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Skills Canada BC  
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### **B.C. Students Excels at the Canadian Skills Competitions**

Nineteen B.C. secondary and post-secondary students won medals at the 15<sup>th</sup> Canadian Skills Competition in Charlottetown, PEI held from May 20-23, 2009. Students from B.C. put their skills to the test against the best from across the country. “Our competitors proudly represented BC as they excelled in their respective contest areas at the national stage,” said Adam Thorvaldson, Executive Director of Skills Canada BC.

Team B.C. earned 11 Gold, 3 Silver and 4 Bronze in 26 contest areas.

Name: Cormac Eby  
Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: Cabinetmaking – Post Secondary  
School: North Island College  
Residence/Hometown: Port Alberni, BC

Name: Brian James Davis  
Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: Carpentry – Post Secondary  
School: Vancouver Island University  
Residence/Hometown: Nanaimo, BC

Name: Kenneth Mrunier  
Medal: Silver  
Competitor Category: Electrical Wiring - Secondary  
School: Abbotsford Collegiate  
Residence/Hometown: Mission, BC

Name: Nick Conti  
Medal: Silver  
Competitor Category: Industrial Wiring – Post Secondary  
School: BCIT  
Residence/Hometown: South Delta, BC

Name: Evan Butchart  
Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: Welding – Post Secondary  
School: Thompson Rivers University  
Residence/Hometown: Salmon Arm, BC

Name: Jade McGilvray  
Medal: Gold

Competitor Category: 3D Character Animation - Secondary  
School: Mount Boucherie Secondary  
Residence/Hometown: Kelowna, BC

Name: Jenna Cumbers  
Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: 3D Character Animation –Secondary  
School: Mount Boucherie Secondary  
Residence/Hometown: Kelowna, BC

Name: Jason Cho  
Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: Website Development - Secondary  
School: Earl Marriott Secondary  
Residence/Hometown: Surrey, BC

Name: Nathan Wiens  
Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: IT PC Network Support - Secondary  
School: Sardis Secondary  
Residence/Hometown: Chilliwack, BC

Name: Mike Christensen  
Medal: Bronze  
Competitor Category: Mechanical CAD - Secondary  
School: Sardis Secondary  
Residence/Hometown: Chilliwack, BC

Name: James Sawatzky  
Medal: Bronze  
Competitor Category: Autobody Collision Repair – Post Secondary  
School: Okanagan College  
Residence/Hometown: Kelowna, BC

Name: Andrew Goll  
Medal: Bronze  
Competitor Category: Automotive Service – Post Secondary  
School: Okanagan College  
Residence/Hometown: Kelowna, BC

Name: Brent Reddick  
Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: Aircraft Maintenance – Post Secondary  
School: BCIT  
Residence/Hometown: Langley, BC

Name: Jordan Brooke

Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: Industrial Maintenance (Millwright) – Post Secondary  
School: BCIT  
Residence/Hometown: Pemberton, BC

Name: Michael Kleywegt  
Medal: Silver  
Competitor Category: CNC Machining – Post Secondary  
School: BCIT  
Residence/Hometown: Port Alberni, BC

Name: Robin Farrell  
Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: Electronics - Secondary  
School: Highland Secondary  
Residence/Hometown: Comox, BC

Name: Daniel Hall  
Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: Electronics – Post Secondary  
School: Thompson Rivers University  
Residence/Hometown: Kamloops, BC

Name: Kathy Chan  
Medal: Gold  
Competitor Category: Baking - Secondary  
School: Heritage Woods Secondary  
Residence/Hometown: Coquitlam, BC

Name: Cassandra Crocco  
Medal: Bronze  
Competitor Category: Baking – Post Secondary  
School: Vancouver Community College  
Residence/Hometown: Vancouver, BC

## Skills Canada BC Background

Skills Canada BC is a non-profit organization and registered charity that was incepted in 1994. Our organization is composed of volunteers representing - industry, labour, education and government dedicated to promoting and enhancing the perceived value of professional technical and trade skills among British Columbia's youth.

Skills Canada programs begin in grade six and continue throughout post-secondary. A major component of Skills programming is the skilled trades and technology competitions. The philosophy of the skills competitions is to reward students for excellence, to directly involve industry in evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers needs. The competitions allow students access to the newest technologies and opportunities to communicate with industry experts who serve as mentors by demonstrating to the students that the skills they possess are valuable.

Our goal is that through the competitions, whether as a participant or an observer, youth from across the Province of BC will gain positive exposure to career and education opportunities in the trades and technology industry.

Educators can also use the competitions as a medium to raise the profile of trades and technology programs within their own school.

For more information on Skills Canada BC or our competitions please visit our website at: [www.skillscanada.bc.ca](http://www.skillscanada.bc.ca)

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