



FRIDAY FLASH



Partners with SkillsUSA Kansas



SkillsUSA Kansas State Director, Becky Warren received notification that Spirit AeroSystems has joined the Diamond Level Corporate Sponsorship of SkillsUSA Kansas. Spirit AeroSystems headquarters is in Wichita, Kansas where the State Officer Team toured last fall. We are excited to have Spirit as partners and look forward having them on our team of supporters for many years. Spirit produces large aerostructures and components of the world's premier aircraft. They design and build aerostructures for both commercial and defense customers.

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The program, which is structured around select manufacturing processes in sheet metal, composites and machining, will offer students the opportunity to learn about tools and processes while providing hands-on training of some of the critical skills needed to succeed in manufacturing.

There are two separate programs based on participants ages are, 16-17 year olds and 18-19 year olds. The programs are scheduled for June 8-26, half-day sessions, Monday – Friday. Check out the flyer, take advantage of this opportunity, and welcome Spirit AeroSystems to SkillsUSA Kansas.



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Spirit AeroSystems 2018 Summer Manufacturing Program

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June 8 - June 26, 2018
Half-day sessions,
Monday-Friday

18-19 year olds

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Half-day sessions,
Monday-Friday

INTERESTED?

Complete the following steps to be considered for the program:

- ▶ 1. Submit your YEP Application at www.spiritaero.com/HSmfg/2018/apply
- ▶ 2. Register for a KANSASWORKS Plus account at www.spiritaero.com/HSmfg/2018/register
- ▶ 3. Sign up for the Essential Skills Workshop Session at www.spiritaero.com/HSmfg/2018/workshop



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SkillsUSA Kansas State Championship Registration

The SkillsUSA Kansas State Championship registration is now open. Early registration closes TODAY, March 2, 2018. Final registration deadline is March 9, 2018. To attain information about the State Championship conference go to: <http://www.skillsusakansas.org/resources-1.html> and click on the “RED” button that says, “Kansas State Championships (KSC)”

During the State Championships, there will be two Information Demo’s, Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair and Barbering. Information Demo’s mean there will be a display about the contests and sign-up sheets for those interested in participating in these contests for 2019. This process helps us determine the demand for these competitions and contacts to seek out a Chair and judges.

SkillsUSA celebrates Women in the Skilled Trades with March 8 Facebook Live Chat

SkillsUSA students and instructors are invited to join national television personality Kayleen McCabe on Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m. EST for a Facebook Live conversation about Women in the Skilled Trades. The live chat is to celebrate International Women’s Day.

To join the conversation, go the SkillsUSA Facebook page at 6 p.m. on March 8. Comment during the live broadcast for a chance to win SkillsUSA swag.

The Facebook video chat will be hosted by TV host, carpenter and business owner McCabe along with machine tool technology student Maci Key, a student at Wallace State Community College, Ala. Key is the 2017-18 SkillsUSA college/postsecondary secretary, and she will share her personal path to a career in quality control inspection through the skilled trades.

The livestream event will invite comments and sharing by SkillsUSA students and instructors nationwide — we hope you will help us go viral with this important conversation. McCabe and Key will encourage students and instructors to involve more females in the skilled trades and discuss ways to provide greater exposure of career options and enhancing gender-neutral access to technical programs for all interested students.

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8 every year. First observed in 1909, the day commemorates the movement for women’s rights. It was adopted in 1975 by the United Nations. The day is an official holiday in numerous countries. This year’s theme is **#PressforProgress**.



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Hypertherm's 'Spark Something Great' Grant Application Open



For four years, Hypertherm has sponsored an educational grant program. The 2018 program will equip 10 schools with a Powermax45 XP air plasma cutting, gouging and marking system, a \$2,270 value; Hypertherm's AWS SENSE approved "Plasma Cutting Technology: Theory and Practice" curriculum kit, a \$499 value; and an initial visit by a Hypertherm district manager to set up and train on the equipment and curriculum. Schools are selected based on commitment to metal fabrication education, program, number of students who complete the program each year, instructor plans for system use, and a student testimonial. The submission deadline is **April 2**. For more information, visit: www.hypertherm.com/grant. If you have questions, contact Betsy Van Duyne Donka at: Betsy.VanDuyne@Hypertherm.com.

SkillsUSA Scholarship Opportunities Now Open for Applications

Applications for several scholarships are now open to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of higher education or certification in their chosen field.

Help spread the word so SkillsUSA students can take full advantage of these opportunities:

- Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/the-marsha-daves-memorial-scholarship/. This year's applicants must be from Region 1. Deadline for applications is **May 1**.
- Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship: <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/sharon-melton-myers-memorial-scholarship/>. Deadline is **April 15**.
- SkillsUSA STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Scholarship: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/skillsusa-stem-science-technology-engineering-mathematics-scholarship/. Deadline is **March 15**.
- **mikeroweWORKS Travel Scholarships for Competitors**: Applicants need to apply online at: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/the-mikeroweworks-foundation-competitor-scholarship/. Scholarship applications must be received by May 15, 2018 (midnight EDT). Applications submitted after this time will not be considered.

For additional scholarship information, continually check the website at:

www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/.

Or contact Susanne Kahler, 703-737-0616 or skahler@skillsusa.org



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LINKS TO OPPORTUNITIES:

Photo Contest (\$150): <https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/image-contest/>

Scholarships and Financial Aid: <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/>

SkillsUSA STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Scholarship: www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/skillsusa-stem-science-technology-engineering-mathematics-scholarship/. Deadline is **March 15**.

Alumni Association Announces Awards Availability

The SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Association will once again be presenting two awards at the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Ky.:

- The **Pioneer of Excellence Award** recognizes Alumni and Friends members and/or business and industry partners who have been a “Pioneer of Excellence” for *over five years* for the alumni association
- The **Outstanding Alumni and Friends Achievement Award** is for Alumni and Friends members and/or business and industry partners who have demonstrated a “Commitment for Excellence” for *up to five years* for the alumni association

To apply, please find the applications here: <https://www.skillsusa.org/alumni-pioneer-excellence-award-outstanding-alumni-friends-achievement-award/>

Applications must be received, not postmarked, by **April 16** at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Center. Please mail to: SkillsUSA Alumni Executive Board, c/o Taryn Zeigler, 14001 SkillsUSA Way, Leesburg, VA 20176.

Transportation Career Fairs Open for Students

The Collision Repair Education Foundation is hosting transportation careers fairs all around the country, averaging over 300 transportation students at each event. The foundation is inviting high-school and postsecondary collision, automotive and diesel programs to come and meet industry to see the array of opportunities that exist for them. Students who attend receive access to a S/P2 online résumé writing course and a professional technician shirt.

To get involved, go to: www.collisieducationfoundation.org/transportation-career-fairs/. For more information, contact: Christen Battaglia at christen.battaglia@ed-foundation.org or Brandon Eckenrode at Brandon.eckenrode@ed-foundation.org.



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Upcoming **SPRING SEMESTER DEADLINES & DATES:**

March 2	Kansas State Chamionships Early-bird Registration DEADLINE
March 8-10	State Officer Meeting, Hutchinson, KS
March 9	Board of Directors Meeting, Hutchinson, KS
March 9	Contest Chair Luncheon, Hutchinson, KS
March 9	Kansas State Championships Registration DEADLINE
March 15	STEM Scholarship Application DUE
April 15	Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship Application DUE
April 21	SkillsUSA Early Contest – WATC, Wichita, KS
April 23 – 27	State Officers report for KSC assignments, Hutchinson, KS
April 24	Courtesy Corps report for KSC assignments, Hutchinson, KS
April 25-27	SkillsUSA Kansas Championships, Hutchinson, KS
May 1	Marsha Davis Memorial Scholarship Application DUE
May 4	NLSC Registration DEADLINE
June 23-25	NLSC Pre-Conference, Louisville, KY
June 25-29	NLSC Conference, Louisville, KY

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