

FALL LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
PROGRAM

Champion
YOUR FUTURE
2025 - 2026



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OCT. 2, 2025

FLC AGENDA

8:30
9:30
AM

REGISTRATION/CHECK IN
MAIN CONCOURSE

10:00
10:45
AM

OPENING SESSION
ROOM 120

11:00
11:40
AM

SESSION 1

11:40
1:00
PM

LUNCH
VOUCHERS LEVEL 1 FOOD CONCOURSE -
IF LUNCH PURCHASED

1:00
1:40
PM

SESSION 2

1:45
2:30
PM

SESSION 3

**SAFE TRAVELS AND THANK YOU FOR
ATTENDING FLC!**

** SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE **

MAP OF PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

NORTH BUILDING | 100 LEVEL

Vehicles shorter than 7' foot tall. You can reach out to Andrea for a pass. DO NOT TAKE WHITE FLEET VEHICLES INTO THE GARAGE

NORTH GARAGE ENTRANCE/EXIT

3RD ST. ROAD CLOSED

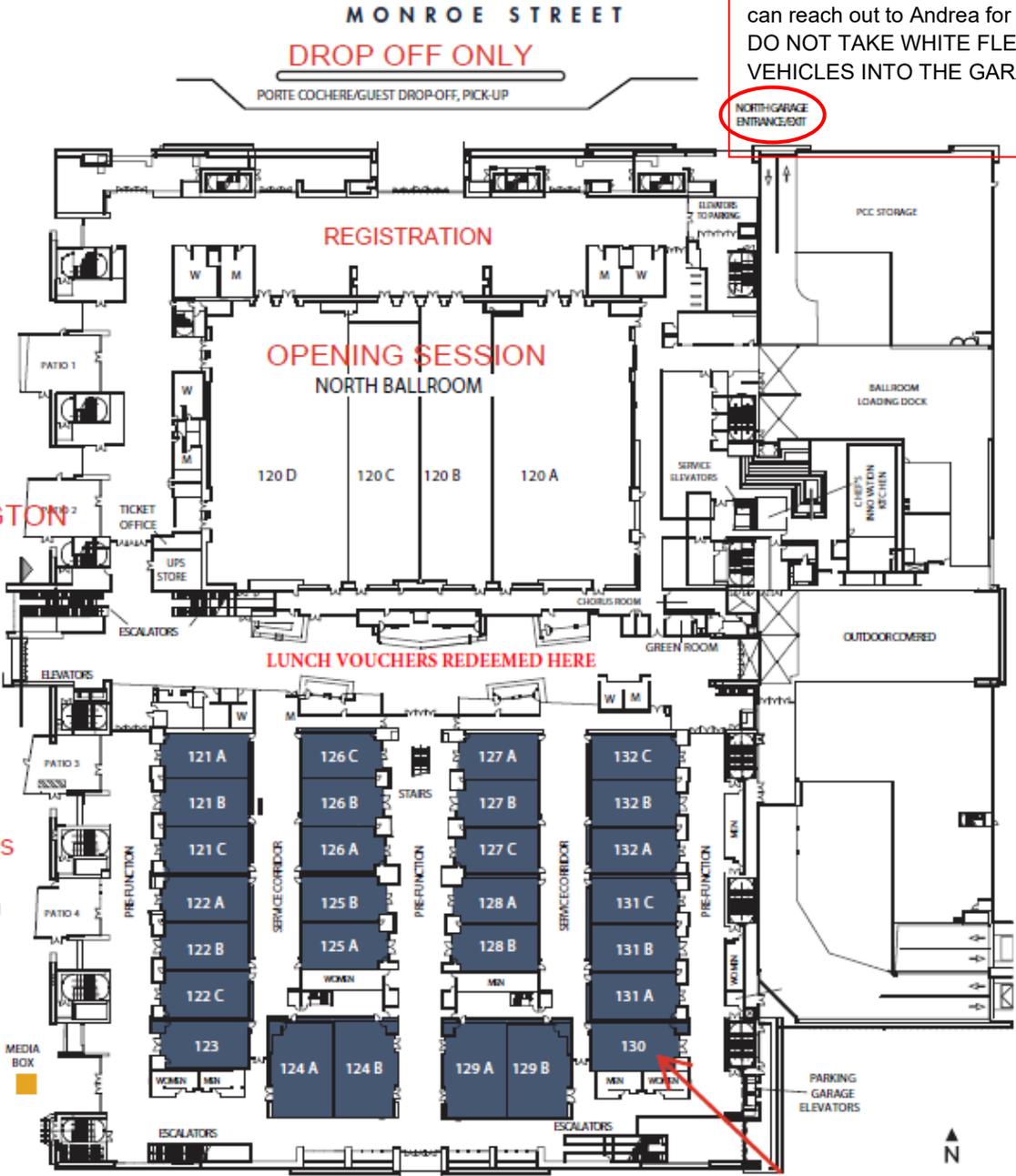
BUSES AND WHITE FLEET PARK HERE

Enter off of WASHINGTON

THIRD STREET

Follow Instructions from Policemen

PULL-IN/DROP OFF AREA



FIFTH STREET

HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON STREET
TO 3RD STREET TO PARK ON CLOSED ROAD

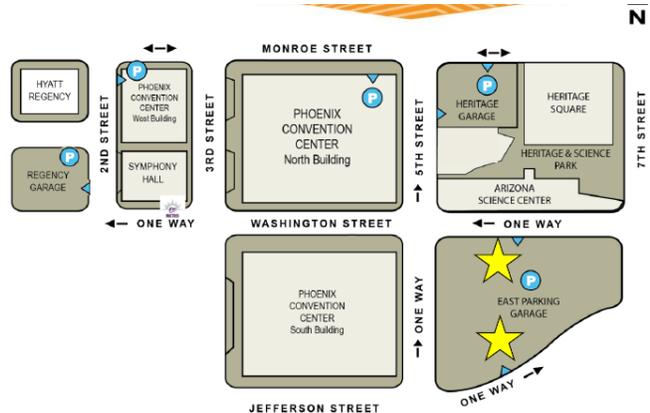
BUS DROP OFF IS ON MONROE

BUSES & WHITE FLEET VEHICLES

PARK ON 3RD STREET, ENTER OFF OF WASHINGTON. SEE MAP ON PREVIOUS PAGE. NO QR CODE NEEDED

FOLLOW ALL POLICE OFFICER'S DIRECTIONS.

OVERFLOW ONLY, USE MARHALING LOT



Fold on Dotted Line

**Scan QR to Enter and Exit
Do Not Press for Ticket**



(Hold against the Scanner until Green Light, if having difficulties, turn brightness up on your phone.)

Prepaid Parking

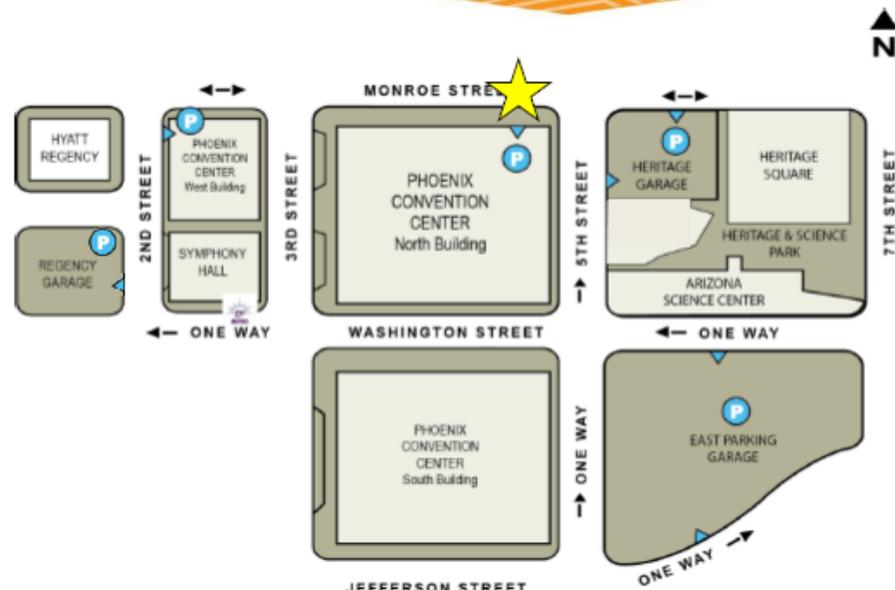
East Garage Only
601 E. Washington Street
Must Bring This Coupon To The Garage
Valid October 2nd, 2025

Press intercom for assistance. Garage clearance 7'10"
Standard Price is \$20/day - No Overnight Parking
Any attempt to alter or modify this pass will void the parking pass

VEHICLES SHORTER THAN 7' TALL

PARKING PERMIT BELOW FOR NORTH PARKING GARAGE.

DO NOT TAKE WHITE BUSES IN THIS GARAGE



Fold on Dotted Line



Scan QR to Enter and Exit
Do Not Press for a Ticket



(Hold Against the Scanner until Green Light, if having difficulties, turn brightness up on your phone.)

Complimentary Parking

West/North Garages Only

185 N 2nd Street, 475 E Monroe Street

Must Bring This Coupon To The Garage

Valid October 2nd, 2025

Press intercom for assistance. Garage Clearance 7'4"
 Standard Price is \$20/day - No In/Out Privileges - No Overnight Parking
 Any attempt to alter or modify this pass will void the parking pass

REDEEMING VOUCHERS FOR FOOD

IF YOU PURCHASED LUNCH VOUCHERS FOR YOUR STUDENTS, THEY WILL BE IN THE ENVELOPE AT REGISTRATION.

YOUR STUDENTS CAN REDEEM THOSE VOUCHERS IN THE FOOD COURT AREA NORTH OF THE MEETING ROOMS.

IF YOU DID NOT PURCHASE LUNCH VOUCHERS THERE ARE EATERIES NEARBY.

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATIONS

ROOM 121A

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Ending Death by PowerPoint: Giving Good Presentations

PRESENTED BY: TIMOTHY INGOLD

COMPANY: BUENA HIGH SCHOOL, FILM/TV INSTRUCTOR

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: WORKPLACE SKILLS

DESCRIPTION:

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ROOM 121B

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Building Career Pathways with Industry Certifications: Part 107 & CSWA

PRESENTED BY: MICHAEL THOMPSON

COMPANY: ARIZONA VIRTUAL ACADEMY, CTE ENGINEERING INSTRUCTOR

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: TECHNICAL SKILLS GROUNDED IN ACADEMICS

DESCRIPTION:

See how earning your Drone License (Part 107) or Engineering CAD Certification (CSWA) can launch real career opportunities. Find out how certifications prove your skills and boost your professional growth. Discover exciting career paths in engineering, design, and technology where certifications give you an edge.

SESSION 2 – 1:00 – 1:40 PM --- Competition Success by Design

PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WEILER

COMPANY: PIMA JTED, INSTRUCTOR

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: PLANNING & ORGANIZING

DESCRIPTION:

The way to have a great competition season is to make it that way. Discussing how to be ready for the competition to how to maximize points in the competition, participants will see how winning isn't by luck, but by design.

SESSION 3 – 1:50 – 2:30 PM --- No Session

ROOM 121C

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- The Art of Listening and Paraphrasing

PRESENTED BY: ERIC PEREZ AND BILL OLNEY

COMPANY: EVIT & ERIC IS THE SKILLSUSA REGION 3 COORDINATOR

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: COMMUNICATION

DESCRIPTION:

Non-verbal Communication, Verbal Communication, Written Communication and Visual Communication. All with activities for each part of communication.

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SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- SkillsUSA New Advisor Document and Registration Workshop

ADVISOR WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY: BRAD WHITAKER

COMPANY: ARIZONA TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT ATIEA

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION:

ATIEA will have a panel of seasoned SkillsUSA advisors to help New Advisors get control of their new chapter documentation and registration. This is often a huge undertaking for newer advisors and administrators.

In this session, advisors will be informed of many resources they can use to help build a CTSO for their program/school. We will also have work time to allow for registration, and other documentation needed to have a SkillsUSA Chapter in Arizona. Seasoned Advisors will be on hand to assist and offer support to help make this challenging undertaking easier to manage.

*** Bring your computers to work on your documents. ***

SESSION 2 – 1:00 – 1:40 PM --- Champion Your Future: Social Media Marketing with Canva

PRESENTED BY: HEATHER EATON

COMPANY: LA JOYA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL, CTE TEACHER

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: PERSONAL, COMMUNICATION

DESCRIPTION:

Your SkillsUSA chapter has a story worth sharing—and Canva can help you tell it. In this interactive session, you'll learn how to design bold, scroll-stopping graphics that highlight chapter events, showcase member success, and recruit new leaders. We'll explore how to build a consistent brand identity, choose the right templates, and apply quick marketing strategies that make your chapter shine online. Walk away with ready-to-post designs and the confidence to Champion Your Future through powerful social media storytelling.

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ROOM 122B

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Q/A Working in the US Army or Private Security

PRESENTED BY: MARCUS ADAMS

COMPANY: MOUNTAINSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, CTE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY INSTRUCTOR

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: WORKPLACE SKILLS

DESCRIPTION:

Q/A on leadership in the workforce when it comes to working in the US Army or private security

SESSION 2 – 1:00 – 1:40 PM --- The 5 W's of Engineering (Plus H)

PRESENTED BY: VICTORIA SHAFFER

COMPANY: ARIZONA VIRTUAL ACADEMY, AEROSPACE ENGINEER INTERN

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: PERSONAL SKILLS

DESCRIPTION:

This workshop is designed for students to get more involved in Engineering. Even if they already know about engineering, they can narrow down their degree pathway.

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ROOM 122C

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Navigating professional hierarchies with etiquette and precision

PRESENTED BY: TROY MASKELL

COMPANY: GOODWILL, MANAGER STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

DESCRIPTION:

This course provides a practical and insightful overview of how to successfully navigate the formal and informal hierarchies present in professional and academic environments. Beyond simply learning a list of rules, participants will explore the underlying dynamics of professional relationships to build stronger rapport, improve communication, and advance their careers. Through real-world case studies and guided practice, you will learn to interact with colleagues, superiors, and collaborators at every level with confidence and respect.

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ROOM 123

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Adapt to Win: Building Your Resilience Superpower

PRESENTED BY: DANIELLE EDDY

COMPANY: GCON INC., TALENT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: PERSONAL SKILLS

DESCRIPTION:

Life doesn't always go as planned—friends change, challenges pop up, and the unexpected becomes the norm. This series will show you how to bounce back, stay strong, and thrive when things get tough. With real talk, practical tools, and a boost of confidence, you'll learn how to turn setbacks into comebacks and unlock the resilience superpower that's already inside you.

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ROOM 124A

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Say What?

PRESENTED BY: CESAR ROMERO CERVANTES, LILY ROBERT, JYOTSNA SUBRAMANIAN, EMILY VALTIERRA

COMPANY: SKILLSUSA STATE OFFICERS

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: COMMUNICATION

DESCRIPTION:

Students will learn the key aspects for becoming a successful communicator by having discussion and engaging in structured activities. The games/discussions will highlight the communication aspects of: the effects of miscommunication, the importance of active listening, and choosing the right words for specific situations.

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ROOM 124B

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Pick Your Priority

PRESENTED BY: LEERABARI KPEA, EVANIKA BOLTON, AND TIFFANY PROCTOR

COMPANY: SKILLSUSA STATE OFFICERS

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: DECISION MAKING

DESCRIPTION:

The session introduces participants to decision making through the Eisenhower Matrix to help categorize their personal and professional tasks into four quadrants:

1. Urgent & Important: Do it now
2. Important, Not Urgent: Schedule it
3. Urgent, Not Important: Delegate it
4. Not Urgent & Not Important: Eliminate it

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ROOM 125A

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- The Art of Subtle Leadership

PRESENTED BY: ALEXIS ACOSTA

COMPANY: SKILLSUSA, NATIONAL FACILITATOR

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: LEADERSHIP

DESCRIPTION:

In this workshop, students will discover how leadership can emerge through observation, adaptability, and quiet influence rather than formal authority. The goal is to highlight key leadership traits and connect them to places like school, organizations, and even future careers!

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SESSION 3 – 1:50 – 2:30 PM --- No Session

ROOM 125B

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- You Can't Text Everything: Writing That Connects

PRESENTED BY: CARRIE OGRADY

COMPANY: BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON, FINANCIAL ANALYST LEAD

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION:

Words matter! Looking for the perfect adjective to grab attention? Or the right verb to make your message crystal clear? In this hands-on workshop, we'll explore real-world case studies that show the power of precise language—and then practice applying those techniques in small groups. Whether you're writing for work, school, or everyday communication, you'll leave with practical tools to make your words work harder.

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ROOM 126A

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- HELP - Homeless Engagement Lift Partnership

PRESENTED BY: MEGAN VICTORY

COMPANY: ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: SERVICE ORIENTATION

DESCRIPTION:

Come help us decorate lunch bags for HELP - Homeless Engagement Lift Partnership! We will be decorating lunch bags with powerful uplifting sayings to be used at a later time by HELP to distribute lunch/snacks for those in need.

SESSION 2 – 1:00 – 1:40 PM --- HELP - Homeless Engagement Lift Partnership

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ROOM 126B

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- From Chaos To Command: Mastering Event Management

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COMPANY: SKILLSUSA, REGION 6 COORDINATOR

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: PLANNING, ORGANIZING, AND MANAGEMENT

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ROOM 126C

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PRESENTED BY: FRANK VELÁSQUEZ JR.

COMPANY: 4 DA HOOD, FOUNDER

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: MULTICULTURAL SENSITIVITY AND AWARENESS

DESCRIPTION:

In this electrifying presentation, students will spark connections as they explore how asking powerful questions can energize workplace relationships and generate meaningful conversations. Additionally, Frank Velásquez Jr. will challenge the easy out of "agreeing to disagree" and introduce a more meaningful framework to engage in difficult dialogue. Drawing from restorative circle practices, students will experience firsthand how to create and maintain an environment where authentic conversations can flourish.

Through collective participation, students will discover how curiosity acts as a catalyst for understanding, innovation, and collaboration that brightens every interaction. They will also learn how to establish circle agreements that prioritize being heard over finding consensus, leading to deeper engagement and more meaningful outcomes.

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PRESENTED BY: ROBERT WALLER

COMPANY: ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: LEADERSHIP

DESCRIPTION:

In this creative, hands-on session, students will explore how typography — the style of text — mirrors leadership voice and personality. Through interactive activities, participants will identify their own “leadership font,” craft messages with intention, and learn how great leaders, like great designers, communicate with clarity, style, and purpose. This session is perfect for all program areas.

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ROOM 127B

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- From On Air to Behind-the-Scenes: Planning for College

PRESENTED BY: YAZMIN REYES

COMPANY: ASU WALTER CRONKITE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: SELF-MOTIVATION

DESCRIPTION:

SESSION 2 – 1:00 – 1:40 PM --- No Session

SESSION 3 – 1:50 – 2:30 PM --- No Session

ROOM 127C

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Models of Excellence

PRESENTED BY: PHILLIP MULHERIN

COMPANY: LA JOYA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL, LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: PERSONAL SKILLS

DESCRIPTION:

This interactive workshop will guide SkillsUSA chapters through the entire process of becoming a Models of Excellence (MOE) chapter and competing for top honors at the National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC). Participants will learn:

What is Models of Excellence?

Overview of the SkillsUSA Chapter Excellence Program and the MOE distinction, which honors the top 24 chapters nationwide for exemplary integration of Personal, Workplace, and Technical Skills.

How to Get Selected

- Step-by-step instructions on preparing your chapter's application, aligning activities with the SkillsUSA Framework, and demonstrating intentional learning that business and industry seek from career and technical education.
- Guidance on submitting required documentation, photos, and agreement forms by the deadlines.
- Tips for showcasing chapter activities that exemplify the SkillsUSA Framework in Personal, Workplace, and Technical Skills.

How to Win

- Preparing for the finalist interview and presentation at NLSC, including what judges look for: clear articulation of how chapter activities tie to the SkillsUSA Framework, educational value, innovation, and demonstration of essential elements.
- Practicing for the judging interview and presentation using the official scorecard/rubric, which emphasizes knowledge, enthusiasm, professionalism, and the ability to answer questions in a natural, organized manner.
- Understanding the importance of student-led planning, results, and evaluation in chapter programming.

What Happens at NLSC

Overview of the schedule, including onboarding webinars, judging interviews, awards sessions, and VIP experiences for MOE chapters.

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ROOM 128A

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Member Benefits with SkillsUSA Pathful

ADVISOR SESSION

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON

COMPANY: SKILLSUSA, SENIOR MANAGER, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: ALL

DESCRIPTION:

This session is designed to help educators fully understand the wide range of benefits that come with professional SkillsUSA membership. Learn how to access these exclusive resources and how they can support your work in the classroom and chapter. The session also introduces SkillsUSA Pathful, our all-in-one platform that helps students connect with real professionals, explore careers, and build workforce skills.

SESSION 2 – 1:00 – 1:40 PM --- Advanced Chapter Excellence Program

ADVISOR SESSION

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON

COMPANY: SKILLSUSA, SENIOR MANAGER, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: ALL

DESCRIPTION:

If your chapter has already achieved CEP level 1 or 2 and you're ready to take your application to the next level, this session is for you. You'll practice developing smart goals, writing strong outcome summaries, and crafting results-focused narratives using the cep rubric. Peer feedback and hands-on exercises will guide your progress.

SESSION 3 – 1:50 – 2:30 PM --- Member Benefits with SkillsUSA Pathful

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ROOM 128B

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Advisor Meeting

ADVISOR WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY: ANDREA YANCEY GOODWIN

COMPANY: ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SKILLSUSA STATE DIRECTOR

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Advisor meeting where you can hear updates for this year and get your questions answered.

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ROOM 129A

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- Teamwork: Making the Dream Work

PRESENTED BY: PRANAV VIPPAGUNTA

COMPANY: SKILLSUSA NATIONAL OFFICER

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT: TEAMWORK

DESCRIPTION:

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ROOM 130 - HEADQUARTERS

SESSION 1 - 11:00 – 11:40 AM --- HEADQUARTERS

PRESENTED BY: ANDREA YANCEY GOODWIN
COMPANY: ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ESSENTIAL ELEMENT:
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