

Airgas to Sponsor SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference

Airgas, an Air Liquide company, is proud to sponsor SkillsUSA in support of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta from June 19-23. Airgas will supply the industrial gases and equipment needed for many SkillsUSA Championship competitions including Collision Repair Technology, Diesel Equipment Technology, HVACR, Residential and Commercial Appliance Technology, Welding, Welding Fabrication and Welding Sculpture.

Rob Tessier, National Vice President of Airgas Advanced Fabrication Technologies, commented, *“Airgas welcomes the opportunity to officially partner with SkillsUSA and we’re proud to become the main gas supplier for this year’s national welding competition. With the ongoing skilled labor shortage and the importance of shaping the next generation of workers, we know that our sponsorship support at SkillsUSA will make a positive impact on the lives of high school and college/post secondary institution students who are interested in entering welding, engineering and technical careers.”*

Chelle Travis, Executive Director of SkillsUSA, commented: *“SkillsUSA’s vision is to produce the most highly skilled workforce in the world, providing every member the opportunity for career success. We sincerely thank Airgas for providing industrial gases to many of the SkillsUSA Championship competitions in 2023. Airgas’s gift is making a difference for the nearly 380,000 students and educators that SkillsUSA serves annually in career and technical education classrooms across the country.”*

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SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is America’s proud champion of the skilled trades. It’s a student-led partnership of education and industry that’s building the skilled workforce our nation depends on with graduates who are career ready, day one. Representing nearly 380,000 career and technical education students and teachers, SkillsUSA chapters thrive in middle schools, high schools and college/postsecondary institutions nationwide. SkillsUSA’s mission empowers students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. That mission is accomplished through the SkillsUSA Framework of Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics, which is integrated into the classroom curriculum. Through Framework instruction, students develop the character-shaping leadership skills – teamwork, communication, professionalism and more – that successful careers and lives demand. At the same time, students hone their high-level technical skills against current industry standards in more than 130 skilled trade areas, from 3-D Animation to Welding. The result? Focused, confident and highly skilled graduates who are ready to work, ready to lead and



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ready to make a difference in our schools, workplaces and communities. A vital solution to the skills gap, where more in-demand skilled trades positions are available than qualified professionals to fill them, SkillsUSA has served over 14 million difference-making members since 1965. To learn more, visit www.skillsusa.org.

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Air Liquide's revenue amounted to more than 29.9 billion euros in 2022. Air Liquide is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40, CAC 40 ESG, EURO STOXX 50, FTSE4Good and DJSI Europe indexes.