



Officer/Position

Report for the Month of: September, 2024



Abriana Briggs
President
Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella

In my officer report I wanted to talk about the most recent trip I came from. Two other State Officers and myself were able to go to Hershey Pennsylvania for the SkillsUSA Region 1 Conference. We got to engage with others from surrounding states and learned even more about leadership and how to facilitate a room. I have learned so much from that trip and we were even able to visit Hershey Park which was a once in a lifetime experience. At my local chapter me and another state officer were recognized by our school board, and received an Award of Recognition for our accomplishments within SkillsUSA. I and the other area 2 state officers are hosting an area two kickoff. We are all super excited to share our activities and accomplishments with everyone at this kickoff. We are also preparing for our Fall Leadership Conference this upcoming November. All exciting things I personally can't wait to share all of my new ideas with everyone!! Thank you for reading and have an amazing day.



Amira Saleh
Secretary
Advisor:
Mrs. Blackman

October has been great, I have started to use all the skills I learned and am implementing them towards my chapter at my local BOCES. The meetings have run smoothly. A lot of students are looking forward to this year and I can't wait to be the one to open their door to success, or at least help them find their true passions and capabilities. This month also was the Kickoff for Area 1. It went pretty amazing. I was told to create two activities to act out and both went amazing. I was a little worried because this wasn't my school. But there was no need to stress because all the students loved what I, Savannah, and Abigayle had planned out. In particular the activity of making a cheer/chant went phenomenally well! One of the students really loved this activity and had given us a show of his amazing talent, along with his teammates creating a wonderful song for him to sing. We were able to have the students create new bonds and friendships in such a short time. For our October chapter meeting we as well have started to raise money for the chapter by doing a candle sale. Which has a history of being a great way of raising money. Though unfortunately due to changes of principal at my school regulations on sales will be much harder to follow but I believe we can do it, if we put the work into it.



Angelina Rodriguez
Parliamentarian
Advisor:
Mrs. Brissing

This month we've had 4 meetings, 2 during AM BOCES and the other during the PM. We also discussed how we can encourage more people to get into the organization, by posters or word of mouth.

During the first meeting of the month for our chapter, the two advisors went further in depth of what SkillsUSA is. They also discussed opportunities that can happen through the organization. For example, last year two state officers were able to get accepted to the military academies. But also for competitors, if you win, you might be able to get internships with popular industry leaders as well as bettering yourself in the trade you're pursuing. This led into the conversation of our (students) future and what you want to do after you graduate; if you want to continue in your trade or go to college but work in your trade on the side, etc.



Abigayle Wright
Treasurer
Advisor:
Mr. Rozewski

Over the past month at my CTE center, we have dived right into recruiting new SkillsUSA members. We started this process with the senior officers presenting to every class about what SkillsUSA is and what it does for a person. My favorite part was being able to share my experience as a state officer and how it has helped me grow. We had an amazing response to these presentations, and day by day, more people are signing up. I have also spent a lot of time this month preparing for Fall Leadership at the beginning of November. I am so excited to go to Fall Leadership and share the knowledge of SkillsUSA



Payal Gajmer
Reporter
Advisor:
Mrs. Probst


During October, we are preparing for fall leadership that will be held from Nov 1st to 5th for officers and 3rd to 5th for the students. During those days we prepare the students for leadership. At my local chapter we are trying to get non-perishable food for our fall festival so we can donate that non-perishable food to charity, and with that, we strive for our chapter of excellence. At our fall festival, that will be held on October 31, we will have activities, food and it will be a little get together for all the skills member that joined. In our local chapter, we always have this little party at holiday time to get the SkillsUSA members that have joined and to let them know what is happening. The area 1 vice president and myself went to classes and gave out information about what was going on in our local chapter and what we are planning to achieve as a whole team. I am excited for our fall leadership to get to know new members and get the opportunity to facilitate. I am also nervous but more excited because that fall leadership will allow me to grow and improve my skills.



Charlie Stidd
Historian
Advisor:
Mr. Zwart

During the past month I and my chapter have completed the following: fundraiser for scholarships, Olympic bagged lunches, activity practice, advocacy for SkillsUSA. We have started a fundraiser for all our students that attend the Southern Adirondack Education Center. As during the fall our Culinary class sells Apple Pies to the community, this fundraiser states that every pie sold puts 5 dollars into the fundraiser. This fundraiser is being made possible with the hard work of not only our class but the support of The Glen at Highland Meadows which is donating supplies and helping sell the pies at the nursing home. In regards to the Olympic bagged lunches the Southern Adirondack Education Center has continued to support this event by putting together a lunch bag for every participant, this bag includes a variety of snacks and either a ham, turkey or PB+J sandwich. This event was also made possible with the help of Glen at Highland Meadows as they donated all of the Turkey for said sandwiches. During my class day on 10/19, Charity and I went down to the Early Childhood Education program and practiced one activity each to get ready for the Fall Leadership Conference. During this time we also talked to students about joining/interest in SkillsUSA. During the past month I have had many chances to advocate for SkillsUSA as Charity and I were asked



	<p>to run a table for SkillsUSA during the Southern Adirondack Education Center's open house and the Unity walk. During the open house we were given the chance to talk to many parents about the benefits SkillsUSA has for their children. I was even given the opportunity to talk to a former member of Skills when it was known as VICA. She explained to me how she was happy to see others still learning through SkillsUSA as she feels without it she wouldn't have ended up where she is working in a high level position at a bank. Also, during the open house and the Unity walk we were able to give out interest forms for competitions. We were very successful as we got a couple dozen not counting those from our program.</p>
 <p>Savannah Wehner Area I VP Advisor: <i>Mr. Payne</i></p>	<p>In October we hosted our kick off to SkillsUSA Area 1 conference at the Mt. Morris CTE Center. Students participated in various activities and learned more about the SkillsUSA organization.</p> <p>In my chapter we are hosting a Fall Festival event for students and staff to come along and join. We have asked all members to participate by bringing one non-perishable food item to contribute to our community service project in hopes to gain Chapter Of Excellence. The chapter officers are currently planning more community service opportunities and events for the upcoming year.</p>



Matthew Byrne
Area II VP
Advisor:
Mrs. Harke

I am currently preparing for our Area 2 Fall Kickoff, which is October 30th. As the Area 2 vice president, and am responsible for this event. I am working on an agenda for this, and I am figuring out how I will be involving the other three state officers who are from Area 2. They are all strong leaders and we make a great team, so I know this event will be a success. I have set up a meeting with them on October 24th so we can discuss our plan. The focus will be on teamwork, which is a very important essential element. The Fall Leadership Conference is fast approaching. I have finished my last two activities. I now have eight activities all together, and I tried to use different essential elements. I am looking forward to meeting with my state officer partner and advisors to really lock down our plans and schedule. Last year's Fall Leadership conference was life changing for me, and I want to make sure that the room I am in is organized in a way that maybe we can impact someone else's life.



Charity Lupo
Area III VP
Advisor:
Mrs. Citro

For the month of October 2024, our chapter office has had a busy month. In the beginning of the month my CTE class had gone to Hicks Apple Orchard and picked a total of 1,945 pounds of apples, plus filled the apple bins at the orchard. The apples that we have picked and brought back to our CTE program have been in production, to prep them for apple pies in which we are working with a senior citizen assist 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, our CTE program prep turkeys, and other Thanksgiving foods for the meals, to go to HomeTown Thanksgiving, which is given to families that may not have the financial ability to support thanksgiving, whilst still allowing them to be able to enjoy thanksgiving.

My CTE program has also put together packed lunches for a field trip to the Myers Center BOCES. This was nutritious packed lunches for the teenagers that had gone to visit the National Guard, whilst there we were able to talk to multiple active duty military personnel




There were various stations set up that were program related or had an idea of the programs and had other options that CTE kids could join, if they went to the National Guard. The National Guard had also brought multiple equipment that they use, and even various automobiles.

Our CTE program also had the opportunity to provide a spaghetti dinner for our CTE schools, open house. The money that we had raised for this had gone into scholarships for the end of the year for fellow seniors in our CTE school. Whilst fellow culinary students had helped serve the community, Charlie and myself had a table set outside of the cafeteria, and were spreading awareness about SkillsUSA, allowing multiple students throughout our CTE school to sign up for competitions in the coming months. We talked about leadership, our time as officers, and all the different competition options every program has.

At our CTE school, they host a bully prevention awareness walk, where students walk the track in orange to support bully prevention awareness. Our CTE program had brought dishes out that we had made to raise money for more scholarships, whilst supporting anti-bullying. While our Culinary program was selling the food, Charlie and I were also outside with our SkillsUSA table promoting SkillsUSA. This has allowed multiple students throughout our CTE school to sign up for competitions in the coming months. We talked about leadership, our time as officers, and all the different competition options every program has.

My CTE class also had the opportunity to prepare lunches for the Special Olympics for multiple schools that par-take in this program. The culinary program, packed over 100 lunches, with different sandwich options and also a variety of food to produce a nutritious lunch for kids who are par-taking. Throughout our school year, the Culinary department puts on a place called Marketplace, which we sell foods that our culinary department has made during production. When we sell our food to other programs/ students throughout the CTE school the money we gain goes into scholarships for CTE students at the end of the year.



	<p>During this month, I have had the chance to exercise my Skills as an officer and I have gotten the opportunity to assist Charlie in hosting his activity plus I had the opportunity to practice one of my activities with one of our advisors classes. As I got the chance to do that, we were able to talk about everything that we have done as State Officers, and what they can do to prepare for going to any skills related activities. We also talked about the process of statesman pins, and framework. This gave us the opportunity to answer any questions that the class had about SkillsUSA As the rest of October continues, I'll have more opportunities to help out with my school/chapter. Plus I'll have more opportunities to prepare for Fall leadership, and continue advocating SkillsUSA to fellow classmates, and students.</p> <p>Going into November as a state officer I will be attending Fall Leadership in Albany, where I'll have the opportunity 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 assistant's if/when we are in need of assistance.</p>
 <p>Bryce Buntyn Area IV VP Advisor: Ms. Dickerson</p>	<p>At Ulster BOCES we have elected chapter officials now we are focusing on encouraging people to run for state officer positions. We are doing this by creating videos of SkillsUSA and playing them in classrooms. This has been working and I have been responding to questions about what it means to be a state officer. Hopefully we have a large number of people who are more interested in skills. Also we are currently starting to get people together to start community events and we are also encouraging people to do community service events to try to get a gold Chapter of Excellence award.</p>



Darshveer Singh
Area V VP
Advisor:
Ms. Olfana

First of all, our chapter is thrilled to host a trunk-and-treat event where children from the community will trick-or-treat through our decorated school, with each club responsible for a room. This creates an opportunity for the whole school to engage with the local community. Building on this excitement, our first general meeting saw an impressive turnout of 84 students, with about half being freshmen, highlighting the success of our recent freshmen push-ins. To capitalize on this momentum, we conducted a group card tower activity to foster leadership and teamwork and started official membership registration, helping kick start our chapter for the upcoming year. With our membership drive underway, we turned our attention to a pressing issue: overcoming funding challenges that had plagued us in previous years. Taking a proactive approach, we reintroduced successful fundraising ideas: selling snacks after school and launching a Coffee Cart on Wednesday mornings, offering coffee and breakfast items at competitive prices. These initiatives not only boost our fundraising efforts but also benefit the entire school community. Expanding our impact beyond the school walls, we demonstrate our commitment to making a difference by participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 4-mile walk. Building on this momentum, we're planning a canned food drive throughout November to support City Harvest, aiming to donate items before Thanksgiving. To ensure widespread participation, we're organizing fun and goofy activities for teachers, providing students with entertaining goals to work towards



Toryn Snyder
Office At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Petronella

At the beginning of October 2 members of the State Officer team and myself got the opportunity to go to Hershey Pennsylvania to learn more about facilitation and teamwork. I learned so much from that trip and I had so much fun. At the end of the trip we got to go to Hershey Park and got to ride some Amazing rides. Also in October in my local chapter we did a crash simulator with the New York State Police. It simulated a 5 MPH crash while wearing a seatbelt to show students how it felt. They also did a roll over test with dummy's to show what it looks like when not wearing a seatbelt.



Our CTE center also hosted the Area 2 Kick-off, as part of the state officer team I assisted with activities and working with the SkillsUSA members who attended. The night ended with a dinner prepared and served by our Culinary Arts class.



Fiza Khan
Office At Large
Advisor:
Mrs. Bitzer

For my officer report, I'm pleased to share that I've completed all 8 of my activity plans. As the month wraps up, I'm also preparing to volunteer at our chapter's Trucks or Treats event, where I'm eager to contribute and engage with the community. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next SkillsUSA event and continuing our work together.



Nolan Wall
Office At Large
Advisor:
Mr. Ferris

TMy SkillsUSA home chapter continued to have meetings during and after school. We have started our work on getting our new chapter officers and we should have them soon. We have also started to work on activities that showcase our framework skills. As a school we are working towards fundraising for our club activities and preparing for fall kickoff and fall leadership.

