

Good Morning. My name is Ryan Beloin and I am the secretary for SkillsUSA Vermont.

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving more than 360,000 students and instructors who are enrolled in technical, skilled and service occupations.

SkillsUSA truly has a special place in my heart. It has benefitted me because it has allowed me to jump out of my comfort zone and has given me the opportunity to increase my leadership and communication skills. I have always been terrified of public speaking, but because of my involvement in this organization, I would not be here in front of you today. It has boosted my confidence to speak in front of others.

Regarding my education at North Country Career Center, I am a second year Health Sciences student. I have been through the nurse assistant training which has given me direct contact with a job at which I am making \$12/hour. This allows me to save money for college as well as earn money while in college. This is the first step towards my career goal as a nurse which I plan to study at Vermont Technical College this fall, the only college in Vermont that has SkillsUSA!

How does SkillsUSA fit in with this education? It focuses on a framework that develops personal skills like professionalism and responsibility; workplace skills such as communication and leadership; and technical skills that include professional development and job-specific skills. I have received an excellent preparation for college and the workplace at my tech center, and with the additional skills I have acquired with SkillsUSA, I feel confident, competent, and ready to face my future.

Thank you for your time.

Good Morning! My name is Celine Champine.

I am the second year Health Sciences teacher at North Country Career Center. It is a job like none I have ever had. I love working with young men and women who want to pursue careers in the healthcare field and I enjoy sharing my enthusiasm for nursing and medicine with them. We offer so many opportunities during their 2 year stint with us--dual enrollment transferrable college credits, work experience, and certifications like the Vermont LNA (licensed nursing assistant) licensure.

I am also passionately involved with SkillsUSA. We have a very active chapter at NCCC where we do a lot of community service, professional development, and fundraising. Our students participate in regular meetings using parliamentary procedure. They also participate in the competitions where students from technical centers all over Vermont ply their skills against each other to demonstrate their abilities. Gold medalists go on to compete in Louisville, Kentucky at the national conference.

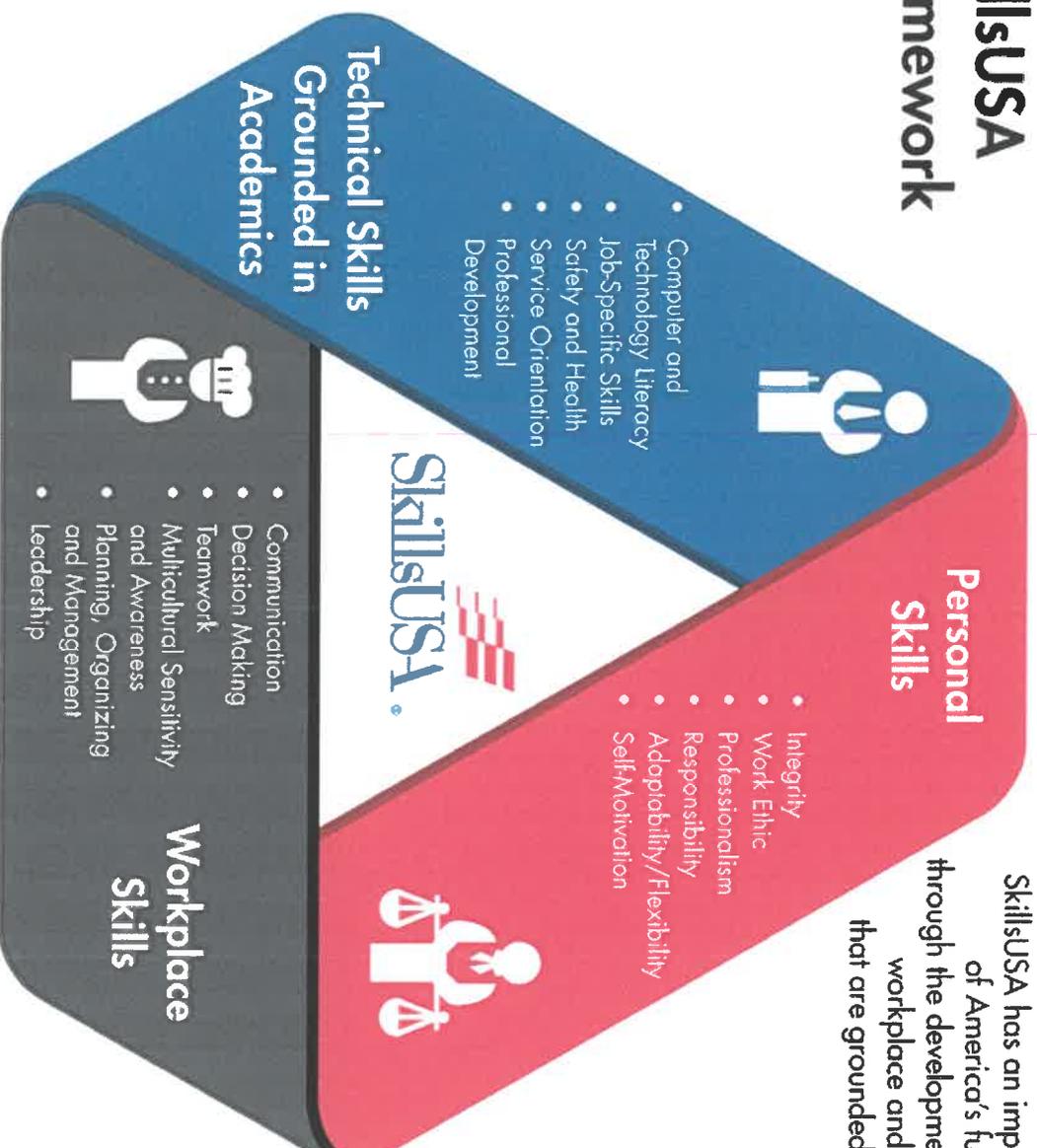
In Vermont, we have nearly 1000 members which include students and advisors. I am also the Prize and Scholarship Coordinator for all 60+ competitions where post-secondary schools offer scholarships and businesses donate prizes. Last year we received over \$1.3 million dollars worth of gifts from industry and colleges! They recognize the value of our students' technical education and the personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics offered by SkillsUSA.

How prepared are our Vermont students? Last summer, we sent 91 gold medalists to Louisville (some are single contests and some are team contests). We came home with 11 national medals--2 gold, 4 silver, 5 bronze. One of the gold medalists was my own student who won the Nurse Assisting competition. In addition, we had 20 others who were in the top 10 and 72 who earned SkillPoint certificates for meeting industry standards. Quite a performance! We were ahead of 29 other states, some with 4 year tech schools.

I incorporate the SkillsUSA framework in my curriculum. I feel that it really focuses on what valuable employees need. My goal as a teacher is to prepare them with health care skills; my goal as a SkillsUSA advisor is to give them the added polish of skills that every employer looks for--integrity, strong work ethic, able to make good decisions, and being an excellent team member.

Thank you for supporting technical education and the career and technical student organizations in our state.

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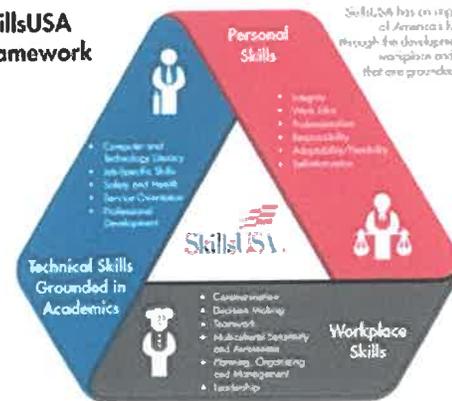


The SkillsUSA Framework Supports a Balanced Program

The SkillsUSA Framework illustrates how students fulfill the mission of the organization "to empower members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens."

What it does

SkillsUSA Framework



SkillsUSA has an impact on the lives of America's future workforce through the development of personal, workplace and technical skills that are grounded in academics.

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- Provides a **common language** for students to articulate what they gain from SkillsUSA participation to employers, school administrators, parents and other students
- **Assesses student skill development** along a learning continuum of awareness, demonstration and mastery
- Creates a **vision for SkillsUSA programs** at the local, state and national levels to ensure quality student-led experiences that build skills in all members

Why it works

- Empowers every student to achieve career success
- Delivers a skill set **demanding by business and industry** but lacking in many employees today
- Ensures that every student member receives a **consistent and specific** skill set

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Why Career and Technical Education?



Career and technical education will help your child to be more than just an average student. Career and technical education can give your child what's needed to succeed for life: technical skills, academic skills and employability skills. In addition, career and technical education helps students see how what they're learning applies to the needs of employers.

Regardless of whether students are headed for college or the workforce, this type of education will help them prepare for the future. In fact, college-bound students can get job experiences to help them define their career plans, identify an appropriate course of study and help pay for tuition.

Just think of the benefits your child will receive by gaining not only a solid foundation in academics, but also hands-on, technical experience and know-how.

But wait! There's more!

Add SkillsUSA to career and technical education, and you'll give your child further advantages. When SkillsUSA is integrated into the CTE program, all students develop the personal, workplace and technical skills that comprise the [SkillsUSA Framework](#).

SkillsUSA activities develop positive attitudes, build self-esteem and empower students to excel. They give students a head start in developing valuable professional skills such as communications, interpersonal abilities, time management, teamwork and more. Because SkillsUSA works hand-in-hand with business and industry, students get the skills employers want.

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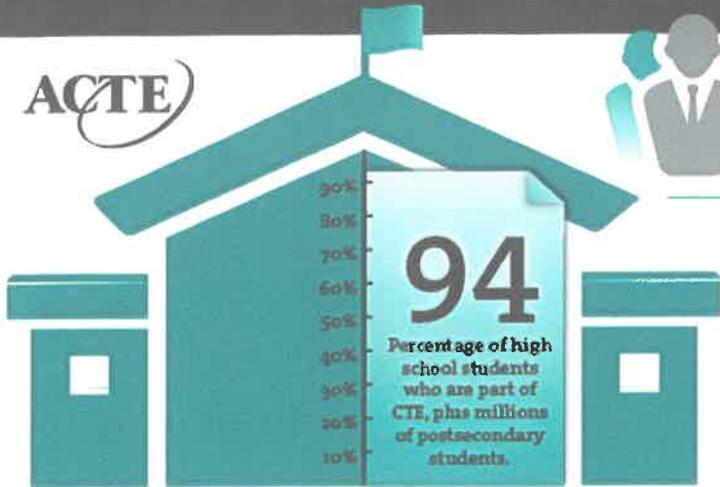
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What is Career and Technical Education?



Fulfills employer needs that are **High** skill wage demand



Includes high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and more.



Integrates with academics in a rigorous and relevant curriculum.



Features high school and postsecondary partnerships, enabling clear pathways to certifications and degrees.



Prepares students to be college- and career-ready by providing core academic skills, employability skills and technical, job-specific skills.



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