

## SkillsUSA: Champions at Work 2009 Conference Information

April 2009

Dear SkillsUSA Alumnus:

On behalf of the SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association and the National Office, I would like to invite you to attend the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual National and Skills Conference and SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, Missouri, June 21-26. This will be our 16<sup>th</sup> year in Kansas City, and it is a big city with much to offer. Our committee and the National Office would like to have you join us.

If you would like to attend this conference, you may register through your state association, or send in your "Conference Activities Registration Form." In addition, for those who are interested in attending the conference and wanting to volunteer their help in some way, we will waive the \$115 registration fee. You can now secure your hotel room in Kansas City online! Please go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/events/hotels.shtml> and click on the link "Make your NLSC Hotel Reservations Online." Then, under Lodging, select "Parents/Guests/Alumni" from the pull-down menu at the box titled "Who are You?" A hotel listing with addresses, rates and phone numbers is also posted on this site for your review.

Some of the highlights during conference week include: an exciting Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, sponsored by BOSCH and Lowe's Companies, Inc.; the annual TECHSPO trade show; and the SkillsUSA Championships featuring 91 competitive events, all culminating with the Awards Ceremony on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we will host a Career Fair and SkillsUSA University during the week. There will be other fun activities, such as the Alumni 5K Race, SkillsUSA's Amazing Race, Champions Festival and SkillsUSA Night.

You are a special and valued member of SkillsUSA. If you have not been to a national conference in a while, why don't you consider going this year and renewing some old friendships as we celebrate 45 years of serving young professionals? We've come a long way and hope you can visit with us in Kansas City this June!

Sincerely,

George Laubmeier  
Executive Chair  
Alumni Coordinating Committee



**45<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE**  
Kansas City Convention Center  
Kansas City, Missouri  
June 21-26, 2009

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**  
(Headquarters Office is in Lobby 2100, Room 2104A)

**Sunday, June 21**

12:00 noon

**SET UP ALUMNI HEADQUARTERS**

*All are welcome*

**Monday, June 22**

12:00 noon

**SET UP ALUMNI BOOTHS**

See conference program for alumni booth locations—sign up to help at Alumni HQ!

2:00 p.m.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Alumni Headquarters, Room 2104A, Lobby 2100*

**Tuesday, June 23**

9:00 am

**ALUMNI BOOTHS (Open all day)**

TECHSPO, Lobby 2300

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9:00 am–5:00 pm

**SKILLSUSA TECHSPO TRADE SHOW**

**Location:** Lobbies 2200 and 2300, Bartle Hall (Tues–Thur)

Street exhibits around Municipal Auditorium and H. Roe Bartle Hall (Tues–Thur)

The TECHSPO technical exposition is the largest technical education exposition in the U.S.

7:00 pm

**OPENING CEREMONY**

*Kemper Arena (Wear your name badge for entrance!)*

**Wednesday, June 24**

All day

**ALUMNI INDUSTRY ESCORT TEAM PICKS UP VIPS AT AIRPORT**

9:00 am–5:00 pm

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All Day

**SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIP**

Refer to the Official Conference Program for competition locations. Watch as state champions compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in a number of leadership events as well as selected skill events.

All Day

**SKILLSUSA UNIVERSITY**

Designed for students, administrators and instructors, this program of seminars is devoted to SkillsUSA knowledge and educational issues. Seminar, location, times, topics and a list of presenters are in the Official Conference Program. *All sessions are free and everyone is invited to attend these workshops!*

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**Wednesday, June 24 (Continued)**

7:00 pm

**CHAMPIONS FESTIVAL**

*Hyatt Exhibit Hall (wear conference name badge and Lowe's t-shirt for admittance)*

**Thursday, June 25**

All Day

**ALUMNI INDUSTRY ESCORT TEAM PICKS UP VIPS AT AIRPORT**

All Day

**ALUMNI BOOTHS**

*See conference program for alumni booth locations—sign up to help at Alumni HQ!*

8:30 am

**SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

*See conference program for details*

9:00 am–4:00 pm

**SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS – SKILL EVENTS/LEADERSHIP CONTEST FINALS**

– Open to the Public. In this national showcase of career and technical education, state champions demonstrate their skills as they compete for gold, silver and bronze medals. SkillsUSA's partners make all this possible. Refer to the Official Conference Program for leadership competition locations.

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**Friday, June 26**

All Day

**ALUMNI INDUSTRY ESCORT TEAM RETURNS VIPS TO AIRPORT**

All Day

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**DISMANTLE ALUMNI BOOTHS**

1:00 pm

**ALUMNI APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

*Bartle Hall, Room 2205A&B*

6:00 pm

**SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS CEREMONY**

Kemper Arena

Enjoy the show! Be prepared for excitement at this highly charged event that includes presentation of the gold, silver and bronze medals and the announcement of next year's national officers.



# 45<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

Kansas City, Missouri  
June 21 – 26, 2009

## ALUMNI REGISTRATION FORM

Fill this out online at <http://www.skillsusa.org/supporters/alumninlsc.shtml>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I will attend the SkillsUSA NLSC. I can volunteer to help in the following area(s). Indicate by number your first, second and third preference. **Note: Registration fee of \$115.00 is waived for registered volunteers**

- Alumni Booth Team (sell pins, pin towels, memberships, etc.; you will be assigned days and shifts)
- Alumni Leadership Team (assist with awards ceremony, luncheon, work in alumni headquarters)
- Alumni/SkillsUSA Championships Team (assist with contests as needed)
- Alumni Special Services Team (assist with meeting room setups, sign distribution at contest sites)
- Alumni VIP Industry Escort Team (airport pick-ups and returns)
- I can help wherever my services are needed during conference week

YES, I am attending the SkillsUSA National Conference, but will not be a volunteer. Enclosed is my national conference registration fee of \$115.

NO, I cannot attend the SkillsUSA National Conference, but I am interested in Alumni activities. Please keep me on your mailing list for future events.

I have read the attached guidelines and agree to observe the guidelines as set forth in:

- SkillsUSA Personal Liability and Medical Release Form
- SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association Code of Conduct
- Violations and Penalties
- Photography and Sound Release.

Signature

Date

Please return this form by **June 15, 2009**. You can mail or fax to:

Karen Beatty  
SkillsUSA  
14001 SkillsUSA Way  
Leesburg, VA 20176-5494  
FAX: (703) 777-1306

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Beatty at the National Office at (703) 737-0624 or by E-mail to [kbeatty@skillsusa.org](mailto:kbeatty@skillsusa.org).

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### **SKILLSUSA PERSONAL LIABILITY AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**

I hereby agree to release SkillsUSA Inc. (hereinafter referred to as SkillsUSA), its representatives, agents, servants and employees from liability; for any injury to the named person at any time while attending the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, including travel to and from the conference, excepting only such injury or damage resulting from willful acts of representatives, agents, servants, and employees.

I do voluntarily authorize the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference and Skills USA Championships Medical Services Coordinator, assistants and/or designees to administer and/or obtain routine or emergency medical treatment for the named person as deemed necessary in medical judgment. Parents/guardians of participant will allow emergency medical treatment to be administered as needed. Any further treatment will require parental/guardian consultation.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless SkillsUSA and said Medical Services Coordinator and/or assistants and designees for any and all claims, demands, actions, rights of action, and/or judgments by or on behalf of the named person arising from or on account of said procedures and/or treatment rendered in good faith and according to accepted medical standards.

Having read and understood completely the "SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association Code of Conduct" of SkillsUSA, I do hereby agree to follow the procedures and practices described. I fully understand that this is an educational activity and will, to the best of my ability, apply myself for the purpose of serving and will uphold at all times the finest qualities of a person representing SkillsUSA.

NOTE: All persons under legal age must have a parent or guardian sign this form (see other side) If you are 18 or older, please indicate that on other side of this form. Otherwise, this form will be returned for a parent/guardian signature. All participants must sign this form.

### **SKILLSUSA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a group, the SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association developed a code of conduct and ethics. The code is intended to be used as a guide for Alumni behavior and interactions at all SkillsUSA conferences and events.

1. Be on time and prepared for all SkillsUSA Alumni events.
2. Be respectful and appropriate in all interactions with advisors, students, and other SkillsUSA associates. Know who is around you when you are having a conversation.
3. Trust each other and be trust worthy. Keep the commitments that you make and be honest about what you can commit.
4. Be positive and enthusiastic. Come with a "Can Do Attitude". Remember, every job is important!
5. Be appropriate and respectful during interactions with your fellow SkillsUSA Alumni members. Any conflicts among Alumni members should be resolved quickly and openly. Treat each other the way you would like to be treated.
6. Respect all hotel property and staff. Keep conference rooms and common areas neat and clean. Be responsible with all SkillsUSA property.
7. Be a role model to SkillsUSA members. After curfew, all Alumni members should be quiet and respectful. Let your words and actions be a positive example for all SkillsUSA members.
8. Work as a team! Utilize the skills and experiences of your fellow Alumni Members.
9. Members will not consume alcohol while in the presence of students or while wearing anything with the official SkillsUSA logo
10. Alumni dress will be a polo shirt and business casual slacks (no denim), and no sandals or flip-flops.

### **VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

I agree that if, for any reason, I am in violation of any rules of the conference, I may be brought before the appropriate discipline committee for an analysis of the violation. I also agree to accept the penalty imposed on me. I understand that any penalty and reasons for it will be explained to me before it is carried out. I further realize that the severity of the penalty may increase with the severity of the violation, even to the extent of being immediately sent home at my own expense. It is within the spirit of being a proud and meaningful member of the SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association that I agree to these rules of conduct by signing my name on the other side of this page.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY AND SOUND RELEASE**

I hereby grant the SkillsUSA permission to make still or motion pictures and sound recordings, separately or in combination, and also give a production company approved by SkillsUSA permission to use the finished silent or sound pictures, and/or sound recordings as deemed necessary.

Further, I so hereby relinquish to SkillsUSA all rights, title, interest in and income from the finished sound or silent motion pictures, still pictures, and/or sound recordings, negatives, prints, reproductions, and copies of the originals, negatives, recording duplicates and prints, and further grant SkillsUSA the right to give, sell, transfer, and /or exhibit the same to any individual, business firm, publication, television station, radio station or network, or governmental agency, or to any of their assignees, without payment or other consideration to me.

My agreement to perform under camera, lighting, and stated conditions is voluntary and I do hereby waive all personal claims, causes of action, or damages against SkillsUSA and the employees thereof, arising from a performance or appearance.