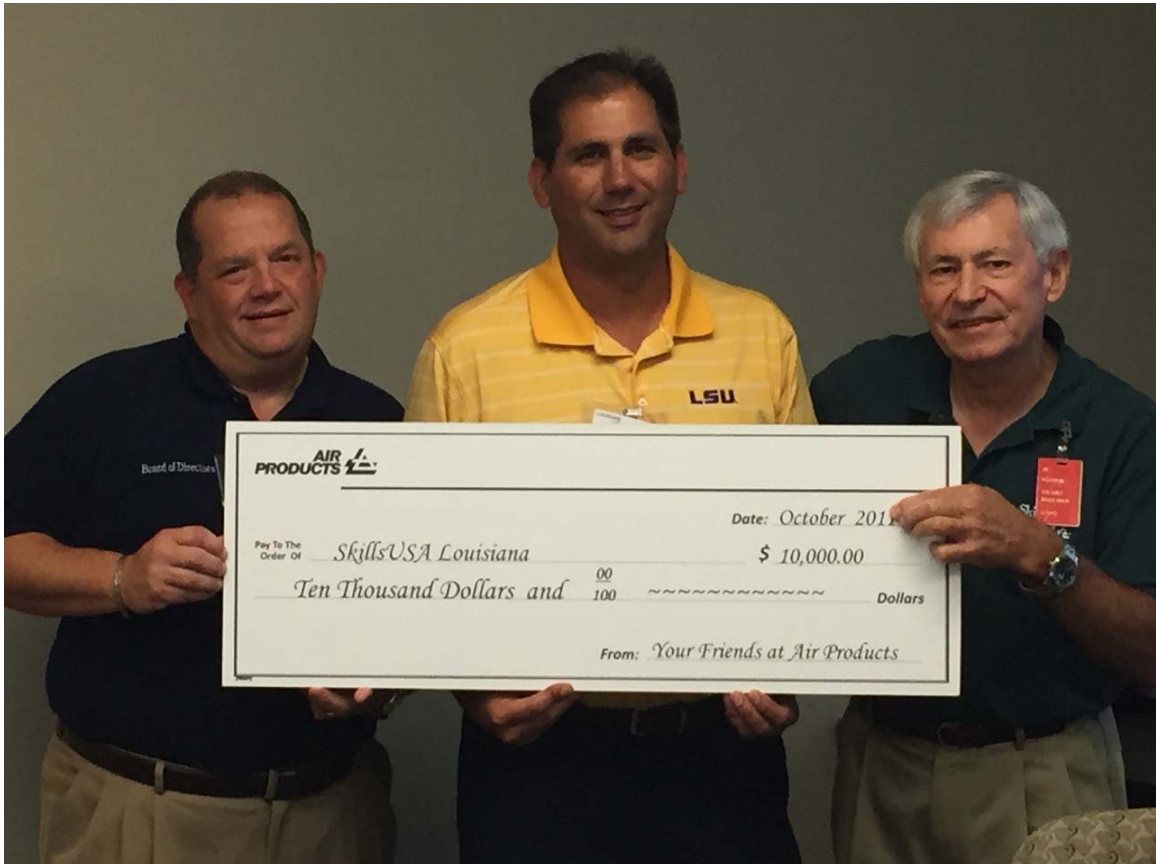


SkillsUSA Louisiana Receives Charitable Contribution's



(Left) SkillsUSA Louisiana's Board President, Rick Cook, and Larry Rabalais Executive Director receives a contribution from Air Products' Clay Roccaforte. September 2015



(Left) SkillsUSA Louisiana's Director, Larry Rabalais receives a contribution from Air Products' Byron Brister. October 2011

Air Products is proud to be a partner with [SkillsUSA](#) chapters across the country. Many Air Products colleagues are involved as volunteers as they work with schools to develop a close relationship in support of career and technical education. Byron Brister, SkillsUSA Louisiana board member, recently presented Larry Rabalais, director of SkillsUSA Louisiana, with a charitable contribution which will be used to support several strategic initiatives between Air Products and SkillsUSA Louisiana.

These initiatives include increased recruiting of industrial technology students into SkillsUSA chapters attending schools near Air Products locations (welding, instrumentation/electrical, process technology, etc.); recruiting of pre-engineering students into SkillsUSA chapters around the state; recruiting of college students into SkillsUSA chapters statewide; starting SkillsUSA chapters at schools near Air Products locations and developing partnerships with existing SkillsUSA chapters located near Air Products locations.

"SkillsUSA has made a difference in the school, the workplace, and the community. The word is network - partnership, and learning to work together. Business people say the main skill that they look for in young people is the ability to work together in teams – Teamwork, Problem Solving, Oral Communications, Creative Thinking. SkillsUSA is making this networking take place with these Employability Skills Sets."