



**Officer/Position**

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



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

In this report I wanted to mention the AMAZING Fall Leadership conference New York had at the beginning of the month. I noticed at the conference so many new friendships being made and a huge movement from students making their involvement in SkillsUSA so much brighter! All of the state officer team enjoyed every part of it. My personal favorite part was the Ice Cream Social at the end where we got to have a blast on the dance floor. At my local chapter we are planning to boost membership. We are coming up with ideas to get more people involved. We also just finished a “make a change” movement where students and staff brought in change to put in their classroom buckets. I cannot wait to see where the rest of the month brings us, thank you all!



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



This month was the very famous fall leadership conference. It for me was amazing, it was weird to have experienced this conference again but this time be one of the officers. I truly enjoyed being able to run the rooms and create activities that students got to participate in. My activities went fairly well, but honestly, I’m not a loud person so having Abriana as my room partner was amazing. While she got the room in control I could easily explain my activity or discuss anything we needed to. I felt as though we worked amazingly together. My favorite part would have been that I got to make so many friends and meet so many students from New York and having my whole room in Lighting McQueen complete their statesman was truly a joy. At my local chapter we are now running the meetings just like at the conference and coming up with fundraising ideas for our school so more students can be able to compete in competitions at the regional level and state level. Our candle sale has been going great and has contributed much more than we expected which is a big help. And with that, we will continue to run meetings, teach leadership, and create friendship bonds.




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

This month SkillsUSA New York had the Fall Leadership Conference, where the other 13 State Officers and I trained the members and chapter officers within the organization in Albany, NY. Over 3 days, the members were involved with intense training on various subjects that SkillsUSA believes in. Subjects like: Parliamentary Procedure, Community Service projects, Leadership development, the SkillsUSA Framework, and much





	<p>more. The conference strengthened the goals of the members, and even inspired some aspiring to be State Officers. Back in my chapter, we held four meetings total, two in the AM and two in the PM. During the meetings we introduced this year’s chapter officers and got to know each other. The officers also learned the responsibilities of their position during the meetings, as well as within the organization. Additionally, we are currently donating to the families and people affected by the Green Wood Lake fires, which has been going on for about a week, affecting people's lives, homes, and property. We are collecting dry food, water, and other essential supplies to help the people that are being impacted by this disaster.</p>
 <p><b>Abigayle Wright</b> <b>Treasurer</b> Advisor: <i>Mr. Rozewski</i></p>	<p>The highlight of the past month was teaching students about SkillsUSA and its Framework at our Fall Leadership Conference. Over those three days, we focused on helping them become not only better employees but also better individuals. It was incredible to witness their knowledge expand and see their personal growth in such a short time. During the conference, we also had the opportunity to visit the New York State Capitol, which was an unforgettable experience. Back at my CTE center, we recently hosted our annual craft fair, the largest fundraising event of the year. The fair was a tremendous success, attracting numerous vendors and enthusiastic shoppers from the community. 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> <b>Reporter</b> Advisor: <i>Mrs. Probst</i></p>	<p>In November, we as state officers had our Fall Leadership Conference at Albany. The conference was from November 1st to the 5th for the officer but as for the students that were coming to fall leadership to learn and meet new people, it was three days from the 3rd to the 5th. The first two days we trained for our flag ceremony and practiced for our opening ceremony, later we got everything ready for our team rooms. on Sunday we got ready to greet and meet the advisors and the students, after that we got ready for the opening ceremony. We did the opening ceremony, and after that, we went into our team room. In my room, I had Nolan with me. We were team Luigi and this year the theme was cars which was fun. We went to our rooms to meet the students and introduce ourselves. We tried to be right on schedule but we were a little ahead of time but that was fine because we had activities for them to do. Day one was not that engaging. We did two activities (ice</p>



	<p>breaker) which they seemed to like. I was a little nervous while talking to them but as I talked to them and got to know them it was very easy, the second day was very busy because we had to get a lot of things done from parliamentary procedure to community service ideas that they had to come up with, we also went on the capital tours which was amazing, I got closer with the students they started to get more comfortable and they have engaged on the first day and the second day but the one problem we face a little bit was trying to keep the kids who were stick to their phone more involved overall the conference was very successfully and a wonderful experience. By the end of the trip, I had all the students texting me saying how fun and a great experience they had which was so heartwarming it made me feel so happy and proud that I was able to train them and help them learn more about skills.</p>
 <p><b>Charlie Stidd</b> <b>Historian</b> Advisor: Mr. Zwart</p>	<p>In November as a state officer I had the opportunity to attend Fall Leadership for my first time. This was where I got to put my skills forward that I learned in Atlanta and during WLTI as well as work with Savannah to facilitate our room, plus our two lovely room advisors Mrs. Dickerson and Mrs. Meyers who were there to assist if we needed it.</p> <p>Both Savannah and I had the job to create our team's room schedule, and learn the different topics we were teaching fellow students. These topics include elevator speeches, framework story's and parliamentary procedures taught by Mr. Fernado. We also got to use our activities that we made over the summer in our rooms.</p> <p>Back in my home chapter we have been preparing for Hometown Thanksgiving, and final production of Apple pie sales. In October my Culinary Arts program went apple picking. We have since moved on from prepping the apples, to baking off the pies. We are working with The Glen at Highlands Meadows, in which we get a total of \$5 per pie sold. With this the money will be going towards scholarships for our CTE school. With the other apples that we have, we are giving them to a program called HomeTown Thanksgiving.</p>



	<p>Our CTE program has started preparing the turkeys. Us students have roasted many turkeys off and have been breaking them down, to get all the meat off the bones to create the Thanksgiving meals. HomeTown Thanksgiving is given to families that may not have the financial ability to support a normal thanksgiving.</p> <p>Coming up in the following week, both Charity and I will be attending our principal's luncheon, where we both have the opportunity to talk about SkillsUSA. While we talk about SkillsUSA with Chef Z, we will be sharing our framework stories and how SkillsUSA has impacted us throughout our time as State Officers.</p>
 <p><b>Savannah Wehner</b> Area I VP Advisor: Mr. Payne</p>	<p>October was filled with preparations for fall leadership and Monroe 2 BOCES hosted a Expo night. Fall Leadership in Albany NY was a huge success. Lots of productive learning and activities. Students learned the importance of the framework and the SkillsUSA Organization. During our time there we took a tour of the Capital and learned about its history. At Monroe 2 BOCES we hosted an Expo night and had a SkillsUSA table and recruited many new members.</p>
 <p><b>Matthew Byrne</b> Area II VP Advisor: Mrs. Harke</p>	<p>The end of October and the beginning of November were very busy. On October 30th, we had our Area 2 Kickoff at OHM BOCES, and since I am the Area 2 Vice President, I was in charge of leading this. I planned the activities for this, but luckily I had the other 3 Area 2 state officers (Abrianna, Toryn, and Nolan) to help me facilitate them. My activities focused on teamwork, since that is one of the essential elements. There were 67 students from across Area 2 who attended. My biggest takeaway from this event is that there were a lot of people to manage, and everything took longer than expected. We had to skip one activity because we ran out of time, but I think all the students enjoyed themselves and got something out of attending. Two days after this, I went to Albany for the 2024 NYS Fall Leadership Conference. We spent Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon practicing the opening and closing ceremonies, the flag ceremony, and getting our agendas ready for our rooms. I thought I was very prepared with my agenda even though my original partner was not going to be there. I was</p>



nervous but was confident with my activities. I realized it was much different once I had 40 students in my room, and I have to admit that I struggled a bit with keeping everyone engaged and keeping control of the room. Here are my takeaways for this event:

- Not to let negativity get to me. While I needed to try to figure out why some people didn't seem happy so I could adjust, I had to focus on the positive so I wouldn't be discouraged or frustrated.
- The energy of the room mirrored my energy. I learned that if I came across as positive and fun, then the students were positive and fun.
- Even though I knew my activities really well, the students didn't. I needed to make sure I explained everything well and that everyone understood the directions before I started the activities.
- Even though I ended on a high, it is important to remember that I really struggled at times. My advisor told me that you learn as much from the lows as you do from the highs. Also, by remembering the lows, you stay humble and don't get overconfident.

Now that Fall Leadership is over, I want to work with my chapter advisor to lead activities in our meetings so members can get more familiar with the Framework and the Essential Elements. I also want to meet with our CTE director and talk to him about what I can do for our BOCES. It has supported me all through this journey and I have gained so much from it, and I want to give something back to the organization.



**Charity Lupo**  
**Area III VP**  
Advisor:  
Mrs. Citro

Going into November as a state officer I had the opportunity to attend Fall Leadership in Albany, where I got to put my skills forward and work with fellow state officer Toryn to facilitate our room, plus have our two room advisors Mrs. Olfano, and Mr. Ferris for overview and any assistants if/when we are in need of assistance. Both of the advisors had helped us out immensely.

Both Toryn and I had the job to create our own room schedule, learn it and learn the different topics we were teaching fellow students. Plus we got to use our activities that we made over the summer with our fellow students in our rooms.



Back in my home chapter we have been preparing for Hometown Thanksgiving, and final production of Apple pie sales. Back in October my CTE program went apple picking and the apples that we had picked and brought back to our CTE program have been in production. We have moved on from prepping the apples, to actually baking off the pies. We are working with a senior citizen assisted home that is purchasing our supplies to make pies through them to sell, in which we get a total of \$5 per pie sold back. With this the money will be going towards scholarships for our CTE school. With the other apples that we have, we are giving them to a program called HomeTown Thanksgiving.

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Coming up in the following week, both Charlie and I will be attending our principal's luncheon, where we both have the opportunity to talk about SkillsUSA. While we talk about SkillsUSA with Chef Zwart, we will both be sharing our framework stories and how SkillsUSA has impacted us throughout our time as State Officers. After the luncheon our next few months till leading up to March, will be looking quiet for our local chapter.



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

This month I was in charge of facilitating a panel for the NYSCREA event where myself and several other students talked about the trades, BOCES, and SkillsUSA and how it has affected our life. This event went very well and we answered questions for other BOCES and technical education teachers questions from a students point of view. People like Mrs. Petronella and Mrs. Myers were there which made a cool surprise. I enjoyed telling others about why SkillsUSA is important and I encouraged them to have their students join the program. Hopefully this creates new members from New York state.



**Darshveer Singh**  
**Area V VP**

Advisor:  
Ms. Olfana

I am thrilled to share that the state Fall Leadership event was a tremendous success, attracting over 400 participants for an engaging experience! Students learned the fundamentals of SkillsUSA while honing their skills for future careers. Recognizing the challenge of high travel costs for Area 5, our chapter is organizing a more accessible local Winter Leadership conference. This will allow local chapters to bring 10-15 members, enabling us to replicate the larger conference experience. Students who attended the Fall Leadership Conference have begun planning to facilitate the Winter Leadership Conference. To further strengthen Area 5, we're inviting other career and technical education (CTE) schools to join us as we work on establishing new chapters.

Building on last month's officer report, I'm pleased to announce our schoolwide canned food drive. The drive will run through November 25th, and all collected items will benefit City Harvest to provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need. We have also begun to plan our holiday toy drive in partnership with a teacher connected to a local foster organization. We aim to collect toys for over 100 children and host an in-person Christmas event. We want to let them know that even though they may not think it, even though they may not feel it, people care for them even if it isn't obvious all the time. Thank you for supporting our efforts to make a positive impact in the community!



**Toryn Snyder**  
**Office At Large**

Advisor:  
Mrs. Petronella

Hello everyone, the month of November was a wild one. The state officers and I led the FLC (Fall leadership Conference) from February 3rd-5th, and it was awesome. I was super nervous but also excited for it. Charity and I were the facilitators for Team Ramone and I think we did a pretty good job at leading our room. FLC was such a great experience for me and I had such a good time there. We also got to tour the capitol building in Albany NY, which is always amazing. Other than FLC, at our chapter we have been having meetings and preparing for future activities. We continue to focus on the SkillsUSA Framework, this month we highlighted. Technical Skills. Have a great day everyone.



**Fiza Khan**  
**Office At Large**  
Advisor:  
Mrs. Bitzer

As a SkillsUSA officer, I have been actively involved in promoting the organization’s mission and values through various leadership activities. Recently, I participated in the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference, where I enhanced my communication and teamwork skills while collaborating with fellow officers. Additionally, I helped students earn the prestigious Statesman Award by guiding them through the process and fostering their understanding of SkillsUSA principles. I also managed the team room, “Sally,” ensuring it was organized and efficient, and led a community service project with the students, which was later presented to highlight its impact.



**Nolan Wall**  
**Office At Large**  
Advisor:  
Mr. Ferris

This November I was able to attend FLC as a state officer and lead team Luigi. I will cherish the experience that I had making tons of new friends and also putting all my training to the test leading a room. I am very excited to take these new leadership qualities back to my home chapter.

My home chapter elected our other officers and sent some of our students to FLC and fall kickoff. My home chapter will use the new experiences from our officers to continue to grow interest in Skills and I am also presenting SkillsUSA to our board on the 18th of November. Our home chapter has also been planning on who will be participating in what events at regionals.