

24 SkillsUSA Schools Named National Models of Excellence

Personal Skills	Workplace Skills	Technical Skills Grounded in Academics
Cape Cod Tech Massachusetts	Bay Arenac ISD Career Center Michigan	Center of Applied Tech North Maryland
Center for Advanced Technical Studies South Carolina	Greater New Bedford RVTHS Massachusetts	Lynn Vocational Technical Institute Massachusetts
Dorchester Career & Technology Center Maryland	Nash Community College North Carolina	Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Harriman Tennessee- CPS
Douglas High School Arizona	Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education Arizona	WEMOCO Career and Education Center New York- HS
Greater Lowell Tech High Massachusetts		
New Madrid County R-IT Technical Skills Center Missouri		
Vanguard-Sentinel CTC-Vanguard Campus Ohio		
		Auburn High School Alabama
		Buckeye Hills Career Center Ohio
		Gordon Cooper Technology Center Oklahoma
		Hobbs High School New Mexico
		Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES CTEC New York- HS
		River Valley High School Arizona
		Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski Tennessee
		Upper Valley Career Center Ohio

Honored as 2023's Most Outstanding SkillsUSA Programs

Leesburg, Va. — SkillsUSA has named 24 SkillsUSA schools as Models of Excellence for 2023. The annual program recognizes the exceptional integration of personal, workplace and technical skills into SkillsUSA chapter activities. This is the highest honor bestowed on chapters by SkillsUSA, which is among the largest student organizations for career and technical education.

The focus of Models of Excellence is student-led activation. These students learn and practice the skills that every employer seeks, including leadership, initiative, communication, teamwork and problem solving by taking the lead on all SkillsUSA activities. Their SkillsUSA instructors take the education of these students to the next level by guiding them, but never doing the work for them, elevating learning from classroom instruction to successful application of skills.

“Our Models of Excellence represent the very best in SkillsUSA chapter achievement and community involvement,” said Chelle Travis, executive director of SkillsUSA. “These students represent America’s future skilled workforce and are future leaders in their local communities. It is a tremendous honor for these chapters and the recognition validates these outstanding SkillsUSA programs and schools.”

The 24 SkillsUSA chapters selected as Models of Excellence will be evaluated in June at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference for top honors. A panel of judges will interview and evaluate each of these chapters based on their goals, student-led plan of action, results, evaluation and SkillsUSA Framework integration. Business and industry partners will conduct finalist interviews with students and advisors on June 21, a recognition dinner will also be held on June 21 and the top three schools will be recognized on June 23 during the SkillsUSA Awards Session at State Farm Arena. The top three schools receive national recognition and the opportunity to share their stories through SkillsUSA in publications and training sessions.

Congratulations to the following schools on being named Models of Excellence:

- Armijo High School (Calif.)
- Auburn High School (Ala.)
- Bay Arenac ISD Career Center (Mich.)
- Buckeye Hills Career Center (Ohio)
- Cape Cod Regional Technical High School (Mass.)
- Center for Advanced Technical Studies (S.C.)
- Center of Applied Technology North (Md.)
- Dorchester Career & Technology Center (Md.)
- Douglas High School (Ariz.)
- Gordon Cooper Technology Center (Okla.)
- Greater Lowell Technical High School (Mass.)
- Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (Mass.)
- Hobbs High School (N.M.)
- Lynn Vocational Technical Institute (Mass.)
- Nash Community College (N.C.)
- New Madrid County R-1 Technical Skills Center (Mo.)
- Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES Career and Technical Center (N.Y.)
- River Valley High School (Ariz.)
- Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Harriman (Tenn.)
- Tennessee College of Applied Tech-Pulaski (Tenn.)
- Upper Valley Career Center (Ohio)
- Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education (Ariz.)
- Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Center-Vanguard (Ohio)
- WEMOCO Technical Education Center (N.Y.)

The Models of Excellence program promotes the intentional learning of personal, workplace and technical skills outlined in the SkillsUSA Framework for student development. Specific characteristics defined within each skill area provide tangible benchmarks for student achievement and chapter programming. Achievement is measured by student efforts in implementing essential workplace skills including personal responsibility, integrity, work ethic and organization in chapter activities. The hands-on approach of this program actualizes the SkillsUSA mission of empowering members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.