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Item: **SkillsUSA State Competition**

Submitted by: Craig Weigel

Date: March 10, 2025

Recommended by: Sue Gardner

Board Meeting Date: March 17, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

Requesting permission for 42 students and 8 advisors to attend the State SkillsUSA Competition in Grand Rapids, Michigan on April 11-13, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

This year we have 42 students who have earned the right to compete at the state level of SkillsUSA by either earning a gold, silver, or bronze medal at a regional competition or by competing in a skill area that goes straight to the state level.

This year's state competition will be held April 11-13, 2025 at the Amway Grand Plaza and DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. Students and advisors will be staying overnight at the Amway Grand Plaza. Students will be competing in Automotive Service Technology, Auto Brakes, Auto Electrical, Customer Service, Community Service Project, Diesel Heavy Equipment, Extemporaneous Speaking, Prepared Speech, 3-D Animation, Technical Drafting, and State Officer positions.

To: Kent ISD School Board
From: Craig Weigel
Date: March 10, 2025
Subject: 2025 SkillsUSA State Board Memo

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. SkillsUSA helps high school and college students enrolled in career and technical education programs to excel by teaching employability skills such as communication, problem solving and leadership in conjunction with their trade, technical and service skills. Annual membership exceeds 360,000 students and instructors in more than 3,700 schools and colleges in every state. SkillsUSA emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work.

We are pleased to announce that 42 students, accompanied by 8 advisors, from Kent Career Tech Center (KCTC) have earned the right to compete this year at the state level of SkillsUSA by either earning a medal at a regional competition or by competing in a skill area that goes straight to state. The state competition will take place at the Amway Grand Plaza and Devos Place in Grand Rapids on April 11-13, 2025. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, April 13. Parents, friends and administrators are cordially invited to attend. Competing at the state level is a valuable experience and provides the opportunity to build relationships with a professional organization that continues long after the competition ends. Students placing first in their skills area may additionally qualify for the 2025 SkillsUSA National Competitions held in Atlanta, Georgia during the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC), June 23-28, 2025.

The KCTC SkillsUSA lead advisors would like to take a moment to acknowledge the efforts of all the people who make this an exciting opportunity for our students:

- * The Kent Intermediate School Board
- * Our Administration: Craig Weigel, Kelly Bowers, David Dublis, Kristy Loughin-Vance, and Sara Van
- * Our Support Staff and our Advisors/Instructors.

Additional information can be found at: www.miskillsusa.org or www.miskillsusa.org

The following advisors and students plan to participate in the 2024 Michigan SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference, April 11-13:

Advisors:

Peter Gonzalez	Jessica Ramirez	Nathan Vannest	James Cain
Erik Dedenbach	Marina Pakhomova	Joe Phillips	Kyle Retan

Students:

See attachment

Board Request - SkillsUSA 2025 State Competition

Venue: DeVos Place & Amway Grand, Grand Rapids, and surrounding venues, April 11-13, 2025.

The following are estimated costs associated with the SkillsUSA 2024 State Competition for KCTC:

Hotel Registration/Lodging: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

21 - 'Two Bedded Rooms' for 42 students, one night: $\$167.86 \times 21 \text{ rooms} = \$3,525.69$

6 - 'King Rooms' for 6 advisors, one night: $\$146.06 \text{ per room} \times 6 \text{ rooms} = \876.36

2 - 'King Rooms' for 2 advisors, two nights: $\$292.12 \text{ per room} \times 2 \text{ rooms} = \584.24

Total Estimated Lodging: \$4,986.29

Food:

Meal	No. of People	Cost Per Person	Total Cost
Friday Dinner – Sub, Chips, Pop	50	\$15	\$750
Saturday Breakfast	50	\$10	\$500
Saturday Lunch	50	\$10	\$500
Saturday Dinner (lead advisors & student voting delegates only)	10	\$20	\$200
Sunday Breakfast (lead advisors only)	3	\$20	\$60
Total Estimated Food Cost:			\$2,010

Registration Fees:

Advisors: $\$95/\text{each} \times 8 = \760

Student competitors: $\$95 \times 42 = \$3,990$

Total Registration Fees = \$4,750

Registration funds have been budgeted for through the SkillsUSA workshop and conference account as well as through our various SkillsUSA fundraisers. Fundraising efforts have included sales of chocolate bars, cookies & cupcakes and popcorn, as well as pop can collections. This and all fund raising will be submitted to the SkillsUSA revenue account. We have asked each student to cover their incidentals.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS FOR 2025 CONF:	
Lodging	\$4,986.29
Food	\$2,010.00
Registration	\$4,750.00
Incidentals	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$12,046.29

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Gonzalez, Lead Advisor
KCTC SkillsUSA Chapter