

SkillsUSA Utah State Directors message  
April 16, 2021

May I be the first to congratulate all our 2021 SkillsUSA Utah state conference competitors for their dedication and competitive spirit. You are all truly remarkable. May I also express my congratulations to our state bronze, silver and gold medalists for a job well done.

I apologize for the technical fiasco that postponed our virtual awards program. Although many hours went into the preparation and production of this event, it appears that my technology curse extended to the upload process, and it simply did not work. We intend to fix the issues and publish it in its entirety on our state website as soon as possible, so we can give special recognition to some especially important people in our organization, in addition to our important student medalists.

For all medalists, there are medals and contest prizes prepared for delivery to reward you for your efforts. Please be patient and realize there are significant logistical challenges to deliver hundreds of prizes from Logan to St. George and Tooele to Vernal. We will get these items to you as soon as possible. Because we did not know which contests would be run in the virtual environment until after the gold medal banner order deadline had passed, we will get the 2021 state gold medalist banners ordered as soon as possible and deliver them to the appropriate schools for display.

We received the last contest results on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, so we are finally able to close our state conference management system and reconfigure it for the national conference registration. On Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, national conference registration procedures, prices, forms and documents will be available on our SkillsUSA Utah state website National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) webpage. The national conference registration system will be operational (unless my tech curse continues) and national conference registrations can be completed on the official site. Please note that the national conference registration deadline for all SkillsUSA Utah participants is Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The national conference payment deadline is Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. More details will be posted by next Monday.

Once again, my apologies for the delayed program. I know that is three hours you won't get back, but we had to try. Congratulations to our amazing young professionals. I look forward to your incredible success during the national conference events.

With best regards,

Richard Wittwer  
SkillsUSA Utah State Director