there. We also had an activity where each BOCES or CTE school had to come up with an agenda for a meeting, which we got to take back with us. Overall this meeting was very beneficial to Area 4, and I am excited for how the conference will grow throughout the years. At Orange-Ulster BOCES we also had 2 SkillsUSA meetings, one in the AM and one in the PM. We also had a chapter officer meeting where we figured



	<p>out the plans for the meeting of the next few months, and how we are going to increase membership this year.</p>
 <p><b>Abigayle Wright</b> <i>Treasurer</i> Advisor: <i>Mr. Rozewski</i></p>	<p>Over the past month at my CTE school, we have raised money for Adopt a Family. We were able to raise enough money to adopt 5 families in need. It was amazing to see my classmates come together to help out people during the holiday season. This month we also had local officer training where the senior officers shared with the junior officers what they learned at Fall Leadership. It was so nice to get to know the new junior officers and to hear how passionate they are about SkillsUSA. In the coming months, we aim to grow our SkillsUSA membership and continue to instill the SkillsUSA framework at my center.</p>
 <p><b>Payal Gajmer</b> <i>Reporter</i> Advisor: <i>Mrs. Probst</i></p>	<p>In December, our chapter had a community service activity going on, and it was on December 11. We went to the Salvation Army to volunteer to help out. It was so fun to help them organize the toys and get things ready for the toy store. Everyone was so friendly, and we did a lot of work. While all the officers of our local chapter worked, we all showed impressive leadership skills and outstanding teamwork. We all divided into two or three small groups and did different things. A few of us got the table set up, and another few put the tablecloth on the table, in groups we all unboxed and put the toys and gifts out on the table. Overall, the whole community service was amazing, and it felt good to help them. Now, in our local chapter, we recently had our winter celebration. We had to organize and develop activities for the winter party, and we met as a team to plan and see how we could make the party fun and engaging. Now, we have an upcoming winter festival that we have organized as a team to come up with activities and food overall. This month has been great. A lot of opportunities and events are happening.</p>



**Charlie Stidd**  
**Historian**  
Advisor:  
Mr. Zwart

During the short month our chapter completed a lot even through all the breaks. These accomplishments include a successful Hometown Thanksgiving, cookie sales for scholarships and set up for our upcoming local competition.

Hometown Thanksgiving is a local event where we pair with our local church to give thanksgiving meals to community members that can't afford it. This year was a huge success as our chapter was able to provide the church with 1,700 meals.

During this month our chapter has also continued to set up for our local competitions that start next month. To do so we have handed out interest sheets so that it makes it easier to connect with those that have an outgoing interest in SkillsUSA competitions.

Next our chapter has once again partnered with The Glen at Hiland Meadows to raise scholarship money by baking over 2,000 holiday cookies! Finally our chapter organized having the Army National Guard coming in this week to present on HEAR- Helping Everyone To Achieve Respect. Which is their effort to help address the fundamental issues that underlie acts of bullying. This is an effort to help support our school's No Place for Hate initiative.



**Savannah Wehner**  
**Area I VP**  
Advisor:  
Mr. Payne


Monroe 2 BOCES hosted their annual Friendsgiving where we asked each member who attended to bring one canned food item. Each member who participated helped contribute to our community service project by helping the local food pantry for families in need. Monroe 2 SkillsUSA members volunteered at the Salvation Army to help set up and organize all the toys. Families would come in who don't have a lot of money for Christmas and pick out some toys, hats and gloves, and books for their children. The Salvation Army is an outstanding organization and I am very grateful for the opportunity to give back to the community during this holiday season.



**Matthew Byrne**  
**Area II VP**  
Advisor:  
Mrs. Harke

Things have been quieter since our Fall Leadership Conference, but I've still been busy with my local chapter. One of the points the state officers made at the conference was how to bring the things they learned back to their schools, and I've been trying to do that, too. Our chapter has an officer team instead of specific officers, and we've been using the activities in the Skills books and from the conference to teach about the essential elements. It has been going



	<p>well, and we have good resources to choose from. The members like the activities, and the students are running more of the meetings, which makes less work for the advisors. Our Area 2 competition is coming in February, 2025, and I will soon be working to help lead the House of Delegates during that event. I've chosen "Feed the Vets" as our community service project for Area 2, and will work with Mr. Stratton and Ms. Latourette to make a flyer and get the word out to the Area 2 chapters. I have set up a meeting with our CTE director on Wednesday, 12/18 to talk to him about what I can do for our BOCES. My idea is to go with the BOCES counselor when she goes to the home districts to explain to students what CTE is and how students benefit from CTE programs. I think it would help having a student who has gained so much from BOCES be a spokesman.</p>
 <p><b>Charity Lupo</b> <b>Area III VP</b> Advisor: Mrs. Citro</p>	<p>This month as a chapter has been a short month, as we are in between holidays and participating in multiple operations in our communities. For Thanksgiving our chapters culinary program students had the opportunity to create different aspects of the Thanksgiving meal, to give to an organization called hometown Thanksgiving, at a local church. This had given our chapter the opportunity to give about 1,700 people around us the joy of Thanksgiving dinner without the worry of making the meal. For the beginning of December our chapter had partnered with The Glen at Hiland to raise money for scholarships by preparing over 2,000 cookies for the holidays. Our chapter has started making plans for the preparation for our local chapter competition next month and regional competitions coming up in March. Plus making plans on different ways our chapter can run fundraisers, and what organizations we will be supporting. By next month our chapter will be having the army national guard coming in one week to present on HEAR- Helping Everyone To Achieve Respect. Which is their effort to help address the fundamental issues that underlie acts of bullying. This is an effort to help support our school's No Place for Hate initiative. Our chapter also will be taking part in multiple fundraisers and starting local competitions preparation and also starting to plan the regional competitions, and the next Area 3 vice president election.</p>



**Bryce Buntyn**  
**Area IV VP**  
Advisor:  
*Ms. Dickerson*

This month my area and I held an Area 4 leadership conference. People from Ulster BOCES got together and held a similar event to fall leadership. People got together from other schools and participated in multiple leadership and framework activities. This was all run by Ulster BOCES young professionals that hosted the activities. Notable mentions of people that helped out a lot was Anglina; she showed up with her school and participated in speeches and the activities. Myself went from group to group making sure everything was going smoothly and making sure everyone was having a good time while at the event.



**Darshveer Singh**  
**Area V VP**  
Advisor:  
*Ms. Olfana*

Our chapter continued its commitment to community service and leadership development through several impactful initiatives this month. The canned food drive, which ran through November 26th, demonstrated remarkable student and staff engagement, with our chapter collecting an impressive 989 pounds of nonperishable food for local families in need. This achievement sets a promising benchmark for future community support efforts. A few weeks after our toy drive ended, we successfully hosted the Winter Leadership Conference for Area 5 on December 14th. This strategic initiative was designed to make leadership training more accessible. By eliminating travel costs and allowing each school to send 10-15 attendees, we facilitated the most successful winter leadership event to date. Over 80 students from seven chapters participated, gaining invaluable insights into professional development, leadership principles, and community responsibility. We are also holding an ongoing toy drive for local foster children, which continues to gain momentum. Leveraging social media platforms like Instagram, we've generated significant interest in our mission to demonstrate care and support for over 100 children during the holiday season. Our goal for this drive remains strong: to show these children that they are valued and remembered, even when they might not feel it. Looking to the future, I hope 2025 is an even stronger year not only for HS for CTEA's SkillsUSA chapter but for Area 5 as a whole!



**Toryn Snyder**  
**Office At Large**  
Advisor:  
*Mrs. Petronella*

Hi everyone, I hope your Thanksgiving was great. In the month of December there hasn't been much going on, however Abriana and I went to the Feed Our Vets organization to help bring in some food donated by our local chapter OHM BOCES. We also presented Feed Our Vets with 2 checks, from the



	<p>fund raising efforts from our recent Fall Leadership Conference. At our local chapter we also do a drive for coats for the community, which we will donate to the Rescue Mission in December. Following break, we will begin our food drive to benefit Feed Our Vets and bring the food with us when we go to regionals in February. We continue with chapter meetings, bringing the SkillsUSA Framework to life within our chapter. Thank you for reading and I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.</p>
 <p><b>Fiza Khan</b> <b>Office At Large</b> Advisor: Mrs. Bitzer</p>	<p>This month, I organized and participated in a charitable drive to support a local long-term care facility, ensuring residents received items they requested for Christmas. Using donations and funds raised through SkillsUSA, I coordinated efforts to collect and deliver essential gifts, such as warm clothing, personal care items, and holiday treats. This initiative not only provided much-needed support to the residents but also fostered a sense of community and holiday spirit. By engaging with both donors and facility staff, I was able to ensure that the drive met its goals and brought joy to those in need during the holiday season.</p>
 <p><b>Nolan Wall</b> <b>Office At Large</b> Advisor: Mr. Ferris</p>	<p>For December my home chapter has been working towards regionals. We have signed all of our students up and have started to work with some of the students on what to do. Our chapter is also starting to work towards our Chapter of Excellence for the first time. We will continue to try and gain more members and interest through our meetings and activities.</p>