

SkillsUSA Vermont

2019-2020 State Officer Team

Brendan Messier: Secondary State President – Senior – Northwest Technical Center – Medical Professions Program – His advisor is **Mike Antoniak**



In His Own Words

"Hello, my name is Brendan Messier and this is my first year as a SkillsUSA Vermont State officer. I have been involved in SkillsUSA for 2 years now as I was a competitor competing in the Health Knowledge Bowl last year. I am currently a Senior at Northwest Technical Center enrolled in the Medical Professions program. I hope to take my knowledge in the medical field and build upon it to one day become a psychiatrist. Last year I was very privileged to travel down to Louisville Kentucky to represent SkillsUSA Vermont as a voting delegate to select the SkillsUSA national officers. With my free time I play Varsity Soccer for Bellows Free Academy Saint Albans and I love to travel. I am very excited for this coming year as SkillsUSA Vermont Secondary President. I cannot wait to continue my work with SkillsUSA as I take great pride in my position and I am very excited for what SkillsUSA Vermont has in store this upcoming year."

Aric Donerkiel: Post-Secondary State President -Junior – Vermont Technical College - Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology – His Advisors are **Wes McEntee and Savannah Simonds**



In His Own Words

"My name is Aric Donerkiel I am your 2019-2020 Post-Secondary President. This is my fifth year with SkillsUSA and second year as a state officer. I am a junior at Vermont Technical College and the President of my local chapter. I am studying Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology and I plan to graduate in May of 2021 with my Bachelor's degree. I am also a National Silver Medalist in Additive Manufacturing. I really am excited to see all the changes that will happen this year in our state and look forward to our conferences."

Tatianna LeBlanc – Secondary State Vice President – Senior - Burlington Technical Center – Human Services Program – Her Advisor is **Linda Randall**.



In Her Own Words

“My name is Tatianna LeBlanc, I am 18 and a senior in high school. I live in Georgia, Vermont and attend Burlington Technical Center for their Human Services program. I am also enrolled in Early College through CCV. I am working towards my associates in Early Childhood. Next year, I plan to attend college to get my Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood with minor in Business. In my free time I am on a competitive dance team; I work at a child care program called Georgia’s Next Generation; and I also enjoy anything outdoors. I am looking forward to an awesome year as SkillsUSA Vermont’s Secondary Vice President.”

Ryan Beloin – Post-Secondary State Vice President – Freshmen – Nursing Program - Vermont Technical College - Her Advisors are **Wes McEntee** and **Savannah Simonds**



In Her Own Words

“Hello, my name is Ryan Beloin and this is my second year as a Vermont Skillusa officer. I’ve been involved in skills however for 3 years now. I started off as a local chapter officer, and the past two years I took the new step up and become a State Officer. I am currently a Freshman at Vermont Technical College where I study Nursing. Someday, I hope to become a Family Nurse Practitioner. Last year, I competed in Nurse Assisting and placed Gold and took my knowledge and skills to compete at the National level as well in traveling down to Louisville, Kentucky for my officer duties. In my free time, I really enjoy being with my husky puppy and taking her for hikes or go swimming with her. I am beyond excited for another year as a SkillsUSA officer. This year I am SkillsUSA Vermont's Post-Secondary Vice President. I really love being involved in SkillsUSA Vermont. It is something I am very passionate about and cannot wait to see where SkillsUSA Vermont goes this upcoming year.”

- **Olivia Yadow: Secondary State Reporter** - Senior - Center for Technology at Essex - Childhood Education and Human Services - Her advisor is **Sarah Knight**.



In Her Own Words

"My name is Olivia Yadow, and this is my first year as a Vermont SkillsUSA Officer. I am the Secondary State Reporter. Last year, I competed in the Customer Service Leadership Competition which was a great experience. I am excited to try again this year! I am a senior from CVU High School and a Childhood Education & Human Services II student and intern at the Center for Technology, Essex. I plan to go to college next year to study Early Childhood Education. During my free time, I love cooking and photography. I am so excited for this opportunity and all the experiences that SkillsUSA brings me this year!"

Gavin Hurlbut: Secondary State Parliamentarian - Senior - Northwest Technical Center - Public Safety and Fire Science - His advisor is **Mike Antoniak**



In His Own Words

"My name is Gavin Hurlbut and I am a student at Northwest Technical Center in St. Albans Vermont. I am the newly elected Parliamentarian for SkillsUSA Vermont. I have participated in SkillsUSA for 2 years winning gold in the state competition for Firefighting and Job Skills Demonstration. The highlight of my summer was competing at Nationals in Louisville Kentucky this past June. My plans after graduation are to attend a University and pursue a degree in Criminal Law. I look forward to representing SkillsUSA Vermont this coming year."

Becca Davis: Secondary State Treasurer - Junior - Center for Technology at Essex - Health Informatics - Her advisor is **Sarah Knight**



In Her Own Words

"Hi everyone! My name is Becca Davis and this is my second year involved in SkillsUSA. Last year I competed in the Promotion Bulletin Board. I am in my Junior year at the Center for Technology, Essex in the Health Informatics program. One day I plan on working as a traveling RN with a specialty in ICU. Currently I work two jobs and go to school. In my free time I like to play softball and soccer. I can't wait to represent you, and the state of Vermont, on a national level in Louisville, Kentucky this summer!"

Paige Ainsworth: Secondary State Secretary - Sophomore - Green Mountain Technology and Career Center - Pre-Technical Studies - Her advisor is **Brian Schwartz**.



In Her Own Words

"My name is Paige Ainsworth. I am a Sophomore at Green Mountain Technology and Career Center in Hyde Park, VT. I live in Stannard with my family and pets. We have dogs, cats and a lizard along with chickens, horses, cows and sheep. I really enjoy going to the dairy farm and working with the Holsteins for 4H. In the summer I can be found at any of the local fairs, showing cows, babysitting younger club members, scooping ice cream or just hanging out. I will be your Secondary State Secretary this year and I am a Pre-Tech student."

The Installation Ceremony for these new state officers will occur at the SkillsUSA Vermont Fall Leadership Conference on November 22, 2019 at Vermont Technical College.