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THE 2012 SKILLSUSA UNIVERSITY is a great opportunity for instructors and students to attend free educational seminars on a variety of topics. SkillsUSA University features the latest trends, new technology and the best career opportunities. Seminars will be held at the Marriott Downtown and Bartle Hall. Sessions are one hour except as noted. Topics include new industry trends and technology, career paths, safety programs, SkillsUSA programs and more. All participants receive a certificate of participation, and many sessions include free handouts, software, curriculum previews and other resources for teachers, students and parents.

Monday Sessions, June 25, 2012; Marriott Downtown

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY WITH THE SKILLSUSA ALUMNI

For educators and students (all trades). Program graduates can be effective advocates for a program, school and state. Alumni may serve as advisory committee members, employability skills mentors, contest planners/judges, guest speakers or helpers with special events. Learn about strategies for involvement, ways to engage and communicate with alumni, and the benefits of alumni involvement. Presenters: Niki Clausen, SkillsUSA staff, and members of the SkillsUSA Alumni Coordinating Committee. 1 p.m., Julia Lee A.

MOTIVATED, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL AND GOAL ORIENTED! THOSE ARE MY STUDENTS!

For educators. Explore this new powerful teaching tool, the Champions at Work Quote Series. When students examine the meaning of the quotes, as they relate to each of SkillsUSA's seven key words – connected, motivated, respected, educated, involved and skilled – they are reminded about what will define them as leaders and lead them to academic and career success. Learn how to use this poster and quote series on a daily, weekly or monthly basis to engage students in being more responsible, accountable, open to others thoughts and ideas, willing to take a leadership role or work on a team. Presenter: Debra Dodson, CTE instructor and counselor in Paradise California. 1 p.m., Julia Lee B. (Also on Tuesday June 26 at 10 a.m., Bartle Hall 2505B).

LEADERSHIP: MORE THAN JUST A WORD

For educators and students. We hear the word "leadership" often—but, what does it really mean? Or better yet, what does it mean to be a leader? Discover the true meaning of leadership and how it can be applied in our everyday lives! This fast paced, high energy workshop supports the content of the new SkillsUSA chapter leader conference "Activate." Come check it out to see what all the excitement is about! Presenter is CJ Wetzler, Activate facilitator, former SkillsUSA national officer and motivational speaker and trainer. 1 p.m., Lester Young B. (Also on Wednesday June 27 at 10 a.m., Bartle Hall 2203).

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF HOW TO DESIGN AN E-PORTFOLIO

For educators and students (all trades). Learn how to create and use an e-portfolio to gain a competitive advantage in seeking and holding employment in today's globally competitive workforce. In this session, you will discover how the e-portfolio is used to validate projects, community service, teamwork, written reports, employment experience, and even your résumé. A packet of materials will be provided to each participant with e-portfolio samples, tools, and methods to create an online e-portfolio and upload and maintain files and other documentation. Emphasis in this session is given to the process of developing the e-portfolio via hosting, documentation, WS-FTP, Web templates, uploading, and Web page design. Presenter: Ken Scott, EdD, Sr. Instructor - CIS; Director - SkillsUSA/Cisco Networking Academy/AITP Student Chapter. 1 p.m., Lester Young A.