



Officer/Position

Report for the Month of: February 2026



Xavier Williams
President
 Advisor:
 Mrs. Probst

This month marks the final stretch before our Region One Conference at Alfred State University. I was able to see my team one last time in Syracuse for Winter Leadership, where we prepared for the upcoming State Conference. In our home chapter, we hosted a Celebration Breakfast to thank those who have supported the Salvation Army, especially through our recent work with Toys for Tots. At Monroe 2 Orleans BOCES, we were honored with a plaque recognizing our efforts. Local representatives also signed a proclamation recognizing Skills Week and its importance in our county. I'm excited for Regionals, where we will elect a new Region One Vice President and begin competitions.



Giovanna Caminiti
Secretary
 Advisor:
 Mrs. Mead

Area II recently concluded our regional conference with so much potential. Not only am I so proud of those from my own BOCES but I am so proud of everyone who I got to see in a position where I was just last year. As SkillsUSA week went by, Broome-Tioga BOCES had such a good time participating, wearing "vintage SkillsUSA shirts" and representing our region before competing at our conference. As a state Officer, I attended my final training conference for my term. We discussed our upcoming state conference and what to expect, as well as practiced ceremonies that will be presented as the conference. I am looking forward to seeing all of the competitors and attendees but I am also approaching this conference with a sentimental value as it will be our final hurrah as the 2025-2026 state officer team.



Gianna Balsamo
Treasurer

Advisor:
Mr. Zwart

I can't believe we are only one month away from the area 3 regional conference ! I am so beyond excited to see all of the area 3 vice president candidates who've worked so hard at their speeches and the delegates who will vote the next VP into office. At my chapter we had our local skills competitions and everyone did such an amazing job! It's so magical to see everyone doing exactly what they are passionate about. Everyone who is moving on to Regionals is now hard at work getting ready for more competition. The state officer team got together last weekend and we discussed the state conference. I'm so excited but it's also bittersweet knowing it will be my last time serving as the New York state SkillsUSA treasurer.



Elena Hymes
Parliamentarian

Advisor:
Mr. Hensen

This month as an officer has been eventful! I've been getting ready for States and my area three regionals. My team and I took an overnight trip to Syracuse to practice our opening and closing ceremonies, it was such a fun and productive experience. On top of that, all of the area three officers and I have been working hard to plan exciting activities to do with the house of delegates. I can't wait to see everything come together. I'm beyond excited!



Antonella Barone
Reporter

Advisor:
Mrs. Bitzer

For the month of February my BOCES has been getting ready for competitions. We just had locals. Everyone did amazing! Cosmetology held a fundraiser for children who need help with treatment plans for any sickness or cancer. I had officer training in Syracuse. The officers and I decided on this year's pin design. We got told what we are doing for states and what it's going to look like. My Advisor got all the Area III officers together so we could discuss what regionals will look like. I'm excited for that. It was also fun driving there with my advisor. We went to the mall and got some good food too. It's very bittersweet knowing that my time as an officer is almost up.



Zoe Corrigan
Historian

Advisor:
Mrs. Wyatt

This February was both productive and exciting as I continued serving in my role as a State Officer. One of the highlights of this month was traveling to Syracuse for State Officer Training. During training, I had the opportunity to strengthen my leadership skills, collaborate with fellow state officers, and further prepare for the responsibilities ahead. The sessions focused on communication, professionalism, teamwork, and strategic planning. Being surrounded by such driven and passionate individuals motivated me to grow not only as an officer but also as a leader within my chapter and community. I am excited to apply what I learned to better support members across the state. In addition to state-level responsibilities, I remained actively involved with my local chapter. I helped organize and support our Valentine's Day cookie fundraiser. This fundraiser allowed our chapter to raise funds while also spreading positivity throughout our school. I assisted with planning, promoting the event, and ensuring everything ran smoothly the day of sales. It was rewarding to see our members work together and demonstrate teamwork, responsibility, and enthusiasm. Overall, February was a month focused on leadership development and chapter engagement. I look forward to continuing to represent our association with professionalism while supporting both state and local initiatives in the months ahead.



Gianna Rowles
Area I VP
 Advisor:
 Mr. Rozewski

I have recently attended State Officer Training in Syracuse. It was a great opportunity for our team to grow stronger together and prepare for the upcoming State Leadership and Skills Conference. We focused on improving our communication, setting clear goals, and finding new ways to include all NYS SkillsUSA members at the state conference. The training helped us strengthen our leadership skills and reminded me why I am so proud to represent SkillsUSA. At my local chapter we have been busy hosting a Valentine's Day Grams fundraiser. We worked together to promote, sell, and deliver the grams throughout the school. All of the money raised is going directly back into our SkillsUSA chapter to help support competitions, conferences, and leadership activities.



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

On February 6th we had the Area II SkillUSA competitions at SUNY Morrisville. During this event, myself and my 2 fellow state officers, Burke Gates and Giovanna Caminiti hosted the house of delegates, where the new Area II VP was elected for the 2026-2027 school year. At the conference, hundreds of students competed in competitions to move on to the state level competition. Once competitions had ended, before the awards ceremony, we had the SUNY Morrisville president give a speech about strength and leadership. This was also our time to thank everyone who brought toys for our community service project. This event went so well thanks to the many people who dedicated so much time and effort into this competition. I am truly blessed to have such great people to work with. Following the conference, my chapter had a Stuff-a-bear event where we sold stuffed animals for \$10 dollars, that you got to stuff yourself. With the leftovers from this chapter event. We were able to send 30 stuffed animals to the Ronald MCDonald house, one of the organizations that we worked with for the Area II conference.



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

I traveled to Syracuse with fellow state officers to review state practice, discuss upcoming plans, and collaborate on strategies to better support our members across New York. Our time was focused on reading scripts that we will use for opening and closing ceremonies. During this experience, I continued to demonstrate professionalism and leadership in challenging interpersonal situations. Despite being a member of the team for over a year, I have repeatedly been called by the wrong name by Midge McCloskey. I have respectfully corrected this multiple times and continue to handle the situation calmly and professionally. Additionally, I have clearly communicated personal boundaries regarding not wanting to be touched. When those boundaries were ignored, I maintained professionalism and advocated for myself in a respectful manner.



Caden Salamone
Area IV VP
Advisor:
Ms. Dickerson

During the month of February, there was limited SkillsUSA activity within Area 4. This month was relatively quiet in terms of competitions and official events, but it provided time to prepare for upcoming leadership opportunities and reflect on future goals for the organization. I am especially looking forward to attending the New York State SkillsUSA Leadership Training Conference in Syracuse, taking place February 6-7. I'm excited to continue developing my leadership skills, connect with other officers from across the state, and bring back ideas and experience that will benefit Area 4 moving forward.



John Gates
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella

This month, we held meetings to prepare for the Area 2 competitions, where we reviewed event details and finalized plans to ensure readiness. I then attended the Area 2 Conference, where we held a successful delegate session. During the session, our delegates elected the new Area 2 Vice President. The conference was a great success overall, with strong participation and numerous awards presented to recognize student achievements. In addition, I participated in a state officer meeting with all officers to prepare for the upcoming state competition. We reviewed plans, practiced procedures, and worked to ensure everything runs smoothly. I am excited about the competition and am actively preparing for states!



Joshua Trop
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Ross

It's been very eventful lately as our chapter is getting ready for our regional competitions starting next month. All of the competition opportunities have been discussed with both the Junior and Senior classes and we have picked both of our new state officer candidates! The state officers also had a meeting to discuss different aspects of the state competitions starting in April. I must say I'm very excited! Not only will we get to see all of the students working in their own elements and showing off their skills, but also getting to see the next generation of state officers step up to carry on the torch! Good luck everyone and I can't wait to see how well you all do!



Malachi Plaza
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mr. Henson

This month for SkillsUSA I drove around three hours to Syracuse for 2 days to train for the state competition conference coming up in the next couple months. My chapter Capital Region BOCES holds the area 3 regional competitions right there in the school. In order to prepare for this, my school has set a chapter wide meeting for all of those that will have the opportunity to participate in their own respective competitions. As well as this, we are holding the delegate session for the candidates that will be competing against each other for the opportunity to take the position of area 3 VP.



Savanna Juste
Officer At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Carnavale

Hello NY, February was very exciting , the State Officers met in Syracuse to begin preparing for the State Conference in April. This meeting was innovative. The SkillsWeek celebrations were fun to see on social media. My Local chapter has been preparing for the Area 4 regionals (February 28th) , this consists of studying for the Professional Development test. We did this by doing a SkillsUSA themed Jeopardy. I'm excited to see the Area 4 members at regionals and even more excited to see the state members in April. That's all for now!