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## **Local educator travels to Canada with students competing in international skills competition**

**Leesburg, Va., January 30, 2009** - Every two years, hundreds of young people, accompanied by their teachers and trainers, gather together from around the world to compete in the skills of their various trades and test themselves against demanding international standards. They represent the best of their peers drawn from regional and national skill competitions held currently in 51 countries to compete in the prestigious WorldSkills Competition.

This year, Peter Carey, Director of Student Services at Somerset County Vocational Technical High School in Bridgewater, N.J., has been selected as the Official Delegate for SkillsUSA's WorldTeam. Carey has the distinguished honor of having served as the 1991 Team Leader (Amsterdam) and 2007 Official Delegate (Japan). Carey has also served as the New Jersey SkillsUSA State Director for the past 14 years. During the 2009 WorldSkills Competition, Carey will once again serve as the USA's Official Delegate and will represent SkillsUSA's WorldTeam while working with official delegates from 50 different countries.

There are 45 official competition skill categories in which nearly 1,000 students under the age of 23 will compete, testing themselves against tough international standards. About 150,000 visitors are expected to attend the event.

Carey is state director of SkillsUSA and a former member of the national board of directors for the organization, which is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure American has a skilled workforce. He has been active in the organization for 34 years.

"Having led the team as recently as 2007 in Japan, Pete Carey brings the knowledge and experience necessary to lead SkillsUSA WorldTeam in an international competitive arena," said Tim Lawrence, executive director of SkillsUSA. "Once again, it is an honor to have the state director from New Jersey as the leader of SkillsUSA WorldTeam, and it should be a source of great pride for New Jersey as well as Mr. Carey's school district."

In addition to the 2007 WorldSkills Competition, Carey has attended two other international competitions, and he was the team leader for TeamUSA in Amsterdam in 1991. He also participated in the Montreal WorldSkills Competition in 1999.

More than 300,000 student and instructors join SkillsUSA annually in more than 4,000 schools and colleges in every state, three territories and the District of Columbia. SkillsUSA has served more than 9.3 million members. SkillsUSA is a member of WorldSkills - The International Vocational Training Organization, headquartered in

Amsterdam, The Netherlands. This organization sponsors the biennial WorldSkills Competition.

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