



»» Free Virtual Event Exploring Construction Careers – Register Today!

SkillsUSA is hosting “Industry Insider: Construction,” a virtual event designed for high school and college/postsecondary students in Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC-R, and Plumbing programs. On Thursday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 2:15 p.m. EDT, tune in for a 75-minute live panel with industry leaders to get the inside scoop on diverse career paths, high pay, job security, and the exciting, in-demand skills needed for success.



This is your students’ chance to hear authentic stories from pros, and gain the insider edge to build a meaningful career. Sponsored by the Lowe’s Foundation and the CLA Foundation, [you can learn more and register for this free session here](#).

[Registration Instructions](#)

»» Don’t Miss these Professional Development Offerings

Don't miss these timely professional development opportunities in early December! Secure your spot now to gain crucial insights on integrating the SkillsUSA Framework, using Pathful and maximizing your Advisory Committee's effectiveness.

Integrating the SkillsUSA Framework

Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern (90 minutes)

SkillsUSA Pathful (Flex Lessons & Pathful 101)

Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern (60 minutes)

Maximize the Power of Your Advisory Committee

Thursday, Dec. 4 at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern (45 minutes)

[Registration Instructions](#)

»» #GivingTuesday: Invest in the Future Workforce

As Giving Tuesday approaches on Dec. 2, we invite you to invest in our over 444,000 SkillsUSA members—the future skilled workforce our country desperately needs to fill the 7 million+ unfilled jobs. Your support helps students gain the education and training they need, continuing our 60-year mission of creating vital career pathways. [Make your Giving Tuesday gift today](#) and help build a stronger economy for us all.

»» SkillsUSA Store to Close Nov. 21; Reopens Nov. 24 with Limited Inventory

The SkillsUSA Store – skillsusastore.org – will close on Nov. 21 and reopen on Nov. 24 as all merchandising transfers over to a new provider. After Nov. 24, a limited inventory of core products will be available until all inventory can be transferred or restocked. The grand reopening of the SkillsUSA Store will occur in January offering improved quality, a wider selection, and a more seamless shopping experience.

See the full listing of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

»» Take Your Teaching to the Next Level with AWS Train the Trainer

Enhance Your Welding Instruction Skills! This specialized program is designed to sharpen instructional techniques, boost student engagement, and align welding education with industry standards. During this five-day training, you will:

- Implement and enforce safety practices
- Interpret drawings and welding symbols effectively.
- Design impactful welding lesson plans and curriculum
- Deliver in-depth instruction across carbon steel, stainless steel, and aluminum
- Prepare trainees for welder performance qualification exams
- Conduct weld inspections and apply SkillsUSA standards in the classroom
- Dive into cutting-edge instruction for SMAW, FCAW, GMAW, and GTAW

EVENT DETAILS

- Dates: December 29, 2025 – January 2, 2026
- Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Location: Kentucky Welding Institute (KWI), Flemingsburg, KY
- Duration: Approximately 40 hours | 40 PDHs | 4 CEUs

Whether you're new to teaching or looking to refresh your approach, this course equips you with the tools, techniques, and confidence to lead a high-quality welding education program. [See the program flyer](#) for more information.

»» Celebrate our Past, Help Write Our Future

Join us in celebrating six decades of SkillsUSA! The SkillsUSA Heritage Hub is a digital museum dedicated to preserving and sharing our rich history. From archival photos to the stories of our founders, it's a treasure trove of inspiration.

But our history is still being written, and [we want to hear from you](#). We invite you to share your own photos, stories, and memories to help grow this living collection.

[Explore and contribute to the Heritage Hub](#).