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January 2025 | This year, Valley registered 48 Global Business Academy (GBA) students to compete in the SkillsUSA Regional Competition, doubling last year's participation and marking the highest number of competitors since multiple academies competed together in previous years. The GBA team has been working tirelessly, and their dedication is evident in this record-breaking achievement.

Several of this year's competitors attended the SkillsUSA State Competition last year as mentees, thanks to the support of High School Inc. This

mentorship approach continues to yield positive results, fostering a cycle of experienced competitors guiding new participants. High School Inc. has also played a significant role in supporting leadership development through the Disney Leadership Experience, helping upperclassmen and alumni hone their leadership skills to mentor and assist new competitors. With the number of competitors doubling, GBA teachers have relied on upperclassmen and alumni to help guide rookie competitors, including 10 freshmen—the largest freshman group GBA has ever had in competition.

The regional competition maintains a hybrid format, with students competing via Zoom or submitting video presentations. The first materials were due on January 3, and the competition officially began on January 11, requiring students and teachers to work diligently through Winter Break to prepare. Zoom competitions run from January 11 to February 8, with specific contests scheduled for Saturdays.

While students will complete their competitions by January 25, SkillsUSA does not release results until all events conclude. This year, scores are scheduled to be announced on Valentine's Day, February 14. Those who advance will move on to the California State Competition, which takes place during Spring Break from April 10-14 at the Ontario Convention Center. The state competition will once again be an in-person, overnight event, culminating in an awards ceremony at the Toyota Arena.

With a significant increase in participation, dedicated mentorship, and strong institutional support, Valley's Global Business Academy is making waves at SkillsUSA, showcasing the hard work and talent of its students and educators alike.