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B.C. Students Shine at the Canadian Skills Competitions

Nineteen B.C. secondary and post-secondary students won medals at the 14th Canadian Skills Competition in Calgary, Alberta, May 25-28, 2008. Students from B.C. put their skills to the test with the best from across the country. “Our competitors proudly represented B.C. as they all excelled in their respective contest areas in front of the nation,” said Adam Thorvaldson, Executive Director of Skills Canada BC.

Team B.C. earned 6 Gold, 6 Silver and 7 Bronze in 32 contest areas. Two B.C. students are now eligible to be a part of Team Canada and compete in next year’s WorldSkills Calgary 2009 Competition.

The two Team Canada Representatives from B.C. are as follows:

Name: Caitlin Mayo
Medal: Silver – Team Canada – World Skills 2009 Competitor
Category: Baking – Post Secondary
School: Vancouver Community College
Residence/Hometown: Surrey, BC

Name: Brian Everts
World Skills 2009 Competitor
Category: Aircraft Maintenance – Post Secondary
School: BCIT
Residence/Hometown: Maple Ridge, BC

The following are the medal winners and their respective contest areas that they competed in:

Name: Chris Horntvedt
Medal: Gold
Category: Electrical Wiring – Post Secondary – Best in Region Winner
School: BCIT
Residence/Hometown: Coquitlam, BC

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

Name: Tyler Selzler
Medal: Gold
Category: Autobody Repair – Post Secondary
School: Okanagan College
Residence/Hometown: Kelowna, BC

Name: Thorin Brown
Medal: Silver
Category: Electronics – Post Secondary
School: Vancouver Community College
Residence/Hometown: Vancouver, BC

Name: Dane Hansen
Medal: Bronze
Category: Electronics - Secondary
School: GP Vanier Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Courtney, BC

Name: Erin Chung
Medal: Bronze
Category: Website Development - Secondary
School: Earl Marriott Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Surrey, BC

Name: Michael Gatey
Medal: Gold
Category: Carpentry - Secondary
School: South Kamloops Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Kamloops, BC

Name: Daisy Liang
Medal: Silver
Category: Fashion Design - Secondary
School: Eric Hamber Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Vancouver, BC

Name: Jeff Derkson
Medal: Silver
Category: Baking - Secondary
School: Templeton Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Vancouver, BC

Name: Jonathan MacIntyre
Medal: Gold
Category: Automotive Service – Post Secondary
School: Thompson Rivers University
Residence/Hometown: Kamloops, BC
Name: Scott Schmich
Medal: Gold
Category: Culinary Arts - Secondary
School: Hatzic Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Mission, BC

Name: Grahem Blasko
Medal: Gold
Category: Refrigeration – Post Secondary
School: BCIT
Residence/Hometown: Duncan, BC

Name: Curtis Benteau
Medal: Silver
Category: IT PC Network Support - Secondary
School: Sardis Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Chilliwack, BC

Name: Albert Law
Medal: Bronze
Category: Graphic Design – Post Secondary
School: Emily Carr Institute of Art + Design
Residence/Hometown: Vancouver, BC

Name: Adam Jackson
Medal: Bronze
Category: TV & Video Production - Secondary
School: Hugh Boyd Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Richmond, BC

Name: David Murphy
Medal: Bronze
Category: TV & Video Production - Secondary
School: Hugh Boyd Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Richmond, BC

Name: Davis Sun
Medal: Bronze
Category: 3D Character Computer Animation - Secondary
School: Dover Bay Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Nanaimo, BC

Name: Andrea Carroll
Medal: Bronze
Category: 3D Character Computer Animation - Secondary
School: Dover Bay Secondary
Residence/Hometown: Nanaimo, BC

Skills Canada BC Backgrounder

Skills Canada BC is a non-profit organization and registered charity 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.

For the past 14 years, Skills Canada BC has organized skills competitions on an annual basis at regional and provincial levels as the primary means of achieving these objectives. Gold medalists of the provincial event advanced and competed at the National competition which was held in Calgary, Alberta this year on May 25-28, 2008.

These competitions are a showcase of Trades and technology occupations in demand in today's workforce. Visitors can view students demonstrating their skills in over 30 different areas from Baking and Web Site Design, to Automotive Service and Welding.

As Skills Canada BC enters its fifteenth year of service to high school and college students, our programming will be expanded throughout the province. Building on the spirit of volunteerism and community, this expansion will further the diversification of the provincial competition with the addition of new programs. Community based programs will be developed in each of the 12 regions throughout the province.

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