

## SkillsUSA York Technical College Celebrate and Advocate

The York Technical College SkillsUSA Chapter made a significant impact by delivering a presentation to the SC Legislative Delegation on November 14, 2023. Advisor Jim McNeil shared insights into the Machine Tool Technology program, discussing what inspired its participation in the SkillsUSA South Carolina State Leadership and Skills Conference. In 2023, two outstanding students, Jacob Anglin and Cody Russel, represented our chapter at the state conference, both earning gold medals and the opportunity to compete at the National Leadership and Skills Conference. Jacob achieved gold in CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer, while code secured silver in the CNC 5-Axis Milling Programmer. Jacob, present at the SC Legislative Delegation, shared how winning gold at the national conference has positively influenced his career, post-graduation.



**Picture (Left to Right) – Advisor Jim McNeil, Jacob Anglin, Dr. Stacey Moore (YTC President)**

The recognition garnered by the Machine Tool Technology program reached new heights as York Technical College now contributes parts to the International Space Station through the NASA Hunch Program. These achievements prompted our college administration to support the establishment of a SkillsUSA leadership chapter at York Technical College, aiming to expand opportunities for various programs and provide students with a platform to showcase their skills.



The President of the SkillsUSA Chapter, Cailee Ratliff, briefed local legislators on the progress and goals of the newly established chapter, emphasizing the valuable skills gained through SkillsUSA. Lead Advisor, Allison Terry, highlighted the chapter's accomplishments and expressed the commitment to furthering excellence through participation in the SkillsUSA Chapter Excellence Program.

**Picture – Cailee Ratliff (Chapter President)**

Looking ahead, York Technical College is eager to see how its SkillsUSA chapter will grow. “We’re committed to creating an environment where students can shine, showcase their skills, and be part of exciting projects. The journey ahead is full of possibilities, and we’re eager to see our chapter make an even bigger impact,” said Terry.



**Picture Above – Cailee Ratliff (Chapter President) and Chapter Lead Advisor Allison Terry presenting to local legislators.**



**Picture Left – Allison Terry holding up York Technical College’s first SkillsUSA chapter flag.**