

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Kelly Greene (for SkillsUSA lead advisor Shawn Loomis)

TO: Dr. Griff Powell, Dr. Kyle Schumacher and District 301 Board of Education

CC: Patrick Podgorski

DATE: April 24-26, 2025

RE: SkillsUSA IL State Competition for students and advisors

The Championships: Illinois Elite Career Competitions

(A SkillsUSA Leadership Conference for student leaders at Central High School and their advisor)

Illinois' elite career competitions, The Championships, are the pinnacle events of SkillsUSA student members. Each year Illinois' best career and technical education students head to Peoria, IL to showcase their ability to enter the workforce. More than 5,000 individuals — including students, teachers, and business partners — are expected to participate in the multi-day event.

The Championships begins on Friday with students competing across 100+ career competitions designed to test their skills. Each competition is designed and run by representatives of respective industries, allowing students to gain a high degree of experience and insight. Afterwards, students are treated to a special social event for their hard work.

The involvement of industry in the SkillsUSA Illinois Championships program is essential. Leadership, health, trade, industrial and technical experts donate their time to serve as contest judges and as technical committee members. They assume responsibility for selecting the skills to be judged, determining the format of the contests and establishing the standards by which the contestants will be judged.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

DAY ONE - THURSDAY, APRIL 24

- 7 a.m. Career Competitions Begin - TeamWorks
- 2p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Skills Fest and Conference Registration
- 4 p.m. Hotel Check-in Begins
- 7 p.m. Opening Session (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
- Career Competition Orientations

DAY TWO - FRIDAY, APRIL 25

- 5:30 a.m. – 8 a.m. Breakfast (Hot “Grab and Go” at Conference Hotels)
- 6 a.m. Career Competitions Begin (varies, check app)

- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Test Center (last check-in at 4 p.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Championships: Open To the Public
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch (provided, 30 minutes for each competitor).
- 3:30 p.m. Joint (HS/CPS) Delegate Session
- 7:05 p.m. Champions Night: Celebration Event

DAY THREE - SATURDAY, APRIL 26

- 6:30 a.m. – 8 a.m. Breakfast (Hot “Grab and Go”)
- 8:30 a.m. Awards Sessions (Doors open at 8am)

Conference Information

April 24-26, 2025

Peoria Civic Center

201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL 61602

Students Attending (51 Students, 3 Advisors)

Evan Abate
 Maya Alex
 Alina Bobrova
 Matthew Carlson
 Dominic Cortina
 Tuguldur Davaajav
 Aaditya Dave
 Samvir Devineni
 Giovanni Episcopo
 Rukmini Gangavarapu
 Caleb Goldenstein
 Sanay Gulati
 Ujwal Gurugubelli
 Farzan Jafri
 Kanav Kapur
 Dimitrios Karavasis
 Ryan Kersting
 Daud Khan
 Samuel Kobylewski
 Armaan Manlapaz
 Sadie Marquardt
 Ryan Migala
 Ross Miller
 Nicole Nguyen
 Abigail Opanuga
 Ruans Parikh
 Gopika Pashnath
 Aarav Patel
 Kaelen Patel

Siyona Pawar
 Vivien Postawa
 Anika Prasad
 Alessandro Radosta
 Krish Rijesh
 Ethan Ringa
 Reece Scallion
 Brenna Scallion
 Shubh Shah
 Sohan Shah
 Rania Shaikh
 Aadi Sheth
 Maggie Stallings
 Sophia Stallings
 Yusef Stauber
 Nather Takhar
 Nihaar Takhar
 Parth Thakkar
 Subha Shree Udayachandran Sabari Sathya
 Simran Vander
 Luke Vanoss
 Holden Wiegel

SkillsUSA Advisors

Shawn Loomis
 Matt Bilen
 Elizabeth Covington