



What's changed?

The newly released technical standards add personal, workplace and technical skills needed to do the job.

CAREER PATHWAYS SHOWCASE Minor change in booth size; costume option no longer available; penalty clearly stated for teams of less than three members and the project must be related to the program of study of the team members. — *Paul Light, Missouri, and Carl Creasman, Tennessee*

COLLISION REPAIR TECHNOLOGY The former welding segment is now the attachment methods segment. It was demonstrated at the 2016 National Leadership and Skills Conference and now is a part of the competition for 2017. — *Teresa Bolton, ASE, National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence*



COMMERCIAL BAKING The contestants will be making pate choux for the second year in a row. This was a new addition last year and will be continued this year. — *Vickie Fuller, Harps*

COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT Must use a SkillsUSA notebook. Both students who are presenting must be classified under the provisions of the Public Law 105-17, individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 1997, to be able to participate. — *Sherry Anderson, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, Massachusetts*

DIGITAL CINEMA PRODUCTION We made some changes to the [number] of cameras you can use. We also updated the thumb drive use for turning in final video. — *Keith Emmerich, Academy for Media Production, Pennsylvania*

ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY Each element of the contest will be a variation of years past. — *P. Kevin Gulliver, Nida Corp.*

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION PROCESS More clarity in the technical standards [and] referencing requirements. Contestants

must wear SkillsUSA official attire. Only three copies of the résumé are required. Make sure the portfolio follows the regulations guide. — *Diane Swenson, EMD Millipore Corp.; Sherry Anderson, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School*

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES There is far more depth in Network+ and Security+. Also, the A+ standards were revised in December 2015. The contest

has evolved to include an “onboarding process” with emphasis on interpersonal skills and those (need to know) policies that every IT employee will encounter. — *Christopher Sessa, Cardiovascular Consultants*

MAJOR APPLIANCE AND REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY Lokring tubing connection technology and induction cooking products. — *Greg Doster, Whirlpool Corp.*



ESTHETICS Minor changes to task timing and clarifications of previous task expectations.

— *Toni Campbell, Sullivan South High School, Kingsport, Tenn.*