



Officer/Position

Report for the Month of: January, 2025



**Abriana Briggs
President**

*Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella*

In this report I wanted to talk about the recent activities our local chapter has been doing. We have been holding local chapter meetings doing activities that are helping our members get ready for our Area 2 conference coming up this March in Morrisville. I feel as though it has been helping them tremendously practice for their SkillsUSA framework and on their own personal technical skills. I am very excited to see what the Morrisville conference is going to bring for our chapter. Other than that, there hasn't been much going on through the breaks. I feel as though it will be an amazing Area 2 conference!



**Amira Saleh
Secretary**

*Advisor:
Mrs. Blackman*

The Kenton SkillsUSA chapter is focusing on encouraging junior and senior students to sign up and participate in the regional competitions, which would give them an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and talents. On top of that, the chapter has been working to organize school sales to support its initiatives and activities. Notably, two motivated junior classmen are aiming to become state officers, and I am supporting them to the best of my ability from a different BOCES program by answering their questions and helping address any concerns they have along the way.



**Angelina Rodriguez
Parliamentarian**

*Advisor:
Mrs. Brissing*

This month at Orange-Ulster BOCES we had two meetings, one in the a.m. and one in the p.m. time. During these meetings, we discussed the schedule arrangements and the things expected from the competitors for the upcoming competition. Our regional competition for Area Four is on February 1, so this meeting was crucial for all the competitors and delegates to know exactly what will be going on and what they will need to bring. As well as getting them hyped and prepared to showcase the training they've experienced. I have also been doing research for the things I will need to do as the State Officer for the regional competition, and the responsibilities I will have. As the competition is in two weeks I'm excited to see how this will turn out.



Abigayle Wright
Treasurer

Advisor:
Mr. Rozewski

Over the past month at my CTE school, we officially closed SkillsUSA membership with impressive numbers. We've also started in-house competitions to determine who will compete at regionals. This month, we implemented an announcement schedule where officers take turns sharing something new each day. These announcements include talking about SkillsUSA, highlighting a class, or recognizing an individual student's achievements. In the coming months, I'm excited to see our school's knowledge of SkillsUSA grow and to watch everyone working hard to prepare for competitions.



Payal Gajmer
Reporter

Advisor:
Mrs. Probst

During the month of January in our chapter we prepare for Skills week and we have had our winter festival in December. We had a Skills blood drive last week. It was very successful and had many volunteers. The junior class and senior office are preparing for the upcoming skills event which includes skills valentine party and what to do for skills week. The junior had ideas on what to do for each day they were doing a fundraiser to get candy's and each candy would have a reason behind it like lifesavers to help someone out and like gummy bears to keep everyone together and they wanted to relate to firefighters. For recognition day our chapter is giving teachers and staff awards , we are still working on other days. For the valentine party as officers we are coming up with activities for the skills members to engage in and coming up with how to keep them engaged in more skills parties and events.



Charlie Stidd
Historian

Advisor:
Mr. Zwart

During the past month my chapter and area have been in full swing getting ready for local competitions. As a chapter we have been preparing for this amazing opportunity by spreading the wealth of knowledge through the CTE classrooms. We have been spreading information by providing scopes of both leadership and career specific competitions to the students in each and every field. As an Officer I personally have been helping by continuing to spread information about CTE schools and why students should strongly consider attending them. I have done this by doubling back with students that have visited the Southern Adirondack Education Center answering questions they felt weren't fully answered during a group or personal tour. Finally my fellow officers and I have been starting to plan ideas for a party/event congratulating all SkillsUSA competition winners.



Savannah Wehner
Area I VP

Advisor:
Mr. Payne

Monroe 2 BOCES hosted their annual Christmas celebration to gather our chapter's SkillsUSA members together. Since then we have also begun to participate in a community service project where we give back to our local heroes. We have decided to show our appreciation for the Spencerport Fire Department. We asked students to donate something small and thoughtful to contribute to our community service to show their appreciation. Lastly, our chapter hosted a successful blood drive and with the amount of participants we are able to save many lives.



Matthew Byrne
Area II VP

Advisor:
Mrs. Harke

Our Area 2 competition is on February 7, 2025, and I have been preparing to lead the House of Delegates during that event. I have a script that I have been practicing, I've picked an activity to do with the delegates (we're doing "Human Bingo"), I'm going to talk soon to the other three state officers from Area 2 to come up with a problematic question for the vice president candidates, and I've chosen "Feed the Vets" as our community service project for Area 2 I met with our CTE director and our BOCES counselor to discuss what I could do to give back to BOCES since they have done so much for me. Our BOCES hosts "sophomore tours", where 10th graders come to visit the different programs. They always meet with the counselor as a big group before they go to the classes; I prepared an elevator speech where I told them how I have benefited from my CTE program and from being a member of Skills. The counselor told me I "killed it", so I think it was good to have a student spokesman. I did this for four days in January, and will do it for four days in February and in March. I hope I am making a positive impact!



Charity Lupo
Area III VP

Advisor:
Mrs. Citro

For the month of January, we kicked off the new year with a great start, our chapter had organized the HEAR program through the national guard to come speak to all the classes about what it means to be a leader and not a bully. After organizing the HEAR presentation, our chapter hopped right back into preparation for upcoming local competitions for SkillsUSA. In preparation for competitions our chapter had walked around the school to each CTE class and discussed what SkillsUSA is and how they can become a member through competitions. In each CTE class we discussed the career specific competitions and the competitions that everyone no matter their CTE program could compete in. Our chapter also discussed what local competitions would look like for the whole school, with the dates of what competition is on what day for Locals throughout February. After discussing the competition we had handed out the scopes for each competition for the CTE teachers to be able to review with the class. Once we lapsed in talking about upcoming competitions, our chapter had walked around the school and posted flyers with the dates for each competition for locals coming up in February, we also brought a SkillsUSA signup sheet to the main office, for a place that everyone is able to access throughout the day if/when they choose to sign up for local competitions. As we prepare the CTE programs for their competitions we also are preparing our students who are running for the next State Officer positions.



Bryce Buntyn
Area IV VP

Advisor:
Ms. Dickerson

This month our chapter hosted a few events. We did a leadership conference with multiple schools from Area 4 They precipitated in different activities that taught them different leadership skills; these were led by myself and chapter members from Ulster BOCES. We also hosted a leadership event that was just Ulster BOCES SkillsUSA members. This was also led by myself and other Ulster BOCES chapter members.



Darshveer Singh
Area V VP
Advisor:
Ms. Olfana

This month, we're thrilled to share the success of our toy drive, which concluded with incredible results! Over 180 toys were collected, and two of our officers had the privilege of visiting a local foster home to host a special holiday event. They distributed toys and organized activities for the children, bringing smiles to their faces and joy to their day. The experience reminded us all of the profound impact that giving back to the community can have, both for those we help and for ourselves. January has been calm but productive as we prepare for the spring state conference. With most competition slots filled, we're focusing on mock competitions and workshops to ensure success. Weekly check-ins and SkillsUSA knowledge tests are planned to help our competitors feel confident and prepared. Our chapter has also been hard at work planning SkillsUSA Week. The officer team has spent several after-school sessions finalizing details, coordinating with staff, and designing activities that align with SkillsUSA's values. With everything from career exploration to community recognition, SkillsUSA Week promises to be an exciting few days. Finally, we've taken steps to secure the long-term success of our chapter by introducing the concept of junior officers. Our chapter will select four underclassmen (9th-11th graders) to work closely with current officers, gaining mentorship and hands-on leadership experience. By building a more experienced officer team, we aim to strengthen our chapter further and prepare for an even brighter future. We're looking forward to everything this year has in store and hope that 2025 will be an incredible year for all SkillsUSA chapters in New York!



Toryn Snyder
Office At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella

Hi in the month of January there hasn't been much going on for the state level. In my local BOCES we have had many meetings and have done many activities to help our members. We have also started a fundraiser for Feed Our Vets. Throughout the month each classroom will bring in non perishable food items or toiletries and at the end of the month whoever brings in the most wins a party for their class. This upcoming month we will be heading to SUNY Morrisville for Regionals where Matt Byrne, Nolan Wall, Abriana Briggs, and myself will run Regionals all together. Thank you for listening and have a good night.



Fiza Khan
Office At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Bitzer

As part of my monthly update, I wanted to let you know that I plan to attend the upcoming trip to Syracuse to assist with the selection of the new vice presidents. I've made the necessary arrangements for travel and am looking forward to connecting with everyone during the trip. Please let me know if there's anything specific you'd like me to keep in mind.



Nolan Wall
Office At Large
Advisor:
Mr. Ferris

January my home chapter has been spending time practicing for regionals to make sure they are prepared. As president of the video club I was able to help reduce the cost of regionals for some students who are entering from our film and broadcast CTE. We were also able to get a donation from United Auto Supply to help cover the cost for states for our students. I also invited the president of the Most to states and she said that she would love to go. The Most is a science museum in Syracuse that specializes in technology and the president is a former ESM student.