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## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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Item: **REVISED: SkillsUSA State Competition**

Submitted by: Joe Lienesch

Date: March 11, 2024

Recommended by: Ron Gorman

Board Meeting Date: March 18, 2024

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Requesting permission for 22 (32) students and 7 (8) advisors to attend the State SkillsUSA Competition in Grand Rapids, Michigan on April 12-14, 2024.

### **BACKGROUND:**

This year we have 22 (32) 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 12-14, 2024 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, Prepared Speech, Aviation, 3-D Animation, and Technical Drafting.

### **ADDENDUM**

The recommendation above that was submitted on March 11 for the March 18 board meeting was based on students moving on to the SkillsUSA State competition for placing in the top 3 at Regionals. On March 13, 2024 an email was received from SkillsUSA that some of the contests have space available and nine (9) KCTC students were offered call-up spots to compete. With those invites, we now have 10 additional students given the opportunity to participate in the State competition and one (1) additional advisor. This increases the total estimated cost by \$1,713.58 to an estimated grand total of \$7,941. These additional cost details are shown in red on the attached board memo.

To: Kent ISD School Board  
From: Joe Lienesch  
Date: March 11, 2024  
Subject: 2024 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 22 (32) students, accompanied by 7 (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 12-14, 2024. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, April 14. 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 2024 SkillsUSA National Competitions held in Atlanta, Georgia during the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC), June 24-28, 2024.

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: Joe Lienesch, Kelly Bowers, Laura Robinson, Sara Van, Meredith Wallace, and Clayton Powell.
- \* Our Support Staff and our Advisors/Instructors.

Additional information can be found at: [www.miskillsusa.org](http://www.miskillsusa.org) or [www.miskillsusa.org](http://www.miskillsusa.org)

The following advisors and students plan to participate in the 2024 Michigan SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference, April 12-14:

**Advisors:**

Peter Gonzalez	Kyle Retan	Jacob Tasma	Marc Petz
Nathan Vannest	Jessica Ramirez	Andrew Smith	James Cain

**Students:**

Benjamin Olander	Brady Swift	Elaina (Kris) Reutter	Aubrey Ringnalda
Aliyah Garner	Andy Tan	Melia Romo	Logan Reitsma
Emily Garcia	Alivia Taylor	Charlotte Vandyk	Kyle Killebrew
Detirria Brown	Logan Scott	Allyson Brown	Michael Lind
Gabriel Huber	Luke Williamson	Kaitlynn Brown	Erin Peckham
Jacob Delozier	Dominick Gomez	Emma Miller	Daniela Briones-Quijano
Trenton Ellison	Victoria Jansma	Dominick Gomez	Jaidyn Mullen
Elijah Roelofs	Clara McKenzie	Precious Herrera	Sophia Washburn

## Board Request - SkillsUSA 2024 State Competition

**Venue:** DeVos Place & Amway Grand, Grand Rapids, and surrounding venues, April 12-14, 2024.

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

### **Hotel Registration/Lodging:** Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

Eight 'Two Bedded Rooms' for 22 students, one night:  $\$167.86 \times 8 \text{ rooms} = \$1,342.88$

Three 'Two Bedded Rooms' for 10 additional students, one night:  $\$167.86 \times 3 = \$503.58$

Five 'King Rooms' for 5 advisors, one night:  $\$146.06 \text{ per room} \times 5 \text{ rooms} = \$730.30$

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

One additional advisor – however one original advisor attending but not staying overnight, so no change

**Total Estimated Lodging:  $\$2,657.42 + \$503.58 = \$3,161$**

### **Food:**

Meal	No. of People	Cost Per Person	Total Cost
Friday Dinner – Sub, Chips, Pop	29 + 11	\$15	\$435 + \$165 = \$600
Saturday Breakfast	29 + 11	\$10	\$290 + \$110 = \$400
Saturday Lunch	29 + 11	\$10	\$290 + \$110 = \$400
Saturday Dinner (lead advisors & student voting delegates only)	7	\$20	\$140
Sunday Breakfast (lead advisors only)	2	\$20	\$40
<b>Total Estimated Food Cost:</b>			<b>\$1,195 + \$385 = \$1,580</b>

### **Registration Fees:**

Advisors:  $\$75/\text{each} \times 7 = \$525 + \$75 \text{ (one additional advisor)} = \$600$

Student competitors:  $\$75 \times 22 = \$1,650 + \$750 \text{ (10 additional students)} = \$2,400$

**Total Registration Fees =  $\$2,175 + \$825 = \$3,000$**

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.

<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS FOR 2024 CONF:</b>	<b>Additional 10 students and 1 advisor:</b>
Lodging	$\$2,657.42 + \$503.58 = \$3,161$
Food	$\$1,195.00 + \$385 = \$1,580$
Registration	$\$2,175.00 + \$825 = \$3,000$
Incidentals	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><math>\\$6,227.42 + \\$1,713.58 = \\$7,941</math></b>

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Gonzalez, Lead Advisor  
KCTC SkillsUSA Chapter

**EMAIL RECEIVED MARCH 13, 2024:**

**From:** Peter Gonzalez <petergonzalez@kentisd.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:08 PM  
**To:** Linda Nawrocki <lindanawrocki@kentisd.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: SkillsUSA Michigan SLSC Call Up Invitation

Linda, here are the students adding on to States Skills USA.  
**Also add James Cain as Advisor and Dominick Gomez, Precious Herrera, and Sophia Washburn as students.** I have added them on to the Travel request form. Reg and Hotel and Food.

Thanks, Pete

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Danielle West <[dwest30@emich.edu](mailto:dwest30@emich.edu)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:42 AM  
**To:** Peter Gonzalez <[petergonzalez@kentisd.org](mailto:petergonzalez@kentisd.org)>  
**Subject:** SkillsUSA Michigan SLSC Call Up Invitation

Good morning!

Our SkillsUSA Michigan Regional Results are in and we have some contests with space available. I'm reaching out to you as the lead advisor of your chapter to review the competitors from your chapter who are being offered call-up spots to compete at SLSC. Please share this with the program advisor as appropriate.

We would like to invite your chapter's competitors for the following:

Aubrey	Ringnalda	Job Skill Demonstration Open	Jessica Ramirez
Logan	Reitsma	Automotive Service Technology	Nate Vannest
Erin, Daniela, Jaidyn		Crime Scene Investigation	Jessica Ramirez
Kyle	Killebrew	Heavy Equipment Operator	James Cain
Michael	Lind	Heavy Equipment Operator	James Cain

**Please let us know by Friday the 15th if you do not plan to use this space.** Registration is open through the 20th.

Thanks, Danielle

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*Danielle West*  
State Director  
SkillsUSA Michigan  
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