

SkillsUSA Advisors, (SkillsUSA Maryland 2025-2026 #22)

Item #1: **ACTION ITEM!** SkillsUSA Board of Directors Election – Time to Vote!

SkillsUSA Maryland Board of Directors members serve a three-year term with four positions up for re-election each year. The organization welcomes and encourages SkillsUSA professional members to serve on the board!

Here's a link to cast your vote – you are voting for up to four (4) candidates; one vote per active chapter. The ballot closes **Thursday, May 7**. Don't forget to vote!

[SkillsUSA Maryland BOD Ballot](#)

Item #2: **NEW!** Check-out Pathmakers Podcast

MSDE's Division of College and Career Pathways (DCCP) is excited to launch something new, an opportunity to elevate and tell Maryland's story in a different way.

Yesterday, we launched the premiere episode of [Pathmakers: Stories of College, Career, and Everything in Between](#), a new podcast that spotlights the innovation, impact, and real experiences shaping post-college and career pathways across Maryland.

More than a podcast, Pathmakers is a platform to:

- Center student, educator, and practitioner voices
- Highlight successful strategies across local education agencies
- Strengthen alignment with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and Maryland's CTE State Plan
- Elevate the importance of equitable, college, and career pathways for all students

Our inaugural episode features Richard Kincaid, Assistant State Superintendent, alongside Rick Fernandez, Chief Growth Officer at BlueKit Software. Together, they introduce the series and discuss the priorities shaping Maryland's future, including college and career readiness, workforce alignment, and inclusive learning environments (some of you might recognize the host :)

You can listen to the podcast on your preferred podcasting platforms.

**Spotify:** <https://open.spotify.com/show/4xFlv6TTZ2pmdDgvWQVzEP>

**Apple:** <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/pathmakers-stories-of-college-career-everything-in-between/id1895381542>

**Pandora:** <https://www.pandora.com/podcast/pathmakers-stories-of-college-career-everything-in-between/PC:1001116653>

**YouTube:** [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLU9D\\_H7zVKxCE5ySGwF8pQNaRp1N0D1zn](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLU9D_H7zVKxCE5ySGwF8pQNaRp1N0D1zn)



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