

## Press Release



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### **Lowe's Provides Resource Grant to SkillsUSA Chapter at Marion E. Barnes Career Center**

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA)—The Richmond County School System is pleased to announce that Lowe's and SkillsUSA have awarded \$1,000 worth of educational materials to the SkillsUSA chapter at the Marion E. Barnes Career Center. Only four schools/programs in Georgia received this grant.

In addition, students from the Marion E. Barnes Career Center won first place medals in the 2020 SkillsUSA State online competitions for Chapter Display and for Community Action Project.

"The Richmond County School System is dedicated to workforce development, and the Marion E. Barnes Career Center offers all of our students' opportunities to prepare for life beyond the classroom," said Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw, Superintendent of Richmond County Schools. "We appreciate this generous grant from Lowe's, and we look forward to continued success with our workforce preparedness programs."

SkillsUSA and Lowe's have teamed up on this grant program to support emerging SkillsUSA programs in career and technical education classrooms across the nation. The grant provides 100 eligible chapters with \$1,000 worth of educational materials and provides teachers with additional resources to support student-led learning through the SkillsUSA Framework.

"It is thrilling to see new SkillsUSA programs receive these chapter resources," said SkillsUSA executive director Chelle Travis. "These grants from Lowe's remove financial barriers to excellence and ensure that new chapters start off on the right foot, armed with quality classroom resources for the betterment of our teachers and students."

#### **About SkillsUSA**

SkillsUSA is a nonprofit partnership of education and industry founded in 1965 to strengthen our nation's skilled workforce. Driven by employer demand, SkillsUSA helps students develop necessary personal and workplace skills along with technical skills grounded in academics. This SkillsUSA Framework empowers every student to succeed at work and in life, while helping to close the skills gap in which millions of positions go unfilled.

#### **About Lowe's in the Community**

Lowe's has supported the communities where its associates live and work for more than 70 years. Lowe's is committed to creating safe, affordable housing and helping to develop the next generation of skilled trade experts through nonprofit partnerships.

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