



# ATLANTA

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**THE WORLD'S NEXT GREAT CITY**

**VICA Welcomes  
The International  
Skill Olympics**  
June 8-20, 1981





The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Inc., and the State of Georgia Department of Education look forward to hosting the 26th International Skill Olympics in Atlanta June 8-20, 1981.

Welcome  
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Bienvenue  
Bienvenido

The opportunity for competitors of 16 countries to meet and to share experiences will be expanded through involvement in VICA's National Leadership Conference and the USSO. This year some 5,000 students are expected to attend and to take part in activities concurrently with ISO.

### 1981 International Skill Olympics Schedule

#### Monday, June 8

International Secretariat's, technical representatives' and jury members' arrival in Atlanta

#### Tuesday, June 9

Confirmation of juries  
Selection of drawings by technical representatives  
Orientation of jury chairmen on contest procedures  
Jury and technical representatives' meeting

#### Wednesday, June 10

Hall B set-up  
Jury meetings  
Preparation of marking schemes and translations

#### Thursday, June 11

Continuation of technical preparations  
Competitors' and delegations' arrival in Atlanta

#### Friday, June 12

Inspection of workshops  
Final certification of technical preparations

#### Saturday, June 13

Official Opening Ceremonies

#### Sunday, June 14

First day of competition

#### Monday, June 15

Second day of competition

#### Tuesday, June 16

Third day of competition

#### Wednesday, June 17

Participation in Opening Ceremonies  
National VICA Conference and Skill Olympics  
Excursion for competitors

#### Thursday, June 18

Opening VICA USSO  
Tour of VICA Skill Olympics  
Special entertainment

#### Friday, June 19

Excursion for all delegates  
Participation in VICA Skill Olympics Awards Program

#### Saturday, June 20

International Vocational Education Symposium  
Official Closing Ceremonies and Presentation of Awards  
Farewell dinner







## VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND UNITED STATES SKILL OLYMPICS

### History

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) is the only national organization in the United States of America serving trade, industrial, technical and health occupations education students. VICA incorporates leadership, citizenship and character development programs and activities into the skill training offered in America's schools and taught by men and women who have worked in the occupational areas in which they now instruct their students.

VICA was organized in 1965 as a non-profit, educational association with the assistance of the National Association of State Supervisors of Trade and Industrial Education. Sponsoring its founding were the American Vocational Association, the U.S. Office of Education, the AFL-CIO and the United States Chamber of Commerce. VICA has chartered 50 states, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, since its inception, with a total membership for the year 1981 of over 294,000. There are nearly 13,000 local unit clubs in the nation's schools.

Members of VICA are students in high school and post high school training. Each group has its own division within the organization and each operates at the local, state and national levels. Students form clubs in their schools within their own occupational areas with the help of their instructors, and the activity is an integral part of the curriculum.

No tax dollars support the national organization. It is completely supported by student dues, publication sales and contributions.

### Purposes

VICA emphasizes respect for the dignity of work, high standards in trade ethics, workmanship, scholarship and safety. VICA promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and encourages development of patriotism through the practice of democracy within the club.

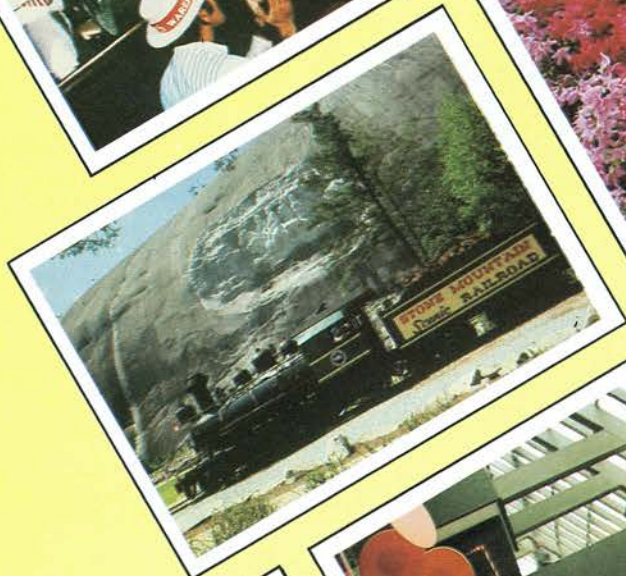
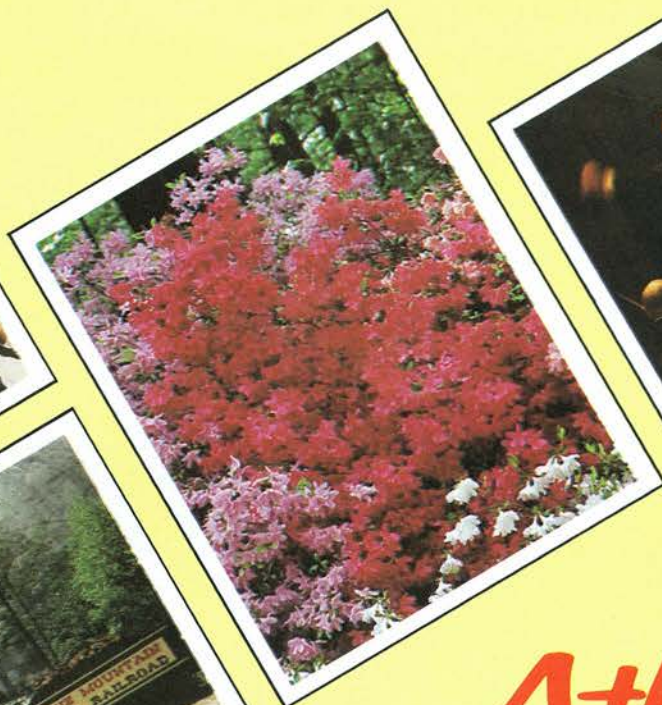
Competitive activities in the trade skills as well as areas such as public speaking, job interview, parliamentary procedure and safety are vital aspects of VICA's program. Members may also participate in an individual competition known as the Vocational Initiative and Club Achievement Program. This program involves personal recognition for both skill and leadership accomplishment. The student follows standard program guidelines but sets and meets his own goals, as he works to better himself as a total individual.

### National Leadership Conference

Annually, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America hosts a National Leadership Conference during which students from throughout the nation meet to discuss the business and future activities of the organization.

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# Atlanta

*Tomorrow's City—Today. A blending of man's latest achievements with the charm of a bygone era. Atlanta, the friendly capital of the southeast, presents the best for those who visit.*

## Shopping

It is unsurpassed. Atlanta, long a retail Mecca for the southeast, adds to its home-bred retail names, houses familiar on Fifth Avenue, the Champs Elyees and the Via Veneto.

Visitors have two areas downtown for shopping or a little further afield there are numerous modern suburban malls.

## Transportation

Atlanta boasts the world's largest airline passenger terminal with non-stop airlinks with most American population centers, as well as direct international flights to Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico and Canada. Fourteen airlines operate flights to more than 150 cities daily.

Three major interstate highways (I-20, I-75 and I-85) converge near the city center. Sleek buses operate throughout the metro area in addition to a new rapid rail system operating between 13 stations on a 12-mile track.



### Climate

Atlanta enjoys, for the most part, a temperate climate. While extremes in temperature have been recorded during summer and winter, these two seasons are relatively short, giving way to long, gentle springtimes and autumns.

### Dining

Ambience at Atlanta's many fine dining establishments ranges from "down home" to "haute": There are a number of restaurants located in unusual settings such as an authentic antebellum home, former slave cabin, Victorian mansion and a converted church.

Cuisines cover British, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mexican, Russian Scandinavian and Vietnamese. And don't forget the region's own dishes ranging from country ham and red eye gravy to barbecue and Brunswick stew.

### Entertainment

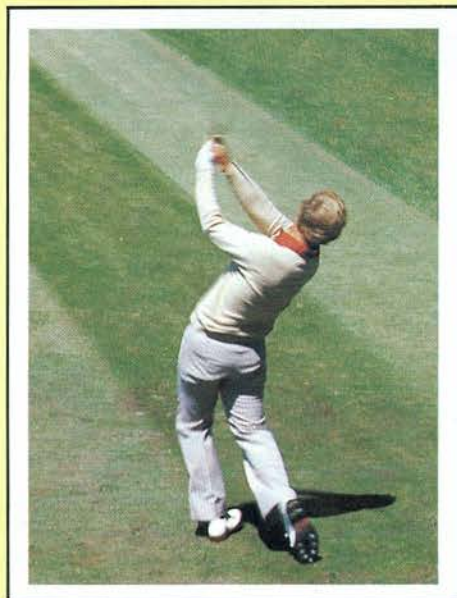
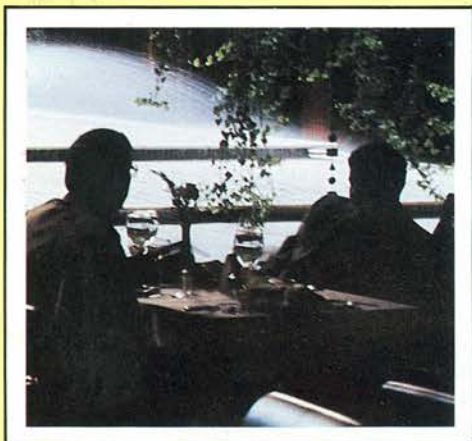
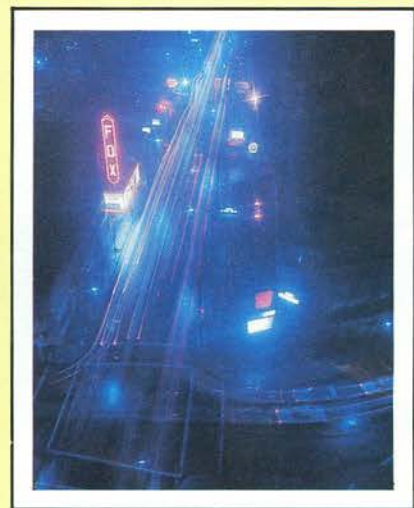
A wealth of choices include hotel lounges for dining, dancing and live floorshows. Outside nightspots range from quiet, intimate nooks to trendy discos. Local theater and dance companies are augmented by touring troupes and cabaret.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra is internationally acclaimed and the New York Metropolitan Opera performs at the Civic Center for a week each spring. The High Museum of Art exhibits permanent collections of European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts. There are also museums featuring natural science, antique toys and Confederate memorabilia and one of the largest planetariums in the country.

### Sports

Atlanta boasts four professional sport teams: NFL football's Falcons, NL baseball's Braves, NASL soccer's Chiefs and NBA basketball's Hawks. In addition, Georgia Tech and other colleges field first-rate teams in a number of intercollegiate sports.

A multitude of fine golf and tennis facilities offer year-round enjoyment.





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Each State VICA Association sends delegates to the National Conference to discuss policies of the organization and to make suggestions for the coming year's program of work. On the secondary level, each state association has two delegates plus one delegate for every thousand members. On the post-secondary level, delegates represent fewer members since this division is relatively new. These delegates vote on changes to the Constitution or innovations they would like to see in their organization. Each division meets separately to discuss the needs of their individual situations.

In the delegate sessions, students learn of developments at the National level which affect them and their states; they hear speakers from government, education, labor, and management, and they listen to campaign speeches from VICA members running for National Office. These student candidates have been campaigning during the entire conference for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Regional Vice Presidencies in each division.

The National VICA Officers organize and preside over all delegate sessions using strict parliamentary procedure. The use of parliamentary procedure is part of leadership training within the VICA club. All those attending the VICA Conference are allowed to observe these sessions, but only voting delegates are actually allowed "on the floor" and no one may speak to the delegates or influence their decisions during the sessions.

Attending the Conference, along with students, are teachers, advisors, counselors, teacher educators, association representatives, labor and management leaders, and representatives from other student organizations. Members, advisors, school administrators

and local citizens—representing government, private business and industry in that community—often play an active part in the conference. They may assist in the United States Skill Olympics, attend special functions, or simply observe this National event.

National VICA Staff are responsible for seeing that the Conference and Skill Olympics proceed smoothly. They help to expedite the program and provide information and guidance to the various student and adult groups holding business meetings and workshops. It is an opportunity for any participant to speak directly to Staff about concerns or interests. Staff members recognize the occasion as their own best opportunity to communicate first-hand with the members of VICA.

#### **United States Skill Olympics**

Since 1968, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America has annually held national competition in leadership and skill areas. In addition, competition is held locally and statewide. State winners are the official contestants in the VICA United States Skill Olympics with more than 2,200 students participating in 36 separate competitive events.

Contestants are evaluated on skill performance by technical experts from industry. Many management and labor organizations support and are directly involved in the VICA U.S. Skill Olympics program throughout the year. These organizations offer awards to winners and provide equipment for the contests. They also give of their valuable time and talent in contest development and implementation.

Winners in each division of the VICA United States Skill Olympics are presented with gold, silver and bronze medallions from the National VICA Organization by the Board of Directors of VICA, Incorporated. Those



**INTERNATIONAL SKILL OLYMPICS STEERING COMMITTEE**—1st row, left to right: David Hill, Johnson Co. Community College, KS; Frank P. Steckel, Appalachian State University, NC; Earl Williams, State Supervisor for Trade and Industrial Education, GA; Leslie Johnson, National Machine

Tool Builders Association; Arthur Wesche, IBM. 2nd row, left to right: Stephen Denby, National VICA; Eugene Hornberger, Newport News Shipbuilding; Robert A. Thebert, GM Corp.; J. Alvin Wilbanks, DeKalb OTC-N, GA; Harold E. Lewis, National VICA; Larry W. Johnson, National VICA.





winners who have competed in certain of the Olympic areas and who have not reached their 21st birthday are eligible to participate in the International Skill Olympics. These students represent not only the VICA organization, but all trade and industrial education students in the United States of America.

#### **Adult Participation**

During the National Leadership Conference, the **Board of Directors of VICA, Incorporated** meets to make and review policy of the organization. In addition, it holds a joint session with the National Executive Council which consists of the national officers from both divisions of VICA. At this meeting, the Board listens and reacts to recommendations which the Executive Council submits on behalf of the delegate assembly.

The **State VICA Directors**, those persons in charge of VICA activities in the individual states, also hold meetings at this time, discussing new plans for the year and exchanging ideas and materials.

The **VICA United States Skill Olympics Technical Committee**, a committee consisting primarily of labor and management representatives, also meets at this time to formulate plans for new contests and improve existing ones.

The **National Association of Trade and Industrial Instructors**, the **National Association of State Supervisors of Trade and Industrial Education** and the **National Association for Trade and Industrial Education** meet to discuss plans and programs of work for their members, and to join in and support the VICA activities.

The **Alumni Organization** also holds meetings at this time. Alumni members are, of course, especially interested in keeping up-to-date with VICA activities and in supporting VICA.

The most recent addition to VICA is the **Collegiate Association**, which conducts its forum at the NLC. Collegiate members are students enrolled in teacher-education programs in 19 colleges and universities.

#### **Other Activities**

The National Leadership Conference and the VICA U.S. Skill Olympics are fast-paced and exciting activities, but business meetings, workshops, and competition are not the whole story. Participants and guests enjoy sightseeing tours, entertainment, a VICA Rally and fun night, along with special breakfasts and luncheons sponsored by various organizations. The Awards Program is the climax of a week of exciting activity for all those thousands of students and adults attending the Conference. During this program winners receive their well-deserved medallions and the newly-elected National VICA Officers are announced to an audience filled with anticipation. The Awards Program is an evening filled with emotion, and one that few who attend the National Leadership Conference and Olympics will ever forget.





## AWARDS SPONSOR PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL SKILL OLYMPICS

VICA has invited top executives from America's largest corporations to visit the International Skill Olympics, and will solicit their involvement in a program called the **"International Skill Olympics Awards Sponsor Program."** Awards Sponsors will relieve VICA of the financial burden incurred in providing expenses for the U.S. team, and other administrative expenses in hosting the International Skill Olympics.

An **International Olympics Awards Sponsor** is an organization which contributes sufficient funds to the VICA Youth Development Foundation to:

- Sponsor travel scholarships for team members in a single contest event to compete in the International Skill Olympics.
- Sponsor the development of promotional materials to be sent to all instructional programs in the sponsored area.
- Sponsor the administration and coordination of student grants and of the development of promotional materials.

The **International Skill Olympics Awards Sponsor** will:

- Be identified on all materials related to the specific contest chosen as the **ISO Awards Sponsor**.
- Receive recognition as an **ISO Awards Sponsor** in *VICA* journal.
- Become known as the **ISO Awards Sponsor** in the vocational training programs for the selected area of competition through specialized materials developed and sent to training programs in all the states.
- Have direct access to committed and trained students through luncheons, receptions and other activities of the sponsor's choosing during the International Skill Olympics.
- Have direct input to instructional programs as an **ISO Awards Sponsor** through the instructors who are VICA advisors.
- Have the satisfaction of contributing to a program that motivates students to excellence and encourages proper work attitudes.

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