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## NATIONAL SKILLSUSA HONORS ALABAMA EDUCATORS STEVE ICENOGLE AND KEITH ANDREWS

Two Alabama Educators Being Recognized Nationally for Outstanding Contributions

**Montgomery, Ala.** – SkillsUSA is America's proud champion of the skilled trades. It is a special partnership between the education community and business professionals nationwide. It is also focused on building student career readiness. Now representing nearly 380,000 students and teachers nationally, SkillsUSA is successfully preparing America's future professionals.



Steve Icenogle, a highly respected Alabama teacher has won the prestigious Advisor of the Year Award for Skills USA's Region 2.

He has been the Automotive Service Technology Instructor at Enterprise High School for 19 years, where he now teaches four levels of courses, including dual enrollment for Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. He oversees certification for his students through Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and develops relationships with employers for graduate job placement.

Icenogle previously taught at the Houston County CTE Center. He decided to pursue a career in education following his own positive experience with his high school instructor. This experience made him want to gain more knowledge of mechanical engineering and repair. He earned master's level certification at Athens State University in 2006. In 2021, he was named Secondary Teacher of the Year for the Enterprise City School System. His high school programs have also won numerous state and national awards.



*Keith Andrews*, a very highly regarded Alabama educator, will be honored officially by the national SkillsUSA organization. He will receive the *Honorary Life Member Award*, during the upcoming 2023 National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, on June 20.

This is SkillsUSA's highest and most prestigious honor. It is strictly reserved for those who have provided exceptional service to the organization, over a long period of time.

Andrews has served as a top leader for SkillsUSA. He has been a dedicated supporter of this organization – as both a member and alumnus – for 44 years. He first joined SkillsUSA as a drafting student at the Dekalb County Area Vocational Center in 1979.

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## Alabama Educators Recognized Nationally for Outstanding Contributions to SkillsUSA

Andrews became a drafting instructor and taught for 30 years at both the high school and collegiate level. He successfully mentored numerous state competition winners and national SkillsUSA student officers.

Andrews has also been an integral part of SkillsUSA Alabama. During his distinguished career he was named the SkillsUSA Alabama Postsecondary Advisor of the Year.

He also served as our state's director for the SkillsUSA College/Postsecondary Division. Learn more about the national SkillsUSA organization at <a href="https://www.skillsusa.org/">https://www.skillsusa.org/</a>

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