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FRIDAY FLASH

»» SkillsUSA WorldSkills Competitor Wins Bronze

A huge congratulations goes to Jordan Packer of Utah for winning a bronze medal in Welding at the WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition, held Oct. 17-20 at the Lincoln Electric Welding Technology and Training Center in Cleveland. Packer was the sole U.S. competitor at the event, which was part of a series of 62 WorldSkills 2022 Special Edition competitions held between Sept. 7 and Nov. 26 in 26 cities and 15 countries and regions across Europe, North America and East Asia. The WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition, presented by Samsung, is the official replacement for WorldSkills Shanghai 2022, which was canceled in May due to the pandemic. For more information, quotes and photos, [visit the website](#). The next WorldSkills competition takes place Sept. 10-15, 2024, in Lyon, France.



»» #MadeInSkillsUSA Fall Social Media Campaign

SkillsUSA Champions: Show the nation what you made ... and what you're made of! SkillsUSA wants to showcase the great accomplishments our members make every day as skilled workers and leaders. Share a photo that highlights YOUR skilled accomplishments using the hashtag **#MadeInSkillsUSA**. That photo can represent something you made with your hands in or outside the classroom (a construction project, a graphic, a beautiful hairstyle, a culinary creation, etc.) It can also represent a personal achievement made in and through SkillsUSA (landing a job or internship, delivering a speech, leading a meeting, etc.). Through this campaign, members can explore different career clusters and connect with each other through their mutual love of SkillsUSA.



Rules

- Post a photo or series of photos using the hashtag **#MadeInSkillsUSA**.
- Add a caption that explains the photo(s) and the skills or knowledge gained.
- Tag your advisor or other chapter members who helped you.
- Be sure to use the campaign hashtag **#MadeInSkillsUSA**.

By tagging your post #MadeInSkillsUSA, you are giving SkillsUSA permission to share your post on the SkillsUSA website or national social media platforms. For questions, please contact [Hayley Uffelmann](#), SkillsUSA's social media manager.

We can't wait to see what was #MadeInSkillsUSA in your life and we look forward to seeing what you post! [For more information, go here.](#)

»» SkillsUSA Week T-shirt Design Challenge Final Reminder

SkillsUSA is still seeking student designs for the official T-shirt of SkillsUSA Week 2023. The winning design will be produced by the SkillsUSA Store. The contest is open to all paid student members. Only one entry per SkillsUSA member is permitted. Designs should be appropriate for use on a red T-shirt and follow the design specifications outlined in the [Challenge Guide](#). The deadline for submissions is **Nov. 7** at 5 p.m. ET.

»» SkillsUSA Technical Fridays Workshops

Join us for "SkillsUSA Technical Fridays," a series of virtual workshops led by industry experts to help teachers develop specific technical skills relevant to their career fields. Leave the sessions with new knowledge and skills to implement in the classroom. [Learn more about the workshops here.](#)



On **Nov. 18**, from 4-5 p.m. ET, Sharon Aranmór, national Welding Sculpture technical committee chair and founder of Weld Like A Girl (an organization formed to empower girls and women through welding), will help demystify Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW), otherwise known as Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) welding. The session will include content on TIG torch assembly, tungsten electrodes, AC sine waves and more.

Workshops are free but space is limited. [Register here.](#) If you have questions, contact [Karolina Belen.](#)

»» Register by Nov. 15 for Extra Member Benefits

As a special incentive, teachers who register at least 15 student members plus one or more professionals by **Nov. 15** will receive a complimentary copy of the SkillsUSA Member Handbook, the official guide to help members run successful chapters. To support chapter officer development, teachers who meet the Nov. 15 membership deadline will also receive a discount on this resource (buy five SkillsUSA Member Handbooks and get the sixth one free)! A coupon code will be included with your handbook mailing.

National dues for professional members are \$20 plus state dues, which vary. [View or download this PDF for 2022-23 state dues and deadlines](#), and you can [find our registration site here.](#)

»» The SkillsUSA Store Featured Product

Check out the [SkillsUSA Store](#) for the RocketBook Flip Notebook. The synthetic paper allows you to write smoothly with the included Pilot Frixion pen and then upload your notes, plans, lists and drawings to your favorite cloud service by using the RocketBook app. It provides a classic pen and paper experience, yet is endlessly reusable and wipes clean with a damp cloth to reuse again and again. The size is 9" x 6", so it's easy to take wherever you go.



»» Seeking “Straight-Out-of-High-School” Success Stories

[SkillsUSA Champions magazine](#) is looking to feature more success stories about members who chose career pathways that did not involve college and instead embarked on successful and fulfilling skilled trades careers directly out of high school. If you know of SkillsUSA graduates in your state who fit that description, please let us know. We anticipate that these students are successfully employed because of the skills they gained through SkillsUSA and that they did not incur student loan debt to launch their careers. If these students went to work for a partner they met through SkillsUSA, we'd love to hear about that, too. Please send a brief description of your graduate to Office of Communications Associate Director [Karen Kitzel](#).