

BC's Best Trade and Technology Students Shine at Skills Canada National Competition

Vancouver, June 16, 2014 – 52 of British Columbia's best and brightest skilled trade and technology students have returned home after competing at the Skills Canada National Competition held in Toronto from June 4th to 7th. Team BC competitors from Secondary and Post-Secondary schools across British Columbia earned 16 medals in transportation, construction, manufacturing, information and technology, service and employment categories (6 Gold, 6 Silver and 4 Bronze).

Skills Canada National Competition 2014 TeamBC Results				
Elijah	Baluyan	2D Character Computer Animation (Sec)	Silver	Robert Bateman Secondary
Karmyn	Chretien	2D Character Computer Animation (Sec)	Silver	Robert Bateman Secondary
Patty	Chomseng	3D Character Computer Animation (Sec)	Bronze	Rick Hansen Secondary
Monica	Sivongsa	3D Character Computer Animation (Sec)	Bronze	Rick Hansen Secondary
Jacob	Wall	AutoBody Repair (Sec)	Silver	A L Fortune Secondary
Matthew	Dyck	Automotive Service (Sec)	Bronze	Highland Secondary
Mandy	Yeung	Baking (PS)	Bronze	Vancouver Community College
Adam	Corneau	Carpentry (PS)	Bronze	Thompson Rivers University
Metika	Olanriksupak	CNC Machining (PS)	Gold	B.C. Institute of Technology
Thalia	Austin	Cooking (Sec)	Silver	Vancouver Island University
Hudson	Schier	Electronics (Sec)	Silver	Clarence Fulton Secondary
Patricia	Roque	Fashion Technology (Sec)	Gold	Eric Hamber Secondary
Fiona	Siu	Graphic Design (Sec)	Gold	Eric Hamber Secondary
Seth	Kushniryk	IT - Network Systems Administration (Sec)	Silver	Sardis Secondary
Rachel	Lau	Job Search (Sec)	Gold	Magee Secondary
Ethan	Glenwright	Robotics (Sec)	Silver	Mark R. Isfeld Senior Secondary
Adrian	Humphry	Robotics (Sec)	Silver	Mark R. Isfeld Senior Secondary
Nicolas	Parlee	Robotics (Sec)	Silver	Mark R. Isfeld Senior Secondary
Damian	Parlee	Robotics (Sec)	Silver	Mark R. Isfeld Senior Secondary
Annabelle	Foss	TV/Video Production (Sec)	Gold	Brooks Secondary
Michael	Stevantoni	TV/Video Production (Sec)	Gold	Brooks Secondary
Lucy	Wei	Web Site Development (Sec)	Gold	Fraser Heights Secondary

The Skills Canada National Competition is the only Olympic-style, multi-trade and technology event of its kind for young students and apprentices in the country. The event took place June 4-7th at the International Centre in Toronto where sixty different assigned projects were showcased in major skilled trade and technology categories. The 600 competitors from all provinces and territories were evaluated by independent judges from the respective industry sectors. Their decisions were based on industry standards and established work practices, using specific criteria such as quality of work, safety, cleanliness, skill level and creativity.

This year's special guests included the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development, HGTV's Bryan Baeumler of *House of Bryan* and Paul Lafrance of *Decked Out*. In his address at the closing ceremonies, Minister Kenny recognised the importance of the competition and the role that Skills Canada plays in trade and technology career promotion.

About Skills Canada – BC

Skills Canada British Columbia (SCBC) brings together industry, labour, education and government leaders to equip young people with the opportunity and resources to pursue trade and technology careers. Each year SCBC programs in every region of the province touch more than 12,000 BC students. For more information about Skills Canada British Columbia visit www.skillscanada.bc.ca or call 604-432-4229.

About Skills/Comp étences Canada

Skills/Comp étences Canada was founded in 1989 as a national, not-for-profit organization that works with employers, educators, labour groups and governments to promote skilled trades and technology careers among Canadian youth. Its unique position among private and public sector partners enables it to work toward securing Canada's future skilled labour needs while helping young people and aspiring apprentices discover rewarding careers. Skills/Comp étences Canada offers experiential learning opportunities including skilled trades and technology competitions for young Canadians through national and international events, as well as skilled trade awareness programs. Headquartered in Ottawa, Skills/Comp étences Canada is the Canadian Member organization of WorldSkills International. For more information about Skills/Comp étences Canada visit www.skillscanada.com, or call 877-754-5226.