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## **Axalta Coating Systems Supports SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference with Official Partnership**

GLEN MILLS, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Axalta Coating Systems (NYSE: AXTA), a leading global supplier of liquid and powder coatings, was a proud supporter of SkillsUSA's 52nd Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in Louisville, Kentucky from June 20 - 24, 2016. The Partnership provided support to the event's Automotive Refinishing Technology Contest that contributes to SkillsUSA's mission to improve the quality of America's skilled workforce through a structured program of citizenship, leadership, employability, technical and professional skills training.

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"As a longtime partner of SkillsUSA, we are very pleased to continue our official partnership to help cultivate interest in the refinish industry," said Patrice Marcil, Axalta's North American Learning and Development Director. "The conference provides the unique opportunity for young people to experience the art of refinish and showcase their talents in an exciting forum," Marcil added.

The SkillsUSA Championships are competitive events for career and technical education students that begin locally and progress to state and national levels. The national event in Kentucky drew more than 6,000 contestants who competed in 100 separate events including automotive refinish and collision repair categories.

In addition to the official partnership, Axalta donated paint supplies and educational instruction to help facilitate the refinish contest.

### **About SkillsUSA**

SkillsUSA is a vital solution to the growing U.S. skills gap. This nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry ensures America has the skilled workforce it needs to stay competitive. Founded in 1965 and endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, the association serves more than 300,000 member students and instructors each year in middle schools, high schools and colleges. This diverse talent pipeline covers 130 trade, technical and skilled service occupations, the majority STEM-related. More than 600 corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions actively support SkillsUSA at the national

level. SkillsUSA programs are integrated into career and technical education through a framework of personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics. Local, state and national championships, designed and judged by industry, set relevant standards for career and technical education and provide needed recognition to its students. SkillsUSA also offers technical skill assessments and other workplace credentials. For more information, go to: [www.SkillsUSA.org](http://www.SkillsUSA.org).

### **About Axalta Coating Systems – Celebrating 150 Years in the Coatings Industry**

Axalta is a leading global company focused solely on coatings and providing customers with innovative, colorful, beautiful and sustainable solutions. From light OEM vehicles, commercial vehicles and refinish applications to electric motors, buildings and pipelines, our coatings are designed to prevent corrosion, increase productivity and enable the materials we coat to last longer. With 150 years of experience in the coatings industry, the approximately 12,800 people of Axalta continue to find ways to serve our more than 100,000 customers in 130 countries better every day with the finest coatings, application systems and technology. For more information visit [axaltacoatingsystems.com](http://axaltacoatingsystems.com) and follow us @axalta on Twitter and on [LinkedIn](#).

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