



NATIONAL SKILLS COALITION

Every worker. Every industry. A strong economy.

It's been a whirlwind month for skills!

February was a busy month for National Skills Coalition. We hosted three exciting events that covered issues like the future of work and how it affects workers and businesses; voter support for skills training; and how to become advocates for our shared skills agenda.

Keep reading for a quick debrief on what we've been up to this past month.

Voters ♥ skills training

A new [national poll](#) found that voters across the country overwhelmingly support increasing public investment in skills training. Among the key findings, the poll shows that 86 percent of voters agree that we should make federal financial aid available to people seeking skills training. It's more evidence that Americans want to [#MakePellWork](#) for everyone.

With the JOBS Act — a bipartisan bill that would expand Pell grants to high quality, short-term certificates that lead to well paying, in-demand jobs — close to becoming a reality, it's time for us to speak up for working people who want to improve their jobs and their lives.

We've put together a [JOBS Act resource page](#) with sample tweets and fact sheets that you can use to share with your networks.

Related news

[Why the state of skills training should be a big part of the State of the Union](#) | *The Hill*

[Poll: Voters Support Funding for Skills Training](#) | *Inside Higher Ed*

There's more than one future of work



As automation, artificial intelligence, and digitization redefine skilled work; different industries, different groups of workers, and different-sized companies face unique challenges. As lawmakers think about how policy can respond to these challenges, one size doesn't fit all. In the coming month – we'll be hosting the third in a series in our [There's More than one Future of Work](#) discussion series. Keep your eyes open for an invitation to join in person if you're local to Washington, D.C., or to join via livestream if you're not.

In case you missed them, you can watch the first two discussions here:

[Tech's Workforce Impact Across Different Industries](#) – hosted by Microsoft Innovation & Policy Center and featuring **Daniel Bustillo**, Director, Healthcare Career Advancement Project (HCAP), **Angie Cooper**, Senior Director for Global Public Policy, Walmart, **Portia Wu**, Managing Director, U.S. Public Policy, Microsoft (former Assistant Secretary of Labor: Employment and Training Administration), **Robert Chiappetta**, Director of Government Affairs, Toyota Motor North America, **Amy Titus**, Managing Director, Human Capital, Deloitte and NSC's own **Andy Van Kleunen**.

[Uneven Prospects for Different Workers](#) – streamed live from the 2019 Skills Summit and featuring **Liz Shuler**, Secretary-Treasurer of AFL-CIO, **Spencer Overton**, President, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, **Christina FitzPatrick**, Policy Integration Director, AARP, **Maggie Koziol**, Senior Manager, Deloitte and NSC's **Andy Van Kleunen**.

Related news

[Employees Pushed to Keep Learning New Skills as Workplace Evolves](#) | *The Wall Street Journal*

[White House Presses Businesses to Reshape Training Efforts](#) | *The Wall Street Journal*

[Middle-skill jobs in Georgia will surge. Will we have a ready workforce?](#) | *Atlanta Journal Constitution*



[2019 Skills for California Summit attendees at the State Capitol in Sacramento, CA.](#)

Co-hosted by National Skills Coalition and California EDGE Coalition, the 2019 Skills for California Summit brought together close to 100 advocates, researchers, and practitioners from across the state around a collective workforce policy agenda and provided an opportunity to turn it into real policy action.

During this two-day event, partners from across California worked together to advance strategies from a shared state workforce development policy agenda, [Securing a strong economic future for all Californians](#).

[Learn more about the event here.](#)

#SkillsSummit2019 – our biggest and best Skills Summit ever!



This was a big year for the [Skills Summit](#), NSC’s annual fly-in event open to skills advocates from across the country. The event included two days of federal skills policy updates from experts in the field, a rundown of the [Skills for Good Jobs Agenda](#), a menu of policy recommendations developed by workforce practitioners on the ground, and ended with our largest advocacy day ever for skills policy on Capitol Hill.

Highlights from our plenaries include [a conversation](#) with Representatives Glenn Thompson (R-PA) and Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) to talk about their bipartisan efforts and how that led to pass the Perkins Act reauthorization — which was signed into law last year.

Summit attendees were also the first to hear results from our new public opinion research. [Watch the full video here.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Catapult: Investing in Next-Generation Workforce Solutions

Join the Boston Foundation, SkillWorks, JVS, Resilient Coders and JP Morgan on March 7 for the release of a publication of essays and a discussion on how to accelerate policy changes around workforce training. [Catapult](#) aims to invest in the exponential growth of Greater Boston’s most effective, market-driven training, and education organizations in partnership with the region’s businesses to leverage potential for sustaining talent via the workforce system.

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