

Team BC Shines at Skills Canada National Competition

Held at BC Place June 5 – 8

Vancouver, June 16, 2013 - **(SKILLS CANADA NATIONAL COMPETITION 2013)** – Team BC was front and centre as Canada's best and brightest skilled trade and technology students received official recognition for their outstanding performance at the Skills Canada National Competition held at BC Place from June 5th to 8th.

The Skills Canada National Competition is the only national, Olympic-style, multi-trade and technology event of its kind for young students and apprentices in the country. The event took place June 5-8th at BC Place in Vancouver where sixty different assigned projects were showcased in major skilled trade and technology categories. Competitors 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.

"The goal of this annual Competition is to reward students for excellence in the skilled trades, while directly involving industry leaders and educators in the training process and in evaluating their performance in a way that is relevant to employers' needs," said Shaun Thorson, CEO, Skills Canada. "The enthusiasm and hard work shown by the competitors throughout the Competition has been inspiring and we want to congratulate each one. We also want to thank and acknowledge the ongoing support from the Government of Canada, sponsors and organizers for working with us to ensure that there is a bright future for Canada's skilled trade and technology workforce."

Medalists

A total of 180 medals were awarded to the top champions in six skilled trade and technology categories: transportation, construction, manufacturing, information and technology, service and employment. Competitors from Secondary and Post-Secondary schools across British Columbia were awarded 22 of these medals (5 Gold, 9 Silver and 8 Bronze).

Skills Canada National Competition 2013 Team BC Results				
Patty	Chomseng	3D Character Computer Animation (Sec)	Gold	Abbotsford Virtual School
Conor	Nolan	3D Character Computer Animation (Sec)	Gold	Abbotsford Virtual School
Brandon	Scott	Autobody Repair (PS)	Bronze	Okanagan College
Georgine	Chung	Baking (PS)	Bronze	Vancouver Community College
Simon	Wong	Baking (Sec)	Silver	Templeton Secondary
Tyler	Simpson	Cabinetmaking (PS)	Silver	B.C. Institute of Technology
Hilary	Malone	Cooking (PS)	Bronze	Vancouver Island University
Amie	Peters	Cooking (Sec)	Gold	Abbotsford Senior Secondary
Nathanael	Bergmann	Electronics (PS)	Silver	Okanagan College
Chris	Leclair	Electronics (Sec)	Gold	Georges P Vanier Secondary
Connie	Cheng	Fashion Technology (Sec)	Gold	Eric Hamber Secondary
Rachelle	Garcia	Hairstyling (Sec)	Gold	Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary

Jesse	Brown	Industrial Mechanic/Millwright (PS)	Bronze	B.C. Institute of Technology
Jonathan	Unger	IT - Network Systems Administration (PS)	Bronze	B.C. Institute of Technology
Justin	Emery	IT - Network Systems Administration (Sec)	Bronze	Sardis Secondary
Kevin	O'Connor	Landscape Gardening (PS)	Bronze	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Jason	Thompson	Landscape Gardening (PS)	Bronze	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Joseph	Ryan	Mechanical CADD (Sec)	Silver	Sardis Secondary
Alex	Bourassa	Plumbing (PS)	Silver	Thompson Rivers University
Landon	Harvey	Robotics (Sec)	Bronze	Mount Baker Secondary
Derek	Johnson	Robotics (Sec)	Bronze	Mount Baker Secondary
Edmond	Yoo	Robotics (Sec)	Bronze	Mount Baker Secondary
James	Benson	Sheet Metal Work (PS)	Silver	Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre
Heyang (Lucy)	Wei	Web Site Development (Sec)	Silver	Fraser Heights Secondary
Nathaniel John	Printis	Welding (PS)	Silver	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Johnathon	Hergott	Welding (Sec)	Silver	Sardis Secondary

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. Through SCBC, thousands of BC students participate in regional, provincial, national and international skills competitions, and experiential Try-A-Trade® programs. 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.