

SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference was held at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, CO on November 2nd and 3rd. TJ had 18 students attend the conference. Two of our students are state officers and were responsible in conducting many of the workshops. Below are a few comments student wrote about the conference. – Mr. Esparza, SkillsUSA Advisor

I believe that my experience at the fall leadership conference in Colorado Springs was very interesting and eye opening for me as a senior officer. Even though this is my first and last year of being a SkillsUSA officer, I definitely learned a lot of skills for being a good leader during the workshops, hosted by our state officers. What I really liked was the fact that this was all planned by the SkillsUSA state officers who extensively prepared all our leadership and career workshops-Jackson Moore

The Fall Leadership Conference this year was an amazing experience, and I learned so much about how to improve my own abilities and our chapter. Over the 2 day conference, Jack and I had to present 6 different sessions, which, at first, seemed extremely intimidating, but by the end, my public speaking abilities and confidence increased a lot. I'm extremely happy that our chapter developed so many great fundraising and community service ideas, and we will definitely be implementing several of them to improve our community. – Matt Bulger

The SkillsUSA conference was a really great experience for me as a student. I learned a lot about responsibility and leadership from every speaker and activity we did. I feel way more innovative and creative after this experience. The skills I gained will really help me as an officer and I'm very excited to learn even more at next year's conference. – Olivia Cech

What I took away from the conference this past weekend is sometimes we don't even know ourselves very well. Being in a social climate with people of a similar interest to you is something everyone should experience. As I was leading this conference alongside my other state officers, it was hard not to notice how well people started to get along. Meaning, as long as you give yourself time with the correct attitude anything is achievable and anything can be done. Don't let your pre-disposed ideas effect your optimism to any given situation.- Jack McCord

After the conference this past weekend I feel really excited about our SkillsUSA chapter this year. I was pleasantly surprised after seeing how awesome our officers worked together in some of our team building activities. It was very cool to see everyone work together to come up with really good ideas and plans for this year. Can't wait to see what great things our chapter accomplishes this year! – Eva Lepry

The fall leadership conference in Colorado Springs was an amazing experience that built on our leadership skills as individuals and as a team. Something I took away from this experience was to share my ideas more because even if it is a horrible idea, our team can turn it into something fun or be inspired by it to make a new project. This has taught me to speak up and trust that my team and I will make the best of any idea and work hard at it. – Ben Abram

One thing that I took away from the SkillsUSA fall leadership conference was we had very productive brainstorming sessions. We began to think of new ideas for fundraisers and community service. This fall leadership conference was very informative and helpful to me and

the officers and hopefully we can bring those skills and knowledge back to our chapter.- Isaac Whistler