

SkillsUSA Vermont
End of Year Report 2022-2023

I. State Conferences/Competitions:

a. SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference 2022

- i. October 4, 2022 at VTC in Randolph Center, VT
Participants: 23 Advisors 200 Students
- ii. Feedback: Mostly positive feedback, request to be longer/wanting more, very few participants did not want to be there/no interest/lunch was good
Crowded workshop spaces/hot in classrooms/advisors thought it was great
- iii. Improvements: Although very successful: Change up the opening general session to be less formal, less participants in workshops, offer more workshops, extend the day

b. SkillsUSA Vermont Leadership and Skills Conference 2023

- i. April 5 & 6, 2023 at VTC in Randolph Center, VT, CTE in Essex Jct, VT, VT-ANG Colchester, Camp Johnson, Killington Grande Resort, ARNG Swanton, Sheriff's Department Bennington
Participants: 563: 4 administrators; 86 advisors; 436 contestants; 37 observers (this number does not include the contest managers and contest judges)
April 10, Award Ceremony at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Burlington
Participants: 485 participants (no way of knowing how many advisors vs contestants).
- ii. Feedback: "Best conference yet!" "Really great!" "Officers did an excellent job." Comments of State Director being very approachable and responsive. No issues reported across the board. National Officer's motivational speech well received. Everyone seemed very pleased with the exception of being in 9 different locations. Having award ceremony a couple days later, "Brilliant!" - very little feedback in regards to that.
- iii. Improvements: Localize the competitions, earlier preparation start, earlier due dates so officer team has more time to do the office work.
- iv. Advisor of the Year: There were no nominations after several pleas from the State Director. Future year, State Director will nominate a qualified candidate if advisor do not

c. SkillsUSA National Conference

- i. June 19-23 in Atlanta, Georgia
Participants: 96: 28 advisors, 65 contestants, 3 chaperones
- ii. Feedback: "Well planned and organized." State Director and Officers received a standing ovation from the delegation during our closing celebration.
- iii. Came together seamlessly. Timing of payments was an issue, needing to set earlier deadlines for the delegation.

II. Membership

Vermont Membership: 778 (3 middle school, 770 high school, 5 post-secondary)

Burlington Tech Center 37
Burr and Burton Academy 0
Center For Technology 133
Central Vermont Career Center 28
Cold Hollow Career Center 29
Green Mountain Technology & CC 66
Hannaford Career Center 28
Hartford Career Center 0
Lyndon Institute 30
North Country Career Center 40

Northwest Technical Center	88
Randolph Technical Center	7
River Valley Technical Center	68
Saint Johnsbury Academy	45
Southwest Technical Center	40
Stafford Technical Center	138
Vermont College	0
Windham Regional Career Center	0

The state team reached out to schools again this past year to offer visits by the State Team, and they visited those schools, presenting and answering questions. The State Director responded to questions/concerns promptly. The state team will continue to reach out schools not involved in SkillsUSA or new to SkillsUSA, to educate and encourage involvement at any level.

III. Leadership Development

State Officers met once a month to train with State Staff. For the first time, conferences were student-run, and student-led (from planning to implementation). Officers attended the Region 1 Conference in Portland, Maine where they participated in activities led by the National Officer Team working on Framework skills, including leadership development. A National Officer was present during our Fall Conference, and the National SkillsUSA Director of Education joined our team for the SkillsUSA VT State Leadership and Skills Conference, who helped them with final preparations for the conference.

IV. Career Development and Connections with Employers:

At the SkillsUSA Vermont Leadership and Skills Conference we had Katahdin Javner, SkillsUSA's 2022-2023 College/Postsecondary Vice President present during the Opening General Session.

V. Local Advisors:

Advisors met informally during the Fall Conference and during Nationals. Advisors met via Google Meet prior to the state conference to ask questions and gather information. SkillsUSA VT did not provide an organized "new advisor training" as those are offered at various times throughout the year by National Headquarters, free of charge, done virtually.

VI. Communications:

List website addresses, social media platform addresses, etc. used.

<https://www.skillsusa.org/>

<https://www.skillsusavermont.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SkillsUSAVermont/>

https://www.instagram.com/skillsusa_vt/

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUwINvLhJOARdBC3Q1SnwMg>

Conference planning: Google Meet, Google Doc, Google Form, Zoom
Registrations: National website: <https://www.skillsusa.org/> (Fall, State, National)
Competitions and Information: <https://www.skillsusa.org/> and
<https://www.skillsusavermont.org/>

Conference organization and Scoring for state competition: SkillsCMS Website and Software from Enterprise Software Development Group

The national registration website is very easy to setup for conference registration. SkillsCMS website: one has to be trained on it. Nationals provides free training and a differentiated scale of technical support during the state conference, from a free services to full, onsite assistance for a cost. Our state staff is extremely educated and talented, we were able to use the free service and not have any issues this year with scoring.

VII. National Conference/Competitions

Burlington Tech Center 1
Center For Technolog 19
Central Vermont Career Center 5
Cold Hollow Career Center 4
Green Mountain Technology & CC 4
Hannaford Career Center 6
Lyndon Institute 8
North Countr Career Center 5
Northwest Technical Center 7
River Valley Technical Center 1
Saint Johnsbury Academy 12
Southwest Technical Center 8
Stafford Technical Center 12

Gold: Alexander Bergeron, Center for Technology Essex 3-D Visualization
Gold: Brennan Militello, Center for Technology Essex, 3-D Visualization
Gold: Cassandra Guillemette, Center for Technology Essex, Dental Assisting
Silver: Carter King, Southwest Tech, Criminal Justice
Bronze: Issabella Mazza, Saint Johnsbury Academy, Restaurant Service

In addition: 27 students received SkillPoint Certificates at our delegation closing event, 26 students finished top 10

VIII. Finances:

SkillsUSA Vermont balances for July 1, 2022 = \$30115.00 and July 1, 2023 = \$
[SkillsUSA Vermont Leadership and Skills Conference 2023 Financial Report](#)

Attach **Event Financial Reports** for each conference (fall, winter, spring).
List income generated from membership dues: \$9088.00
List amounts provided by other sources:

IX. Miscellaneous

