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ALABAMA SKILLSUSA IGNITES EXCELLENCE AT 60th NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

Montgomery, Ala.- Alabama SkillsUSA showed up and truly excelled at this year's 60th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference, held in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 23-27.

This highly anticipated conference welcomed more than 18,000 students, teachers, and top-tier representatives from 850 national corporations, trade associations, and regional businesses.



The highlight of the event was the annual SkillsUSA Championships, which featured 114 exciting skill-building and career development competitions for middle, high school, and collegiate students from across the country.

This year's official event theme was "Ignite your Potential." A total of 352 attendees from Alabama represented 41 local chapters from across our state.

Alabama students successfully brought home **11 gold, 3 silver, and 10 bronze**, national medals. Also, our state had a total of 79 *Top Ten competition finalists*!

The 2025 National Leadership and Skills Conference had more than 200 career development exhibits and was one of the largest conferences in the history of SkillsUSA.

Alabama was officially recognized for its achievements and also had a new **Honorary Life Member installed – Kristina Clifton from Northeast Alabama Community College**. This award is presented to individuals who provide great service to their community and SkillsUSA.

SkillsUSA serves over 442,000 student and professional members. Currently, Alabama has more than 27,000 active members. This organization is empowering our young people as they become highly skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible citizens.

Nationally, SkillsUSA's curriculum covers 130 trade, technical, and vital skilled service occupations. It is fully recognized by the U.S. departments of Education and Labor as an integral part of student career and educational development. Learn more about SkillsUSA national events and conferences at [National Leadership & Skills Conference | SkillsUSA](#)

Alabama students also earned 74 *Skill Point Certificates* this year, for meeting or exceeding the cut score for the national competitions they were competing in. Learn more about Alabama SkillsUSA by contacting State Director Carla Plyler at Carla.plyler@alsde.edu

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