

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2021-2022 #3)

Item #1: SkillsUSA Maryland Advisor Meeting Recap

SkillsUSA Maryland held an in-person back-to-school advisor's meeting, Wednesday, September 22, 2021. The state association was well-represented with 28 chapters from 18 school districts in attendance. Thank you to all advisors and administrators able to participate. Special thanks to Principal Joe Rose and the staff and students at the Center of Applied Technology North for hosting the organization's first in-person meeting in almost two years!

Katherine Akins, President, State Officer Team, opened the meeting and participated throughout the day, along with SkillsUSA national staff, Maryland board members, alumni and advisors. Thank you to Kate and the other presenters, including:

Kim Clements, Board of Directors, Calvert Career Academy

Jeremy Holland, Chapter Advisor, Somerset Technical High School

Jack Newkirk, Chair, Board of Directors, Frederick CTC

Dennis Peaton, Program Manager, SkillsUSA

Rick Stephens, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Worcester Technical HS

Marcia Strickland, Senior Manager, Customer Service, SkillsUSA

Josie Wolfe, Alumni, former National Officer, CATN Culinary and Baking Instructor

Charlene Zinnel, State Officer Advisor, Board of Directors, Dorchester CTC

The agenda was full and covered a wide variety of topics in support of local chapter management and development. The meeting agenda and materials will be shared on the state website. As promised, there was a raffle drawing for all attendees. In addition to SkillsUSA branded merchandise, several Lowe's gift cards were raffled including a \$150 grand prize!

Please take a few minutes to complete this online survey. Your feedback is important and will help us plan next year's meeting:

[SkillsUSA Maryland 2021 Back-to-School Advisor Meeting](#)

Item #2: 2021 Fall Leadership Conference!

We are excited to announce that the SkillsUSA Maryland Fall Leadership Conference is, **Thursday, November 4, 2021, 9am-2pm**. Based on advisor feedback and overwhelming support, the conference will be facilitated by the state officer

team, working in-person at the same location and presenting the Opening / Closing Ceremonies and breakout sessions virtually (live) to local chapter participants. Chapter members will participate via “watch parties” and plans include ice-breakers (in-person), breakout sessions (virtual), activities (in-person) and the opportunity to earn the Framework Certification and National Statesman Award (online).

The registration fee is **\$15 per person** and includes online leadership testing, leadership pin, State pin and sticker sheet. A conference t-shirt will be available for an additional (separate) charge. Since this is a watch party format, your students will not to travel or stay overnight. All interested students are welcome and encouraged to participate! The **registration deadline is October 13, 2021.**

More conference details will be released soon!

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