



# *Waunakee* Middle School **SkillsUSA Club**



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**SkillsUSA is America's proud  
champion of the skilled trades.  
Our MISSION is to EMPOWER students  
to become skilled professionals,  
career-ready leaders and  
responsible community members.**

- SkillsUSA is the #1 workforce development organization for students.
- This is done through preparation for three to four competitions for each Chapter (group of students with advisor).
- Each competition grows more difficult until you reach State.
- This can lead on to Nationals with the entire US!
- Our team has gone to Nationals 3 times and were champions two times of those three! We qualified to go to nationals this year as well.

At SkillsUSA there is a wonderful community of friends :)



**A beautiful group photo!**



**2nd Place!**



**What a win!**



**Didn't win but still had lots of fun!**



**Another win!**



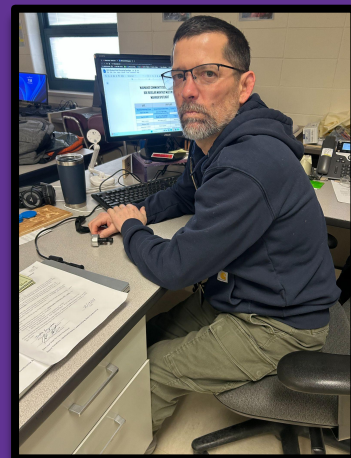
**More fun!**



**So much fun!**

The advisor of our  
SkillsUSA team  
**Mr. Burgard**

**A GOOD  
FRIEND  
&  
GREAT  
LEADER**





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“Leadership is not a position, it’s a challenge”

— Mr. Burgard





# What Do We Learn At SkillsUSA?

By participating in SkillsUSA, we challenge ourselves to go above and beyond for our competitions so that we have a higher chance of winning and greater learning experiences from our contests. This experience is great for our future careers and helps strengthen us to be the new generation of skilled workers.

# What do we do at SkillsUSA?

- Most of the time we spend our meetings working for our next competitions. There are many competitions so everyone does something different.
- For Co2 Cars, many will 3D model their car. Then they will 3D print it or cut it out of wood in the lab. Other competitions like Team Engineering have less preparation. Team Engineering is done at the competition. Woodworking is done entirely at the lab during our meetings, 3D Printing mostly at home, and Job Interview requires training both at home and in meetings.
- This is not all the competitions, there are more than 115 of them!
- Some meetings we focus on miscellaneous topics including fundraising, registering for competitions, eating donuts, talking about important info for the newest competition, and planning for events like this one!

## SkillsUSA is just fun!

- SkillsUSA isn't just preparing to compete and learning, it's also amazingly fun!
- Everyone chats together, including Mr. Burgard, our trustworthy leader. Sometimes he even brings donuts, always an exciting time!
- Each SkillsUSA meeting is full to the max of happiness and a great break from tiring homework, sport, and repetitive days.
- It doesn't stop there, we get to go to Waunabowl to celebrate the year's SkillsUSA competitions!



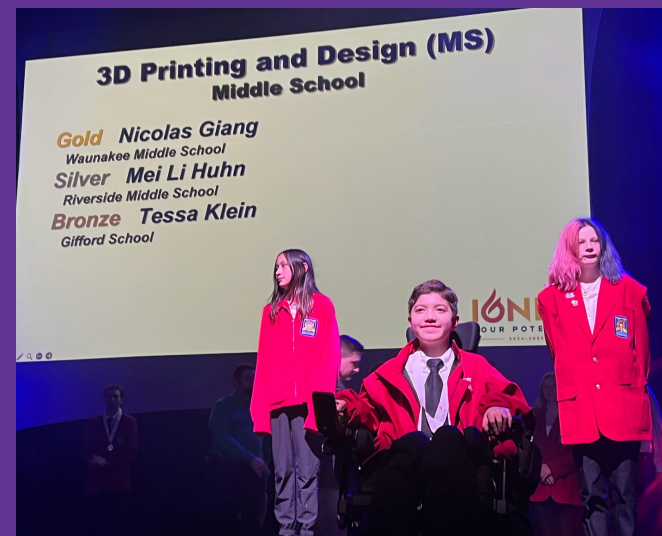


# How does this help the community?

- By participating in SkillsUSA we learn important skills for future careers that can help the community continue on.
- These careers can also not only help financially but can help infrastructure, medicine, teaching, technology, and more.
- Some competitions even help the community now! Like community service, American spirit, and chapter display.
- Finally coming home victorious strengthens the moral and tight knit group our community is.



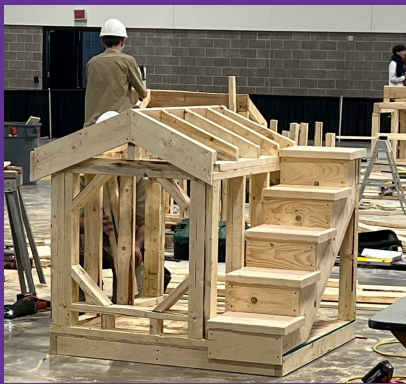
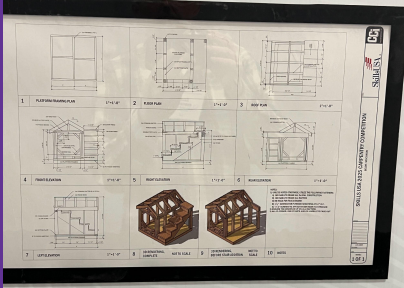
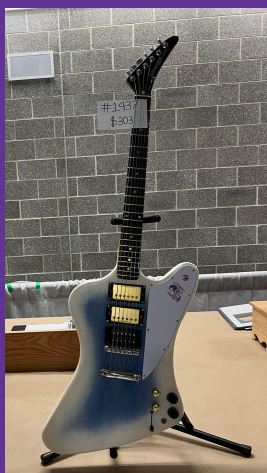
# SkillsUSA 2025 State Leadership Conference







State





# SkillsUSA Nationals 2022 and 2023

- Nationals is always an exciting time and a great use for our fundraising money.
- It takes hard work and effort to go to Nationals, and even more to win.
- By winning twice, we have proven that SkillsUSA is a hard working, determined, and educated group that will continue on for years.



# More Nationals photos



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!



  
**SkillsUSA**  
**Champions *at Work*®**





