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DONATIONS TO SC SkillsUSA

The following company and organization made donations to the SC SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference:

- Caterpillar \$2,000**
- SCADA (AYES) \$5,025**
- Lowe's Teamworks Grant \$6400**

We greatly appreciate their donations and support of SC SkillsUSA! Our organization could not be successful without the generosity and support of companies and organizations like these. **THANK YOU** to Caterpillar, SCADA (AYES), and Lowe's!

Officer Application Deadline Approaching, January 31, 2010

If so, then visit the SC SkillsUSA website at <http://www.scskillsusa.org/Officers.php> to view the officer application packet with all of the information on being a State Officer. Challenge yourself to take your involvement in SC SkillsUSA to the next level! Applications due to SC SkillsUSA Director by March 15, 2010.

WE WANT YOU TO BECOME A STATE OFFICER!

DEADLINES

- January 26th**—Technical Chairs Written test due (Word doc to David Prigge), Technical Chairs specific contest info due to Jackie Clarkson in PDF format
SC SkillsUSA Board of Directors, Heyward Career Center, Columbia, SC 10:00AM
- February 27th**—SC SkillsUSA Officer Interviews, Columbia, SC
- March 1st**—State and National SkillsUSA Memberships Due

- March 18,19,24,25th**—Electronic Testing for Competitive Events
- March 26th**—SC SkillsUSA Board of Directors, Donaldson Career Center, Greenville, SC 10:00AM
- April 15-17th**—Leadership and Skills Competitions, Carolina First Center, Greenville, SC
- May 8th**—Officers Meet, Columbia, SC

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SEE PDP AS NEVER BEFORE

All levels of the all-new version of PDP Online are now available. This includes, for the first time online, the SkillsUSA competencies. The SkillsUSA student competencies feature 20 SkillsUSA-related competencies, plus the guidelines for completing the American Degree.

PDP Online is an exciting way for your students to connect to their careers, communities and futures. With content that now matches the latest printed edition, it's a flexible way for students to build the career-enhancement skills they'll need to succeed. For more information and to see a demonstration, go to:

<http://www.skillsusa.org/educators/pdponline.shtml>

NEW RESOURCE FOR INSTRUCTORS

The newly revised Advisor's Success Kit (ASK) Tools for SkillsUSA Chapter Management is now available. With live links to SkillsUSA's many Web resources, links to a series of online e-learning tutorials, teacher-generated tips, interactive forms to facilitate chapter operations, and sample documents, you'll have what you need to guide your students as they learn to run their SkillsUSA chapter. The development of ASK was sponsored, in part, Newell Rubbermaid. For more information go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/shop/ask.shtml>

NTHS SCHOLARSHIPS

SkillsUSA has once again teamed up with the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) to promote outstanding student achievement within technical education. SkillsUSA is offering four \$1,000 scholarships through NTHS (two college/postsecondary and two high school), and these will be awarded at the 2010 national conference. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2010. For more information go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/students/nths.shtml>

SC CHAPTER ADVISORS

Click on the link below to view over 29 **FREE** parliamentary procedure teaching packages that can be downloaded and printed. Some include a worksheet and test. I recommend that you **scroll down the entire web page** to view all the items. http://pzen.northwest.net/index.php?main_page=page_7&zenid=s918vmqjherrqobm012919e5q7

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Updates on Individual Contests as it comes to the Director from Technical Chairs (posted on the SC SkillsUSA website as they come in)
- The new SkillsUSA Store at www.skillsusastore.org (there are lots of fantastic items to choose from)
- Updates to the SC SkillsUSA website www.scskillsusa.org as this a vital method of communication for Chapters on anything related to SC SkillsUSA!
- **Registration for SC Skills & Leadership Conference is March 15, 2010!** Registration fee is \$60 per registrant or \$75 including T-Shirt and Pin



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TEACHER MEETING

On February 10th, SkillsUSA will be holding a live teacher event at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Center to announce the release of the new ASK: Advisor Success Kit and the newly updated PDP Online.

The teacher meeting will be held Wednesday, February 10, at 3 p.m. at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Center in Leesburg, Virginia. All instructors and state leaders are welcome to attend, and there is no charge. Attendees will receive a free copy of the new ASK: Advisor's Success Kit, a SkillsUSA logo gift item and other SkillsUSA materials (total value of \$50 or more). ASK is an electronic encyclopedia for managing a SkillsUSA chapter, and it has been completely revised through a grant from Newell Rubbermaid. There will also be an overview of the all new PDP Online, which was revised through a grant from Lowe's.

Executive Director Tim Lawrence will speak, and members of the training staff will update teachers on various SkillsUSA resources. If you haven't been to the center lately, this is a wonderful chance to visit and network with others.

To attend, please RSVP to Niki Clausen at nclausen@skillsusa.org or call 703-737-0639. For directions to the center, go to:

www.skillsusa.org/about/center.shtml

