



SKILLS CANADA ALBERTA
2011 Report to the Community



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“Holding back gains nothing.
Strive for your best and you
will receive your desires.”

Nick Gaze

Provincial and National Gold Medalist,
Hairstyling



SKILLS CANADA ALBERTA

Skills Canada Alberta is a not-for-profit provincial association that serves as a critical link between industry, labour, government, educators and students.



To meet current demands and in anticipation of future trends, Skill Canada Alberta (SCA) equips young minds with the skills that will help Alberta compete successfully in a drastically changing world market. This is accomplished by developing trade and technology skills, and shining the spotlight on the accomplishments of junior high, senior high and post-secondary students.

SCA is part of the national association, Skills/Compétences Canada which has offices in each territory and province in Canada. The Skills Movement begins at the local level and provides a path for students to national and international training opportunities.

Our Mission

Skills Canada Alberta is a provincial, not-for-profit organization that actively promotes careers in skilled trades and technologies to Alberta youth.

Our Goals

- To improve the public perception of the importance of trade and technology based careers.
- To promote the career path opportunities within trades and technologies.
- To enhance the quality of technological education.
- To develop and maintain strong links between business, education, government and labour.
- To encourage students to recognize the value of completing secondary and post-secondary education for personal development and future employability.

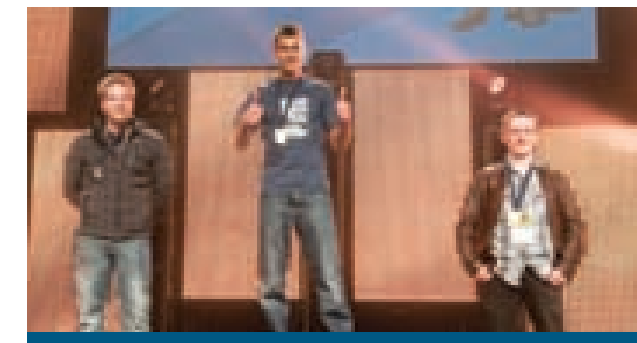
Our Objectives

- Showcase skilled trade and technology careers through regional, provincial, national and international competitions.
- Work in partnership with organizations, institutions and associations to educate youth on future trends.
- Develop, design and organize technology challenges, which require problem solving, teamwork and leadership skills to ensure success.

“Provincial was great as usual. One comment from my students: ‘This was the best two days of my entire High School!’”

Gilles Theriault

Skills Champion Teacher,
Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SKILLS CANADA ALBERTA

As Skills Canada Alberta launches its 20th Anniversary Celebration it is important to reflect on the individual stories of support that the organization's success is built on.

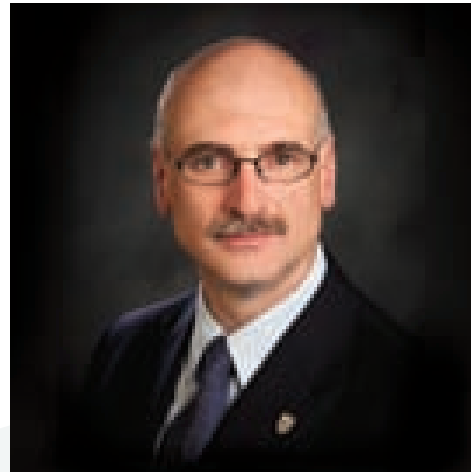
Countless individuals have contributed their time, energy and passion to support Alberta students that are too often overlooked by traditional measures of success. Small to large businesses have donated millions of dollars worth of equipment to support our competitions year after year. Teachers and instructors have invested hundreds of hours to train students, and thousands of volunteers donate their time to grow our programs.

Our supporters ensure accessibility to our regional competitions, expansion of our provincial competition, excellence executed at our national events, and in 2009 set the bar high for future WorldSkills Competitions.

Many of the visionaries that launched the first Provincial Skills Canada Competition at St. Joseph High School in 1993 are still connected to SCA today. Their enthusiasm set the foundation that attracted committed individuals from all corners of the province. With each milestone we reach, pride and determination will continue to be key values that drive the initiatives of Alberta's Skills Movement.



Peter Lawlor
President
Skills Canada Alberta



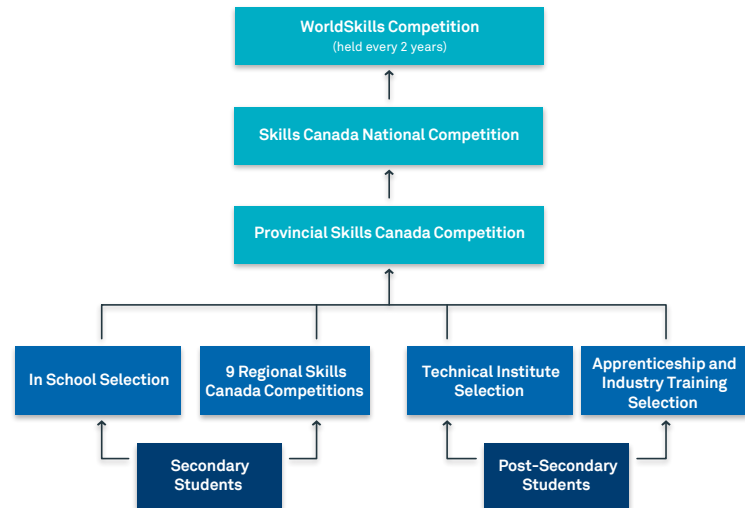
Highlights of 2011

- **24% increase** in the number of Skills Schools and **30% increase** in the number of Teacher Champions connected to SCA
- **30% increase** in the number of students competing in the nine Regional Skills Canada Competitions (RSCC)
- **10% increase** in the number of students at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) on a School Tour
- Addition of a **Regional Competition Coordinator** role to the SCA Team
- Addition of **Cabinet Making** to the list of contest areas that high school students must qualify at their RSCC to compete at the PSCC. Other regionalized events include Auto Service, Carpentry, Culinary Arts and Welding
- Addition of a **Cardboard Boat Race** in the Central Region.
- Addition of **Joinery** as a competition at the PSCC
- Recognition to the following Committees at the PSCC:
 - » **Cabinet Making** was voted as the Best Try-A-Trade® hosted by AWMAC Northern Alberta Chapter
 - » **Welding** was voted as the Girls Exploring Trades and Technology Conference participant favorite
 - » **Insulators** won the Committee Safety Award
- **Online streaming** of the PSCC Awards Ceremony
- Team Alberta Alumni eligible for **\$34,500 in Scholarships** through the WorldSkills Legacy Scholarships Fund
- Hosted the **one year anniversary** celebration for WorldSkills Calgary 2009
- Announcement of the 2012 Skills Canada National Competition to be hosted in **Edmonton May 13-16, 2012**
- **Hosted 8 professional development seminars** at the Career and Technology Studies Conference focused on Architectural Technology & Design, Auto Service, Carpentry, Hairstyling, Mechanical CADD, Photography, Welding, and Workplace Safety skills.



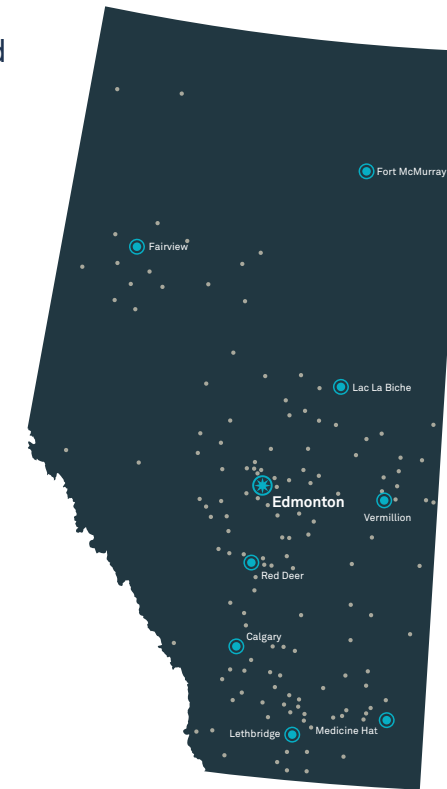
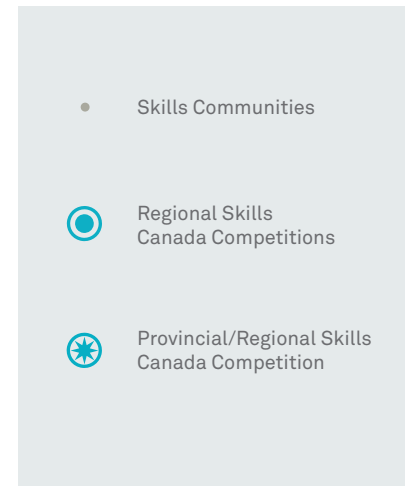
LEADING THE SKILLS MOVEMENT

Skills Canada Alberta's partners take a proactive approach to inspire students to pursue excellence. Skills Canada's profile in local communities to the international stage establishes Alberta as a leader in the development of a new generation of skilled talent.



COMMUNITIES BUILDING SKILLS

In 2011, 6500 students participated in Skills Canada Alberta programs, representing 150 communities from across the province.



PARTNERS



SCA brings together industry, labour, education and government partners to provide the necessary funding to support our endeavours, and ensure students have minimal barriers to participate.

Government Partners

Alberta Education
Alberta Advanced Education
and Technology
Alberta Employment and
Immigration
Human Resources and Skills
Development Canada

Skills Champion

Cenovus Energy

Platinum Partner

Encana Natural Gas

Elite Partners

Building Trades of Alberta
Shell

Try-A-Trade® Partners

Alberta Wall and Ceiling
Association
Ironworkers Local 720

Gold Partners

Construction Labour Relations
– An Alberta Association
Christian Labour Association
of Canada
Imperial Oil Foundation
Finning
FT Services
Pembina Pipeline Corporation
Suncor

Silver Partners

Alberta Motor Association
Alberta Roofing Contractors
Association
Cloverdale Paint
Electrical Contractors
Association of Alberta
Insulators Training Trust Fund
Nexen
PCL Constructors Inc
Red Deer College
Sheet Metal Workers
International Association
Local #8
Syncrude Canada Ltd.
Toyota Dealers Advertising
Association

Over \$4 million in donations of tools, equipment, supplies and volunteer hours were contributed to SCA in 2010-11.

Corporate Partners

NAIT
SAIT Polytechnic
TELUS

Gold Suppliers

Cisco
Emco Plumbing
KMS Tools
Lincoln Electric
Marvel College
Masonry Contractors
Association of Alberta
Norden Autohaus
North Safety
Schneider Electric
ShowTech
Snap-On
Thomas Skinner
Waterloo Ford Lincoln
Waterous Power Systems

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the driving force behind all Skills Canada Alberta activities. Over 500 Provincial Technical Committee (PTC) members, judges and Try-A-Trade® volunteers bring to life the many events hosted each year.

There is a PTC for each of the 42 events featured at the competition, including the Try-A-Trades®. Two large PTC sessions are held each year in Red Deer to plan for the PSCC. Fall and spring sessions bring together representatives from across the province to set the direction of each of the contest areas.

In addition to establishing the nature of the contest, the areas of knowledge and skill to be tested, and sourcing tools, materials and equipment required to host the competition, the volunteers transform three large empty halls to showcase 42 unique professions.

At a regional level over 250 instructors, teachers and industry leaders hosted 68 individual contest areas at nine Regional Skills Canada Competitions.



Stan Townsend | 2011 Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer of the Year | On May 11, 2011 Chef Stan Townsend was awarded the 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award at the Annual Partnership Luncheon. The award is presented annually to a longstanding volunteer that has demonstrated outstanding contribution to the Skills Movement.

Chef Townsend, Chair of the Culinary Arts Program at NAIT, has supported Skills Canada Alberta for almost 20 years. During that time he has been a part of Regional, Provincial, National and International Competitions.

He demonstrates to students the required enthusiasm and passion that it takes to be a true professional.

Chef Townsend is part of a dedicated group of culinary leaders that host one of the most popular events of any of our Competitions.

Past Volunteers of the Year

John Horn | Ray Massey | Ken Heather

“What I like about this competition is it dispels the idea that young people today don’t have enthusiasm – that they don’t want to work and they just want an immediate return. When I hold a high school competition on Saturday that starts at 7 a.m., you have to get up at 5 a.m. to get here. They really suit up and show up, so they’re deadly serious. It’s so infectious, that once you get involved with it you can’t stop.”

Stan Townsend

2011 Volunteer of the Year

REGIONAL SKILLS CANADA COMPETITIONS

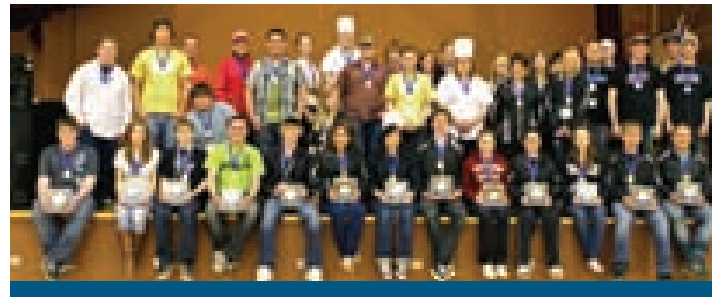
Over 630 high school students participated in the 2011 Regional Skills Canada Competitions (RSCC). 68 unique events were hosted throughout the spring of 2011.

Students in Auto Service, Cabinet Making, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, and Welding must qualify through their regional competition to earn a position at the PSCC.

To meet the demand to participate in the PSCC, SCA will continue to add new regionalized events offered at the RSCCs.

SCA is grateful to the many regional career development organizations, high schools and technical institutes that host and support our nine RSCC.

Regional Competition	Host and Organizers
Calgary	SAIT Polytechnic
Central	Red Deer College
Edmonton	NAIT
	Alberta Carpenters Union Training Centre
Lakeland	Lakeland College
North East	Portage College
North West	Grande Prairie Regional College
	Peace River School Division
	St. Thomas More School
South East	Medicine Hat College
	South Eastern Alberta Partners for Youth Career Development
South West	Lethbridge College
	Career Transitions
Wood Buffalo	Keyano College
	Fort McMurray Composite High School



“At Cenovus we realize the important contribution that skilled trade and technology workers make to our industry. Our business would not be able to successfully operate without these talented people. That’s why we partner with organizations, like Skills Canada Alberta, that improve students’ likelihood of staying in school, increase graduation rates in the communities where we operate and provide life skills that will lead to a better future for our youth and our communities.”

John Brannan
Executive Vice-President & Chief Operating Officer,
Cenovus Energy

19TH ANNUAL PROVINCIAL SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION

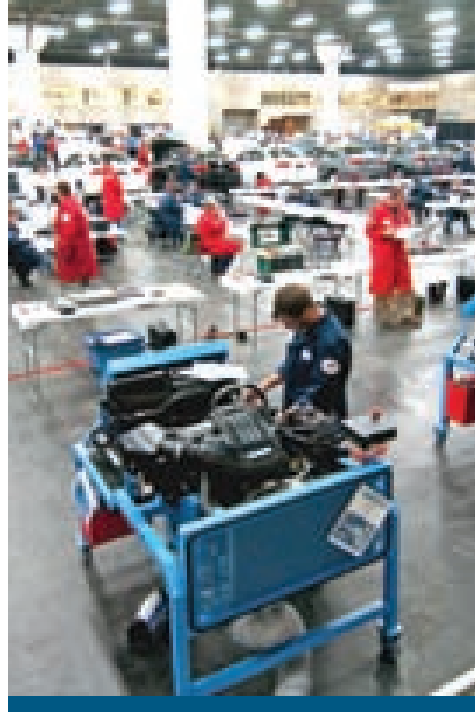
MAY 11-12, 2011

Edmonton Expo Centre, Northlands
Edmonton, Alberta

The philosophy of the Provincial Skills Canada Competitions (PSCC) is to reward students for excellence, to directly involve industry in evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs. Each year additional elements are incorporated into the event to enhance the experience of competitors and spectators alike.

633 Competitors
468 Secondary
165 Post-Secondary
6600 Total Attendance
42 Events
26 Try-A-Trades®

NEW COMPETITION Joinery
IRONWORKING TRY-A-TRADE® Presented by the Ironworkers Local 720
PLASTERING TRY-A-TRADE® Presented by Alberta Wall and Ceiling Association
COMPLETE RESULTS from the Provincial Skills Canada Competition are at www.skillsalberta.com



During the two-day competition, each secondary and post-secondary student specializes in one of over 40 event areas and will work on a project that has been designed by experts in that field. Gold medalists at PSCC are further rewarded with a selection to Team Alberta and an opportunity to showcase their skills at the Skills Canada National Competition.

High school students earn the opportunity to compete at the PSCC by either winning a spot at a Regional Skills Canada Competition or are selected by their teacher to participate. Post-secondary students are selected by Apprenticeship and Industry Training or their technical institute.

2011 Teacher Satisfaction Survey Results

100% Plan on bringing students next year to the PSCC to compete
100% Believe PSCC increased the skills of their students competing
94% Believe PSCC will encourage other students to participate in Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses
98% Would encourage other teachers to bring students to participate in the PSCC
96% Of teachers that toured the event would bring students again next year



2011 PROVINCIAL SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION CONTEST AREAS

2D Character Computer Animation	Fashion Technology	Outdoor Power & Recreation Equipment
3D Character Computer Animation	Graphic Design	Painting & Decorating
Aesthetics	Hairstyling	Plumbing
Architectural Technology & Design	Heavy Equipment Service	Precision Machining
Auto Service	Industrial Mechanic / Millwright	Prepared Speech
Autobody Repair	IT and Network Support	Refrigeration
Automation & Control	IT Office Software Applications	Robotics
Baking	Job Interview	Sheet Metal
Brick Masonry	Job Skill Demonstration	TV/Video Production
Cabinet Making	Joinery	Website Development
Car Painting	Landscape Gardening	Welding
Carpentry	Mechanical CADD	Workplace Safety
CNC Machining	Mechanical Insulation	
Culinary Arts	Mechatronics	
Electrical Wiring	Off Set Printing	



“The closing ceremonies were fantastic, and my students and their families loved the on-line video. Our competitors have always enjoyed competing and always want to do it again. Yearly at Skills time, I receive phone calls from former competitors. Their skills experience was probably the best thing ever to happen to them. Thank you from all involved.”

Lorna Eccleston
Skills Champion Teacher,
Queen Elizabeth School

Participating High Schools

in the 2011 Regional Skills Canada Competitions and the Provincial Skills Canada Competition

Archbishop O' Leary High School	Fort Saskatchewan High School	Peace Wapiti Academy
Archbishop Oscar Romero Catholic High School	Fort Vermillion Public School	Picture Butte High School
Barrhead Composite High School	Glenmary School	Ponoka Composite High School
Beaverlodge Regional High School	Grande Prairie Composite High School	Queen Elizabeth High School
Bert Church High School	H.A. Kostash High School	R.F Staples High School
Bev Facey Community High School	Harry Ainlay High School	Raymond High School
Bishop Carroll High School	Henry Wise Wood High School	Richard F Staples Secondary School
Bishop Grandin High School	Highwood School	Ross Sheppard School
Bishop McNally High School	Hines Creek Composite High School	Salisbury Composite High School
Bishop O'Byrne High School	Holy Rosary High School	Savanna School
Bonnyville Centralized High School	Hunting Hills High School	Sexsmith Secondary School
Bowness High School	Innisfail Junior Senior High School	Sir William Van Horne High School
Boyle School	J A Williams High School	Skill Centre
Brant Christian School	J Percy Page High School	South Central High School
Brooks Composite High School	Jack James High School	Spruce Grove Composite High School
Calmar School	James Fowler High School	St. Albert Catholic High School
Calvin Christian School	Jasper Place High School	St. Augustine High School
Camrose Composite High School	John G Diefenbaker High School	St. Francis High School
Canmore Collegiate	JT Fost School	St. Francis Xavier High School
Cardston High School	Kate Andrews High School	St. Joseph Catholic High School - Edmonton
Career and Technology Centre	Kitscoty Junior Senior High School	St. Joseph High School - Grande Prairie
Catholic Central High School	Lacombe Composite High School	St. Martin De Porres High School
Centennial High School	Leduc Composite High School	St. Paul Regional High School
Chestermere High School	Lethbridge Collegiate Institute	St. Thomas Aquinas High School - Spruce Grove
Chinook High School	Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School	St. Thomas More Catholic School
Cochrane High School	Lloydminster Comprehensive High School	St. Timothy Jr/Sr High School
Crescent Heights High School - Calgary	Lord Beaverbrook High School	Sturgeon Composite High School
Crescent Heights High School - Medicine Hat	M.E. LaZerte School	Tofield School
Eagle Butte High School	Magrath High School	Vauxhall High School
Ecole Beauséjour	Mannville School	Victoria Park High School
Ecole Notre Dame Bonnyville	Matthew Halton High School	Warner School
Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School	McCoy High School	West Central High School
Ecole Voyageur	McNally High School	Westwood Community High School
Edwin Parr Composite School	Medicine Hat High School	William Aberhart High School
Ernest Manning High School	Memorial Composite High School	William E Hay Composite High School
Fairview High School	Morinville Community High School	Willow Creek Composite High School
Father Lacombe School	Notre Dame High School	Winston Churchill High School
Father Patrick Mercredi High School	Oilfields High School	Worsley Central High School
Foothills Composite High School	Parkland Composite High School	WR Myers High School
Forest Lawn High School	Paul Kane High School	
Fort McMurray Composite High School	Peace River High School	

“The skills competition is becoming more and more recognized and it’s actually people in the trades that are evaluating the students. It’s an outstanding thing to be on their resume. You feel very proud of them when they’re up there. Even when they don’t win, it’s a great experience for them.”

Don Yusep
Skills Champion Teacher,
Lloydminster Comprehensive High School

POST-SECONDARY COMPETITORS

Selection of post-secondary competitors for the Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) is done by Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training and Alberta technical institutes. The young tradespeople and technologists are selected based on their theoretical knowledge, hands-on skills, endorsement by their employers and instructors, and participation in past SCA competitions.

SCA believes that showcasing careers to youth is best achieved by highlighting the skills of young people who have achieved tremendous success early in their careers. PSCC competitors are 21 or under and therefore are age eligible to compete in WorldSkills International Competitions.

Post-secondary students can indicate their interest in participating, and instructors and employers may submit the names of students they recommend for the competition at www.skillsalberta.com. Online applications are open each year until early January.



Post-Secondary Students Representing the following Regions Participated in the 2011 Provincial Skills Canada Competition:

Region	Students
Calgary	44
Central	17
Edmonton	69
Lakeland	1
North East	4
North West	7
South East	8
South West	10
Wood Buffalo	5

“Knowing that you can compete and work under immense pressure is a great confidence booster for the students. The reward of winning also brings recognition that leads to exceptional employment opportunities.”

Inge Patton
President/CEO,
European Institute of Esthetics and MediSpa



Post-Secondary Students Representing the Following Training Providers Participated in the 2011 Provincial Skills Canada Competition:

European Institute of Esthetics	3
EvelineCharles Academy	8
Grand Prairie Regional College	4
Keyano College	3
Lakeland College	3
Lethbridge College	5
MC College	2
Medicine Hat College	4
NAIT	58
NorQuest	4
Northern Lakes College	1
Olds College	4
Red Deer College	9
SAIT	56
Undeclared	1



“My experience at the 2011 Provincial Skills Canada Competition was like nothing else. It was a once in a life time chance. It’s such a great event that showcases everyone’s talents and it got me to push myself to great heights. I’m very proud of myself and my other classmates who competed for what we have accomplished. I think if anyone ever gets the chance to enter Skills Canada they should – I’m so glad I did!”

Brittany Oswald
Gold Medal PSCC,
Aesthetics

SKILL CITY

Skill City bridges the gap between students seeking career information and the leaders within the trade and technology sectors looking to connect with a new generation of skilled talent.

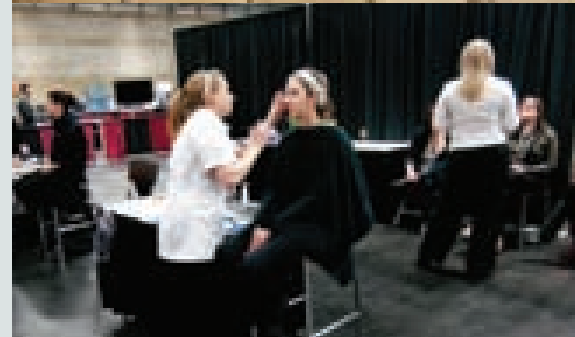
The energetic environment of the Provincial Skills Canada Competition is the ideal format to profile career options in Alberta's most dynamic industries. The employers, colleges, training institutions, government partners, labour groups and associations featured in Skill City demonstrate the opportunity and skill level required to succeed in Alberta's economy.

Spectators walk away with an increased appreciation for the opportunities their interests can lead them to when aligned with the

required post-secondary education, attitude and professionalism.

Highlights of Skill City include the popular featured Try-A-Trades® hosted by the **Ironworkers Local 720 and Alberta Wall and Ceiling Association.**

Skill City includes interactive Try-A-Trade® demonstrations and information booths from Alberta's trade and technology leaders. 83 booths and 26 Try-A-Trades® were hosted in the 2011 Skill City.



SCHOOL TOURS

Interactive. Educational. Inspiring. Creating a path to success takes shapes for thousands of students touring the Provincial Skills Canada Competition on a field trip.

Students that might never step into a shop class are transported to a reality in which knowledge is shared through mentorship, not just a text book. They experience a world of possibilities that features occupations that are in high demand, and outside of their day to day experiences.

The interactive tour allows students to not only observe but engage in hands-on demonstrations through Try-A-Trades® and be inspired by the high skill level of our 600 competitors.

Over the two days of the Provincial Skills Canada Competition 6,600 students and spectators from 98 tour groups toured the event and participated in the Try-A-Trade® demonstrations.



“These competitions emphasize to students how skills they gain in high school can translate into rewarding and prosperous careers.”

Sherry Matthews
Teacher,
High Level Public School



GIRLS EXPLORING TRADES & TECHNOLOGIES CONFERENCE

THINK BIG!

The Girls Exploring Trades and Technologies Conference (GETT) is a day of **discovery, interactive demonstrations and inspiration** for senior high school girls.

Participants meet with certified tradeswomen, apprentices and technology experts that have pursued non-traditional careers. Their stories, experiences and knowledge broaden the participants perspective on their own career opportunities, encouraging them to think big!

The 2011 GETT, held in conjunction with the Provincial Skills Canada Competition, connected 175 participants, from 17 schools to 22 guest speakers and mentors. Mentors included representatives from 15 different careers ranging from instrumentation technician to power engineer, and boilermaker to carpenter.



girls EXPLORING
TRADES & TECHNOLOGIES
CONFERENCE



CTS GRANTS

Lowes Grant

Skills/Compétences Canada, through the Lowe's Toolbox for Education provided up to \$10,000 per school to support the improvement of school campus, curriculum delivery or surrounding community.

2010 Lowes Grant Recipients:

School	City
Beaverlodge Regional High School	Beaverlodge
Bert Church High School	Airdrie
Catholic Central High School	Lethbridge
Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School	Red Deer
Ecole Secondaire Paul Kane High School	St. Albert
Harry Ainlay High School	Edmonton
Peace River High School	Peace River
Ponoka Composite High School	Ponoka
St. Joseph's Catholic High School	Grande Prairie
St. Joseph High School	Edmonton
William Aberhart High School	Calgary

Encana Equipment Grant

Four Alberta high schools each received a \$10,000 Skills Canada Alberta - Encana Equipment Grant to enhance the equipment available to students developing trade and technology skills.

Over 70 schools applied for the funding to expand the career and technology course options available to their students. The grants provide resources to classrooms, remove financial barriers and provide additional tools for skill development.

Applications for the 2012 Skills Canada Alberta - Encana Equipment Grant will be released in February of 2012.

2011 Skills Canada Alberta - Encana Equipment Grant Recipients:

School	Town/City	Project Name
Bishop O'Byrne High School	Calgary	Bishop O'Byrne Equipment Updating
Breton High School	Breton	CTS Equipment Enhancement (Metal Lathe)
Boyle School Thorhild Central School	Athabasca	Apprentice Welding
Peace River High School	Peace River	Machinist Development Program

“Our little rural school has very skilled students with passion to learn and motivation to excel. Our students have great interest in pursuing opportunities in the trades as well as careers in oil, gas, and agriculture. Our CTS program needs to be top shelf to meet these demands.”

Peter Moll
Principal,
Breton High School



TEAM CANADA 2011

Throughout 2010-11, Alberta's four members on Team Canada have been training for WorldSkills London 2011. They earned their position on Team Canada following the 2010 Skills Canada National Competition.

WorldSkills London 2011 represents Canada's eleventh participation in a WorldSkills International event, an international Competition which takes place every two years. The 2011 Competition will bring together more

than 900 competitors from 52 WorldSkills International Member countries/regions. Team Canada 2011, will be the largest delegation Canada has ever sent to a WorldSkills Competition outside of Canada, competing in 32 of the 45 skills categories.

Competition	Name	Technical Institute	Employer	City/Town
Autobody Repair	Nigel Renschler	SAIT	Brennan Auto	Stettler
CNC Milling (CNC Machining)	Luke Moore	SAIT	Onsite Machining Solutions	Innisfail
Electrical Installations (Electrical Wiring)	Tim Twa	SAIT	Allied Projects	Calgary
Refrigeration	Sean Donnan	NAIT	Millenium Mechanical Svcs	Leduc

“Since winning nationals, I have been to Ottawa, staying right across from parliament; I have been to one of the most beautiful hotels in the world, Chateau Montebello and have been to Quebec City twice. I meet with my trainer Todd three times a week to work on different strengths and weaknesses. I know all that you can do is your best, everyone makes mistakes and it is those that can persevere, that will succeed.”

Sean Donnan
2011 Team Canada



“Every competitor should strive to be the greatest in their trade. Being on Team Canada has encouraged me to have more ambition and to set bigger and better goals for myself. This experience will be a year in my life that I will never forget.”

Nigel Renschler
2011 Team Canada

TEAM ALBERTA AT THE SKILLS CANADA NATIONAL COMPETITION

June 1-4, 2011 Quebec City, Quebec

61 Team Alberta Competitors	7 Gold	10 Silver	8 Bronze
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61 of Alberta's finest trade and technology students competed in the Skills Canada National Competition in Quebec City.

Over 500 of Canada's best young students competed in 40 construction, technology, employment, transportation and services events.

Team Alberta qualified for the Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition held in Edmonton on May 11-12, 2011.

WORLD SKILLS LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

Team Alberta members receive a \$500 WorldSkills Legacy Scholarship and an additional \$500 if they win gold at the SCNC. Members of Team Canada also receive \$9,000 to support their training for the WorldSkills International Competition. This year Team Alberta Alumni are eligible for \$34,500 in Scholarships.



2012 Skills Canada National Competition

Alberta is the host province for the 2012 Skills Canada National Competition, **May 13-16, 2012 at the Edmonton Expo Centre.** This will be the fifth time Alberta has hosted the event, more times than any other province.

The 2012 SCNC is the qualifying event for WorldSkills Leipzig 2013.



“It was great to know we are the best in Canada. It will definitely look good on a resume. If we win next year we'll go to Germany to compete against landscape gardeners from all over the world.”

Justin Schipper
2011 Provincial and National Gold Medalist,
Landscape Gardening



CARDBOARD BOAT RACES

Don't underestimate what can be built with 2 pieces of cardboard and duct tape, when imagination and teamwork join forces.

In 2010, over 550 junior and senior high students skillfully transformed basic materials into boats that race a team member across a pool.

The challenge is amplified as the fastest boats are then tested for their strength and ability to hold three team members for one minute.

Central Cardboard Boat Race

Nov 16, 2010 | GH Dawe Centre, Red Deer

23 Teams
92 Participants

Lethbridge Cardboard Boat Race

Nov 25, 2010 | University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge (hosted in partnership with Chinook Regional Career Transitions for Youth)

29 Teams
116 Participants

Northern Cardboard Boat Race

Nov 1, 2010 | NAIT, Edmonton

40 Teams
160 Participants

Southern Cardboard Boat Race

Nov 24, 2010 | SAIT Polytechnic, Calgary

46 Teams
184 Participants



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Friends of Skills

3M Canada	Boilermakers Training School	Christian Labour Association of Canada	EXPO Crete/CCI Industries
Advanced Coating Tech	Brock White	Ciao Bella Day Spa	Falcon Welding
AK Brown Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	Bunch Welding Ltd.	CISCO Systems Canada	Finning (Canada)
Albert Controls	Burnaby Insulation Supplies Ltd.	City Lumber and Millwork	Fin's Seafood
Alberta Apprenticeship & Industry Training	Burnco Rock Products Ltd.	Cloverdale Paint	FT Services
Alberta Construction Association	C & I Crossroads	Comstock Canada Ltd.	Gateway Refrigeration
Alberta Construction Safety Association	Cambium	Conex Rentals Corporation	Gescan
Contractors Ltd.	Canadian Collision Equipment	ConocoPhillips	GF Thompson
Alberta Motor Association	Canadian Copper & Brass	Construction Labour Relations of Alberta	Guillevin International
Alberta Municipal Affairs	Canadian Hospitality Services	csDesign Solutions	Guthrie Mechanical
Alberta Painting Contractors Association	Canadian Linen	Custom Energized Air Ltd	Hearthstone Consulting & Development Ltd.
Alberta Roofing Contractors Association	Canadian Welding Association	Deutsch Masonry Inc	Hodgson Schilf Architects
Alberta Wall and Ceiling Association	Car O Liner Frame Equipment	Diamond Ice Systems	Hunter Engineering Co.
AMH Canada	Carcraft Carstar Collision	Dolce Soleil	Hunter Tool
Argus	Carhartt	Edmonton First Truck	I.X.L Industries
Argyll Motor Sports	Cast Supply	Ecol	Imperial Oil Foundation
Ar-Jay's	CCIF	Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta	Independent Supply
Arpi's Industries Ltd.	CEA Air	Electrical Inspectors Association of Alberta	Inspiration Software
ATB Financial	Cenovus Energy	EMCO Corporation	Insulators Training Trust Fund of Alberta
AWMAC	Chapman's Fresh Produce	Encana	International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers
Bartle and Gibson	Chef Hat Inc.	European Institute of Esthetics	Local 720, Local 725
BJ Electrical Supply	Chemco Electrical	EvelineCharles Academy	IPEX Industries
Bob Dale Gloves & Imports Ltd.	Chinook Refrigeration	Executrade	





Friends of Skills (continued)

Ironworkers Local 720
 IUPAT Local 177
 James Electric
 Jasper Labour Services
 Johnson Equipment
 Johnson's Sewing Center
 Keyano College
 Kinder Morgan Foundation
 KMS Tools
 Lakeland College
 Laser equation inc.
 LCN
 Leavitt Machinery
 Lee Valley
 Lehigh Inland Cement
 Lethbridge College
 Liebherr Canada
 Lincoln Electric
 Local 110 – International Association of Heat
 and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers
 Local 488 Pipetrades Training Centre
 Lockerbie & Hole Inc
 Londonderry Collision
 Lost Dog Developments
 Marvel College
 Masonry Contractors Association of Alberta
 Matrix Video Communications Corp.
 Matthews Equipment
 MCA Alberta
 McKillican
 Medicine Hat College
 Merit Contractors Association
 Mitchell International
 NAIT
 Napa Auto Parts

Nexen
 Norden Autohaus
 NorQuest College
 North Safety Products Canada
 Olds College
 Opreie Real Estate Software
 Park Derochie Coatings Ltd
 Pat's Northwest Mower Center
 PCL Constructors Inc
 Pembina Pipeline Corporation
 Peppermint Twist
 Pittsburgh Paints
 Pivot-Point
 Plastifab
 Portage College
 Praxair
 Pro Body Parts
 Purdy Tools
 Ray-Nor Painting and Decorating
 Red Deer College
 Refrigerative Supply
 Rhino Print Solutions
 Ridgid Tool Company
 SAIT Polytechnic
 Sandvik Coromant
 Schneider Electric
 Sears Parts and Service
 Sepco
 Servus Credit Union
 Sheet Metal Contractors Association
 of Alberta
 Sheet Metal Workers International
 Association Local #8
 Shell
 Silky Skin Laser and Aesthetics Center

Smart Technologies
 SMWIA Local 8
 Snap-On Tools
 Sobeyes
 Sphear Media
 Steels Industrial Products Ltd.
 Stepper Custom Homes
 Summit Motors
 Suncor
 Syncrude
 Sysco Serca Food Services
 TELUS
 Tera's Distributors
 The Co-Operators
 Thermal Insulation Association
 of Alberta
 Thomas Skinner & Sons
 Toyota Dealer Advertising
 Association
 Trotter and Morton
 TSM Services
 UA Local 488
 University of Alberta
 Upper Canada
 Vanderwall Contractors
 Waterloo Ford
 Watrous Power Systems
 Werners Wholesale Group
 Wesco
 Westburne
 Wilkinson Steel and Metals
 Wolsley Refrigeration
 Xerox



KEY DATES 2011-2012

WorldSkills London 2011	Oct 5-8, 2011 London, England
Northern Cardboard Boat Race	Nov 1, 2011 Edmonton
Central Cardboard Boat Race	Nov 3, 2011 Red Deer
Southern Cardboard Boat Race	Nov 16, 2011 Calgary
Lethbridge Cardboard Boat Race	Nov 17, 2011 Lethbridge
Regional Skills Canada Competitions	Spring of 2012 Across Alberta
Provincial Skills Canada Competition	May 10-11, 2012 Edmonton
Girls Exploring Trades and Technologies Conference	May 11, 2012 Edmonton
Skills Canada National Competition	May 14-15, 2012 Edmonton

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