

# **Skills** Canada Alberta

## **2022/2023 Report to the Community**



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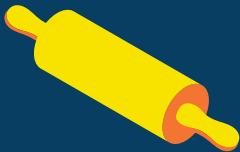
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# A Message from the President of Skills Canada Alberta

This year, Skills Canada Alberta was able to combine the best of our in-person, large scale programming with our more specialized in-school programs for a larger reach than we've ever had before. For the first time since 2019, we were thrilled to offer free school field trips to the 2023 Provincial Skills Canada Competition once again. We continued to offer programming that teachers could implement directly in their classroom, as a way of expanding our impact to more communities and (in doing so) to offer more innovative career exploration experiences to Alberta's youth.

Bridging the gap between students seeking career information and Alberta's training institutes and employers continues to be a driving force behind many of our programs. In addition, we aim to inspire and empower young people to explore their passions and interests, and to develop their skills. We work in partnership with industry, education and government stakeholders to elevate and showcase the extraordinary talents of Alberta's future workforce and to provide a platform where students from across Alberta can discover the opportunities available to them in the trades and technologies.

The impact that our programs had on more than 22,000 students would not have been possible without the passion of our volunteers and the dedication of our partners. We know that 2024 will bring us new and unique opportunities to reach Alberta's youth, and to continue providing value to our participants and stakeholders.



**Ray Massey**  
President  
Skills Canada Alberta





# Our Mandate

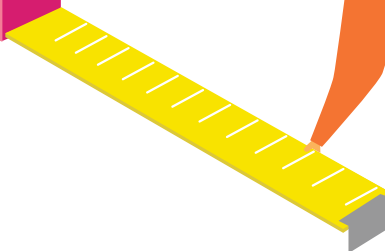
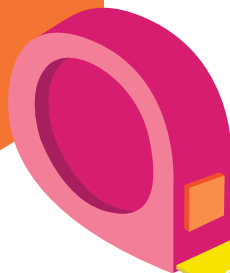
Skills Canada Alberta (SCA) is a provincial non-profit organization that works collaboratively with industry, labour, government and education stakeholders to inspire, develop, and elevate Alberta's skilled youth.

The ideal of parity of esteem for Albertans in the skilled trades and technologies is a foundational belief of Skills Canada Alberta and is reflected in all our programming. We are committed to educating young people in Alberta about the motivating and rewarding career opportunities available to them in the trades and technologies.

SCA continues to be a leader in providing an unparalleled platform for students to explore their skills and interests in the trades and technologies. We have built a reputation for effectively providing innovative, hands-on learning experiences for Alberta's youth through our various programs:



SCA is member organization of the national association, Skills/Compétences Canada (SCC) 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. SCC is a member organization to WorldSkills International, connecting Canada to the global movement to raise the profile and recognition of skilled people and show how critical skills are in achieving economic growth.



## Our Mission

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

## Our Vision

Skills Canada Alberta will be a model of excellence in the promotion of skilled trade and technology careers to youth in our province and in our country.

## 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.

# Highlights

**Try-A-Trade®  
Takeout** reached  
**8,772**  
students from  
90 schools.

Largest **Skills  
Exploration Days**  
participation to date with  
**1,792**  
participants.

Connected with  
**8,575**  
students and 522 teachers  
with **Skills in the  
Classroom**  
presentations.

**466**  
**secondary** and  
**144 post secondary**  
competitors took part  
in the 2023 **Provincial  
Skills Canada  
Competition.**

**Team Alberta**  
received medals in  
**33 of the 54**  
**contest areas**  
we participated in at  
the 2023 **Skills Canada  
National Competition.**

**9,600+**  
**students** toured the  
2023 Provincial Skills  
Canada Competition on a  
**school field trip.**

**6**  
competitors qualified  
for **Team Canada** for  
WorldSkills Lyon, 2024.

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# 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

Employment and Social  
Development Canada  
Ministry of Skilled Trades and  
Professions

## Skills Champion

Syncrude Operated by Suncor  
Inter Pipeline

## Skills Leaders

Alberta Regional Council of  
Carpenters and Allied Workers  
Pembina  
Dow Canada

## Skills Innovators

CLAC  
Kiewit Corporation  
RBC Foundation

## Skills Motivators

Construction Labour Relations -  
Alberta  
Imperial Oil  
Canadian Armed Forces  
Ledcor  
Canadian Natural  
Edmonton Construction  
Association

## Skills Presenters

PCL Construction  
Building Trades of Alberta  
Jardeg  
Finning  
TC Energy  
Sheet Metal Workers International  
Association Local #8  
Keyera Corporation  
Cord

## Skills Makers

Aecon  
Red Deer Polytechnic  
Electrical Contractors Association  
of Alberta  
Insulators Training Trust Fund  
Olds College  
CWB Welding Foundation  
Willowridge Construction  
Northwest Redwater Partnership  
Canfor  
EITCA and IBEW

## Skills Supporters

Bosch  
Canadian Woodworker  
Thomas Skinner

Lincoln Electric  
Linde  
Bunzl  
Snap-On  
Computers for Schools  
Ricoh  
Color Compass Corporation  
Johnsons Sewing Centre  
Sandvik Coromant  
Pivot Point  
Showtech  
Festo  
Falcon Welding  
Habitat for Humanity  
Wajax  
Ridgid Tools  
Custom Energized Air Ltd.  
Rittal  
Hoffmann  
CCIF  
Eecol Electric  
Bricklaying Contractors  
Association of Alberta  
Bob Dale Gloves  
Hunter Engineering Company  
LKQ  
Pro Beauty Group



# Friends of Skills



3M

Aecon

Alberta Academy of Aesthetics

Alberta Carpenters Training Centre

Alberta Pipe Trades College

Andrw Sheret Limited

Carpenters Regional Council

AWMAC

BOSCH

Building Trades of Alberta

Bob Dale Gloves

Bunzl Canada

C&I Crossroads

Canadian Armed Forces

Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.

Canadian Woodworker

Canfor

Career Transitions

Color Compass

Skills Canada Collision Repair Program

CLAC

Computers for Schools

Cognisco Tech

Construction Labour Relations of Alberta

Consulab

Cord

Custom Energized Air

CWB Welding Foundation

Delmar College

Delta

Dermalogica

Dow Canada

Edmonton Construction Association

EECOL Electric

Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta

EMCO Corporation

Falcon Welding

FESTO

Finning

First Truck Centre

Frontier Plumbing and Heating Supply

FixtureLaser

Government of Alberta

Government of Canada

Northwestern Polytechnic

HAAS

Habitat for Humanity

Hofmann

IBEW Local 424

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers & Electrical Industry Training Centre Alberta

Imperial

Insulators Training Trust Fund

Inter Pipeline

IPEX

Jardeg

Johnson's Sewing Centre

Keyano College

Keyera

Kiewit

Lakeland College

Leavitt Machinery

Ledcor

Lethbridge College

Lincoln Electric

Linde

LKQ

MacEwan University

Masonry Contractors Association of Alberta

MC College

Medicine Hat College

Mitutoyo

NAIT

North by Honeywell

North West Redwater Partnership

Olds College

PCL

Pembina

PGAA

Pivot Point

Portage College

Pratts

Pro Beauty Group

RBC Foundation

Red Deer Polytechnic



Refrigerative Supply  
Ricoh  
Ridgid Tools  
Rittal  
SAIT  
Sandvik Coromant  
Schneider Electric  
Sheet Metal Workers International  
Association Local 8  
SATA  
Showtech  
Snap-On  
Syncrude Operated by Suncor  
TC Energy  
Thermal Insulators Alberta  
Thomas Skinner  
UA Local 488  
Wajax  
Willowridge Construction  
Wolf Midstream  
Youth Career Development



# Volunteers

Volunteers are the driving force behind all Skills Canada Alberta activities. Each year more than 750 Provincial Technical Committee (PTC) members, judges, mentors and Try-A-Trade® and general volunteers share their expertise and time with youth in order to inspire them to pursue rewarding education and career opportunities.

Committees form the nature of the contest, the areas of knowledge and skill to be tested, and source the tools, materials and equipment required to host our competitions. Each of our Regional Skills Canada Competitions is also led by a Regional Technical Committee. Our competitions could not happen without the dedicated volunteer base of educators and industry experts that we are fortunate enough to work with.



*"I love helping kids be successful. I love seeing them find their confidence and find their voice and become more secure and self advocating for what they need and what they want to do with their lives."*

SYLVIA HAYWARD, 2023 VOLUNTEER  
OF THE YEAR



## Sylvia Hayward 2023 Volunteer of the Year

Sylvia has been volunteering with Skills since 2013 as the PTC Chair for Public Speaking. She also volunteers for the National Technical Committee. In addition to the time that she dedicates to planning and facilitating those events, she also coaches students from her school (Central Memorial High School) in Public Speaking, Job Search, Job Skill Demonstration and Workplace Safety. One of her co-workers says, "Sylvia's advocacy for the Skills competition within our school has been contagious."

With her guidance, students have gained confidence and found their voice. Sylvia is a huge advocate for the importance of public speaking skills in all career paths.



# Skills Alumni Group of Alberta

## The SAGA Continues

All students who take part in our programs become part of a community of individuals who value hard work and talent in the trades and technologies. The Skills Alumni Group of Alberta (SAGA) is a network for Skills Alumni, allowing them to continue fueling their passion for growth in their field.

This year members of SAGA received quarterly newsletters with information about SCA events, volunteer opportunities and career resources. We recruited alumni to volunteer at our competitions, and to attend Skills in the Classroom presentations to share their journeys with youth across the province.

We look forward to growing our SAGA network and providing them with many more opportunities in the coming years.

## Tim Wong 2023 Alumni of the Year

Tim competed in Precision Machining in 2016 and 2017, earning a place on Team Alberta at the 2016 Skills Canada National Competition in Moncton.

Since wrapping up his competing days, Tim has become an active member of the Precision Machining Committee and is now an instructor at SAIT. He recruits and trains competitors for the institute and helps to plan and facilitate the Precision Machining competition.

Tim is active and engaged with Skills alumni initiatives – from social media to mentorship. His energy is infectious, he is so passionate about his trade and about Skills.



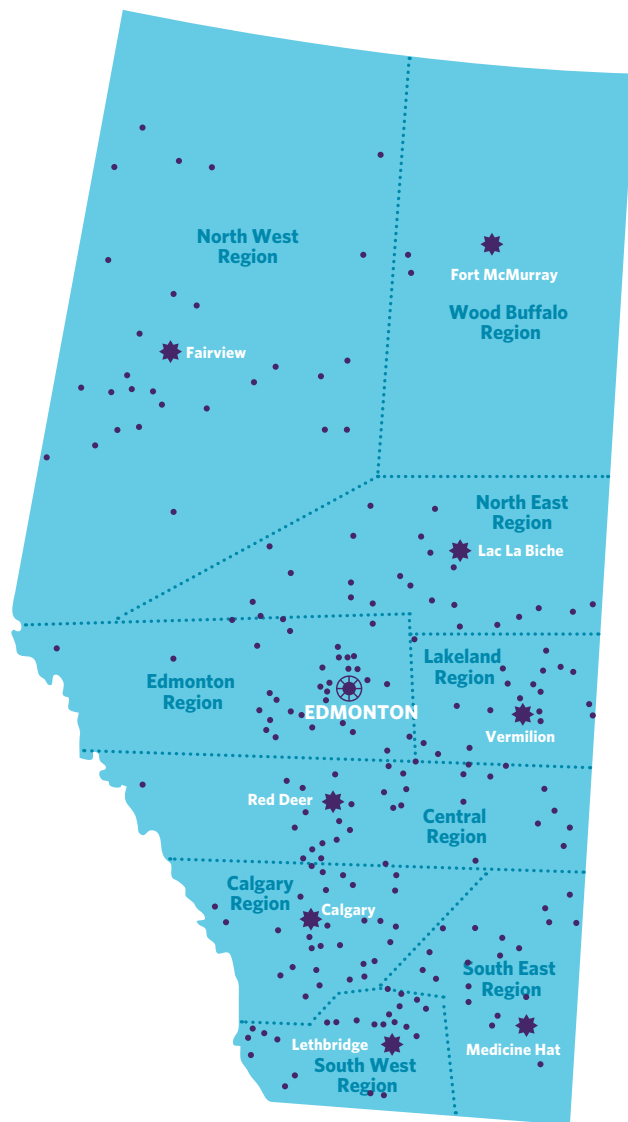
*"I think just working with the students every day is so much fun – seeing the lightbulb moment when they've been struggling with something and the finally get it is really rewarding for me."*

TIM WONG, 2023 ALUMNI  
OF THE YEAR

# Communities Building Skills

In 2022/2023, over 22,000 students registered for Skills Canada Alberta programs, representing 169 Alberta communities.

- Skills Communities
- ★ Regional Skills Canada Competitions
- ⊙ Provincial/Regional Skills Canada Competitions





# Try-A-Trade<sup>®</sup> Takeout

In partnership with various industry and education leaders, SCA offers Try-A-Trade<sup>®</sup> Takeout activities to schools across the province. Teachers were able to order kits for different activities, giving students the chance to test-drive careers and learn new skills from their own classrooms. Each kit includes all necessary materials to complete the activity, as well as instructions and tutorial videos where needed.

19

**activities** representing  
9 **different trade and  
technology areas** were  
offered.

8,772

**kits** were sent to  
**90 schools.**



# Skills in the Classroom

The goal of Skills in the Classroom is to provide students with an energetic and impactful experience that will help them with their career and education planning. With our interactive, free presentations, students learn about:

- Local and global trends in the world of work.
- How to equip themselves with employable and transferable skills for success.
- How to turn their interests and skills into a career path.
- Rewarding education and career options in the trades and technologies.

This year:

- 8575 students and 522 teachers were reached through 141 presentations.
- Skills Canada Alberta was an exhibitor and presenter at many Teachers Conventions and career events across the province.

## STUDENT FEEDBACK:

*"I loved learning about more jobs, ranging from ones that I knew to new ones I didn't know existed."*

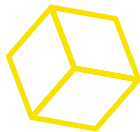


## STUDENT FEEDBACK:

*"I loved all the information; it made me feel as if I can do something with my life."*

## STUDENT FEEDBACK:

*"I liked that the information was great and so easy to follow!"*





TEACHER FEEDBACK:

*"The highlight of the presentation was how interactive it was. These kids don't usually listen well to presentations, but they were 100% involved with what was going on."*

TEACHER FEEDBACK:

*"Students seeing the possibilities within the skilled trades environment for possible career paths, and the excitement they had following the presentation."*

TEACHER FEEDBACK:

*"Hayley was AMAZING! She engaged the students and spoke to them at their level. I appreciated the amount of care she took to be certain students were onboard. The presentation was great!"*

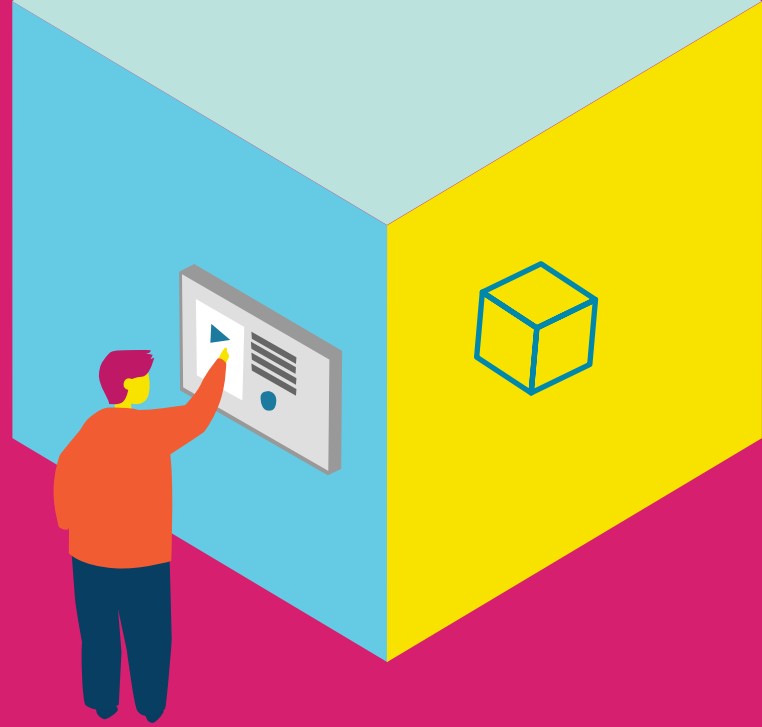
# Skills Exploration Days

Skills Exploration Days is a junior high program designed to complement and support Alberta Education's Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) Program of Studies. Through Skills Exploration Days, SCA introduces students to careers in the trades and technologies at a younger age, before they start to make education and career decisions.

The purpose of Skills Exploration Days is to:

- Inspire junior high students to identify and explore inherent skills and interests.
- Connect students' skills and interests to trade and technology careers through interactive, hands-on activities.
- Provide schools and students with the tools and equipment necessary to promote trade and technology career exploration in their classrooms.

More than  
**1,700**  
students from  
**53 schools**  
participated.



Skills Exploration Days is hosted in the classroom but has an interactive digital live-streamed component to allow students to share their prototypes with peers across the province. The program is facilitated in three parts:

- An in-classroom Toolbox and Learn-A-Skill Kits provide students with skill development activities that allow them to test new trade and technology skills.
- In their classrooms, students work in teams using the Design Thinking process to address a real-world challenge.
- Using the skills learned with the Learn-A-Skill Kits, students come together for an interactive live-stream to build a prototype and share their finished projects.

# GETT

The Girls Exploring Trades and Technologies (GETT) program is an excellent opportunity for the young women in schools across Alberta to discover that the trades are open to everyone. The program breaks down stereotypes and gives high school girls hands-on experiences with many trade and technology career options.

Classrooms that registered female students for GETT received Try-A-Trade® kits to complete in the classroom. Registrants then came together at the 2023 Provincial Skills Canada Competition for the GETT Gathering, where they were able to connect with certified tradeswomen, apprentices and technology experts – our Industry Influencers. Their stories, experiences and knowledge broaden the participants' perspective on their own career opportunities, encouraging them to think big!

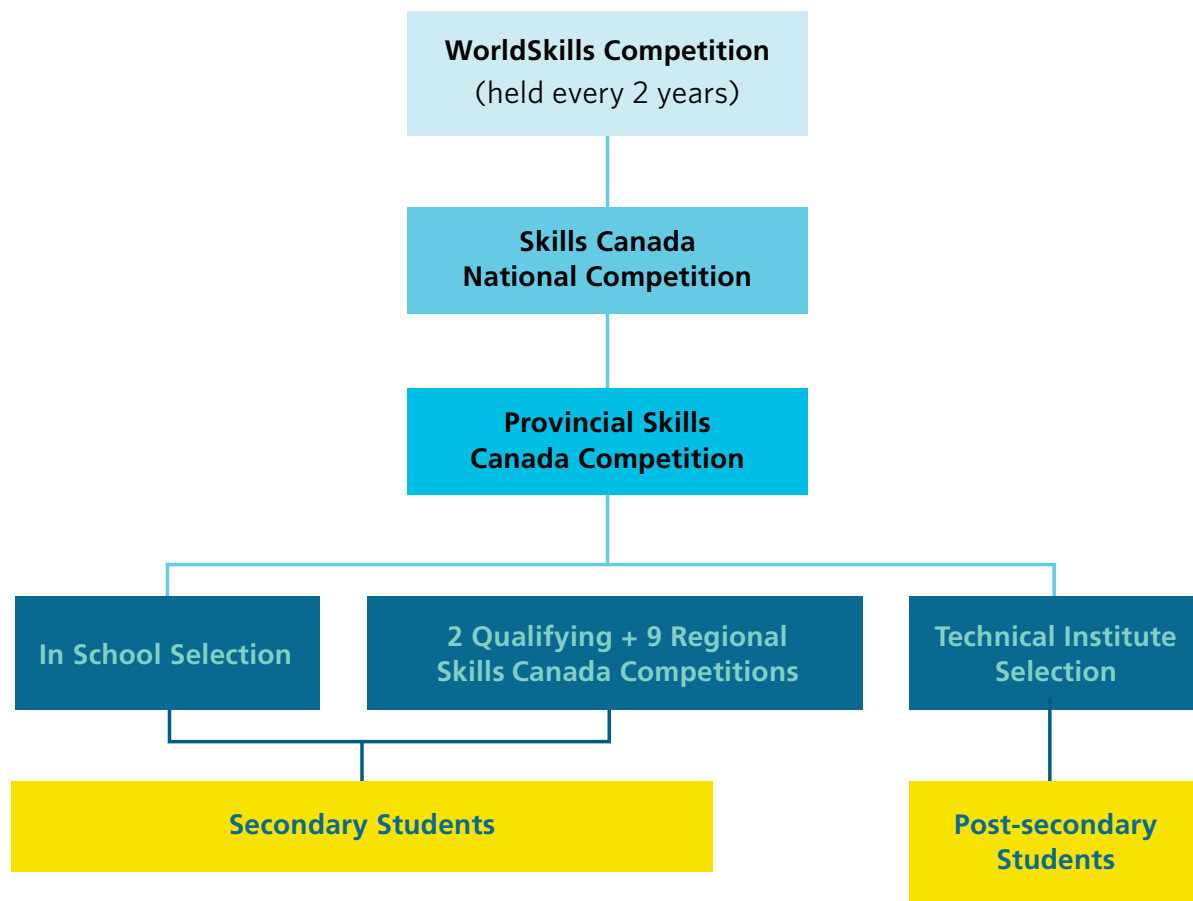
At the GETT Gathering, students participate in round-table discussions, watch a panel discussion with female trade and technology leaders, and tour the competition floor filled with Try-A-Tradese® and Skill City exhibitors.

# 215

**female students** from  
**19 schools** participated  
in GETT.



# Where Can Your Skills Take You?



# Regional and Qualifying Skills Canada Competitions



High school students in some contest areas start their Skills journey at a Regional Skills Canada Competition. SCA is thankful to the technical institutes, regional career development organizations and high schools that host and support our 9 Regional Skills Canada Competitions (RSCC). With the tremendous support of our partners, in 2023 560 high school students participated in 87 unique events throughout Alberta.

In addition, 38 more students participated in two online Qualifying events in Photography and Fashion Technology.



Regional Competition	Hosts and Organizers
Calgary	SAIT CT Centre
Central	Red Deer Polytechnic Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame
Edmonton	NAIT Alberta Carpenters Training Centre MC College
Lakeland	Lakeland College
North East	Portage College
North West	Northwestern Polytechnic Fairview High School St. Thomas More School
South East	Medicine Hat College Medicine Hat High School Monsignor McCoy High School
South West	Lethbridge College
Wood Buffalo	Keyano College

# 31st Annual Provincial Skills Canada Competition

The philosophy of the Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) is to reward students for excellence, to directly involve industry in evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs.

During the competition, secondary and post-secondary students compete in one of 45 contest areas, and work on a project that has been designed by experts in that field. Many gold medalists at the PSCC are rewarded with an appointment to Team Alberta and an opportunity to showcase their talents at the Skills Canada National Competition, with further opportunity to progress to a WorldSkills Competition.

**466**

secondary  
competitors

**45**

competition  
areas

**144**

post-secondary  
competitors

Safety Award -  
**Culinary Arts**



# 2023 Provincial Skills Canada Competition Contest Areas



2D Character Computer Animation

3D Character Computer Animation

3D Digital Game Art

Aesthetics

Aerospace Technology

Architectural Technology & Design

Autobody Repair

Automobile Technology

Baking

Bricklaying

Cabinet Making

Car Painting

Carpentry

CNC Machining

Culinary Arts

Electrical Installations

Electronics

Fashion Technology

Graphic Design

Hairstyling

Heavy Vehicle Technology

Industrial Control

Industrial Mechanic / Millwright

IT - Network Systems Administration

IT - Office Software Applications

Job Search

Job Skill Demonstration

Joinery

Mechanical Insulation

Mechatronics

Photography

Plumbing

Precision Machining

Public Speaking

Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

Robotics

Sheet Metal

Sprinkler Systems

Steamfitter/Pipefitter

Video Production

Web Design & Development

Welding

Workplace Safety



# High Schools that took part in the Qualifying, Regional and/or Provincial Skills Canada Competitions:

Academy at King Edward	Bishop O`Byrne High School	Chinook's Edge Summer School	Drayton Christian School	Eleanor Hall School	Grande Prairie Composite High School
Alberta Academy of Aesthetics	Blackie School	Chinook's Edge School Division Pre-Employment Students	E2 Academy	Elk Island Public Schools	Grande Prairie Regional College
Alberta High School of Fine Arts	Bonnyville Centralized High School	Christ The King Junior Senior High School	Eastglen School	Ermineskin Junior Senior High School	Grassland School
Alberta School for the Deaf	Bonnyville Outreach School	CLAC	Ecole Airdrie Middle School	Ernest Manning High School	Greystone Centennial Middle School
Alcoma School	Boyle School	Cold Lake Middle School	Ecole Alexandre Tache	Est-Elle Academy	Grimshaw Public School
Alex Janvier School	Boyle Street Education Centre	Columbus Academy	Ecole Broxton Park School	F. P. Walshe School	Gus Wetter School
Alexander First Nation School	Brooks Composite High School	Concorida University of Edmonton	Ecole Dansereau Meadows School	Fairview High School	H. J. Cody School
All Saints High School	Calgary Christian High School	Connections for Learning	Ecole Dickinsfield School	Father Lacombe School	Harry Ainlay School
Archbishop Jordan High School	Calmar School	Crescent Heights High School - Calgary	Ecole H.J. Cody High School	Father Mercredi High School	Harry Collinge High School
Archbishop O`Leary	Calvin Christian School	Crescent Heights High School - Medicine Hat	Ecole La Prairie	Father Michael Troy Junior High	Hay Lakes School
Ardrossan Junior Senior High School	Camilla School	Crestomere School	Ecole Lacombe Junior High School	Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School	Henry Wise Wood High School
Argyll Centre	Caroline School	Crowsnest Consolidated High School	Ecole Maurice-Lavallee	Father Turcotte School	High Park School
Art Smith Aviation Academy	Caslan School	CT Centre	Ecole McTavish High School	Foothills Composite High School	Highlands School
Ashmont School	Catholic Central High School	D S MacKenzie School	Ecole Meridian Heights School	Forest Lawn High School	Hillcrest School
Assumption Junior Senior High School	Cayley School	David Thomas King School	Ecole Michaelle-Jean	Fort Saskatchewan Christian School	Hilltop High School
Banded Peak School	Central Alberta Christian High School	Daysland School	Ecole Mother d'Youville School	Four Winds Public School	Holden Rural Academy
Barnwell School	Central Memorial High School	Deer Meadow School	Ecole Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School	Fox Creek School	Holy Cross
Barrhead Composite High School	Centre for Diverse Learning, St. Gabriel	Delburne Centralized School	Ecole Secondaire Highwood High School	Frank Maddock High School	Holy Rosary High School
Bashaw School	Charles Spencer High School	Delia School	Ecole Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School	Georges P Vanier School	Holy Trinity
Bassano School	Chestermere High School	Delmar College	Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School	Gibbons School	Holy Trinity Academy
Bentley School	Chief Aranazhi School (Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation)	Didsbury High School	Ecole St. Joseph School	Glenlona School	Hope Christian School
Berry Creek Community School	Chief Jacob Bearspaw School	Dr. Anne Anderson High School	Edwin Parr Composite Community School	Graminia School	Hugh Sutherland School
Bert Church High School	Chinook High School	Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour School		Grand Trunk High School	Hunting Hills High School
Bessie Nichols School	Chinook Winds Adventist Academy	Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre			Huntsville School
Bev Facey Community High School					Immanuel Christian High School
Bishop McNally High School					Inner City High School
					Innisfail Middle School
					Insulators Local 110



J. C. Charyk Hanna School	Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School	Niton Central School	Roland Michener Rosemary School	St. Isidore Learning Centre	Tomahawk School
J. H. Picard	Livingstone School	NorQuest College	Rosslyn School	St. John Paul II Catholic School - Grande Prairie	Trochu Valley School
J. R. Robson School	Lloydminster Comprehensive High School	Northwestern Polytechnic	Round Hill School	St. John Paul II Catholic School - Stony Plain	University of Calgary
Jack James High School	Lord Beaverbrook High School	Notre Dame High School	Rudolph Hennig Junior High School	St. Joseph Catholic High School - Edmonton	Vauxhall Junior Senior High School
James Fowler High School	Louis St. Laurent	Okotoks Junior High School	Rundle College Junior Senior High	St. Joseph High School - Red Deer	Vegreville Composite High School
Jan Reimer School	Lyseng Homeschool	Old Scona Academic	Saint Oscar Romero Catholic High School	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	Victoria Park High School
Jasper Place School	Mamawi Atosketan Native School	Olds Junior Senior High School	SAIT	St. Matthew Lutheran School	Victoria School
Joane Cardinal-Schubert High School	Mary Butterworth School	Onoway Junior Senior High School	Salisbury Composite High School	St. Matthews Catholic School - Rocky Mountain House	Vista-Outreach
John G Diefenbaker High School	Maskekosak Kiskinomatowikamik school	Our Lady of Mount Pleasant School	Sangudo Junior Senior High School	St. Nicholas	W.R. Myers High School
Johnny Bright School	Maskwacis Outreach School	Our Lady of Peace Elementary Junior High School	Savanna School	St. Patricks Community School - Red Deer	W.H. Croxford High School
Joseph M. Demko School	Matthew Halton High School	Our Lady of the Rockies High School	Senator Gershaw School	St. Paul Regional High School	W.P. Wagner School
Kate Andrews High School	McCoy High School	Parkland Composite High School	Senator Riley School	St. Rose Of Lima	Wabamun School
Kehewin School Rural	McNally School	Parkland Immanuel Christian School	Sexsmith Secondary School	St. Stephens Catholic School	Wainwright High School
Keyano College	Meadow Ridge School	Paul Kane High School	Sherwood Heights Junior High School	St. Thomas Aquinas School - Red Deer	Warren Peers School
Kikino Elementary School	Meadowbrook Middle School	Peace Wapiti Academy	South Central High School	St. Thomas More School	West Central High School
Kikino school	Mecca Glen School	Penhold Crossing Secondary School	Spruce Avenue School	St. Timothy School	West Ridge School
Kinuso School	Medicine Hat College	Percy Baxter Middle School	Spruce Grove Composite High School	Steele Heights School	Westglen School
Kisewatisiwin	Medicine Hat High School	Picture Butte High School	Spruce View School	Stony Plain Central School	Westmount School - Edmonton
Kisipatinahk School	Michael Phair School	Ponoka Secondary Campus	St. Albert Catholic High School	Strathcona School	Westpark Middle School
Kohls School Heart Lake	Michael Stembitsky School	Portage College	St. Augustine School	Sturgeon Composite High School	William D. Pratt School
Koinonia Christian School	Millarville Community School	Prairie River Junior High School	St. Bonaventure School	Swan Hills School	Willow Creek Composite High School
La Crete Public School	Monsignor McCoy High School	Prescott Learning Centre	St. Clement	Thelma Chalifoux School	Wilson Middle School
Lacombe Composite High School	Morinville Community High School	Queen Elizabeth School	St. Dominic Catholic High School	Thorhild Central School	Winston Churchill High School
Lacombe Outreach School	Mother Margaret Mary Catholic High School	Red Deer Polytechnic	St. Elizabeth Seton - Edmonton	TOC Hair Studio Academy	Worsley Central School
Lakeland College	NAIT	Redwater School	St. Francis High School	Tofield School	Youngstown School
Lamont High School	Nelson Heights Middle School	Richard F Staples Secondary School	St. Francis of Assisi - Red Deer		
Leduc Composite High School	New Horizons Charter School	Rimbey Junior Senior High School	St. Francis Xavier		
Lethbridge College			St. Gabriel Catholic School		
Lethbridge Collegiate Institute			St. Gabriel Cyber School - Red Deer		
Lilian Schick School					
Lillian Osborne School					

# WorldSkills Provincial Champion Scholarship

Skills Canada Alberta is committed to inspiring students, developing their talents and elevating the skill level of trades and technologies in Alberta. Each year at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition, we award three scholarships of \$1200 each to the two highest ranking grade 12 medalists and the top ranking post-secondary competitor in each contest area. In total \$102,000 in scholarships were awarded to 54 high school students and 31 post-secondary students.

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# Post-Secondary Competitors

Post-secondary students apply to compete via an online form, with a reference from their training institute. This process encourages apprentices and post-secondary students with a passion for their field to take part in the Provincial Skills Canada Competition. Instructors that work alongside the students can make referrals not only based on grades, but also on attitude and aptitude for success.

**The below post-secondary and training institutes had student representation at the 2023 Provincial Skills Canada Competition:**

Alberta Academy of Aesthetics

CLAC

Concordia University of Edmonton

CT Centre

Delmar College

Est-Elle Academy

Insulators Local 110

Keyano College

Lakeland College

Lethbridge College

MC College

Medicine Hat College

NAIT

Northwestern Polytechnic

NorQuest College

Olds College

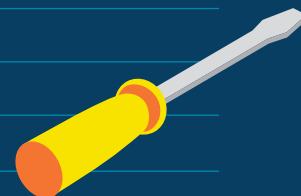
Portage College

Red Deer Polytechnic

SAIT

TOC Hair Studio Akademy

University of Calgary



# School Field Trips at Skill City

Over 9600 students from 134 schools toured the Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) in 2023 to gain insight into their trade and technology education and career options. Students are transported to a world of possibilities where they can test drive dozens of career options with our Try-A-Trades® and Try-A-Skills. Observing the high skill level of our competitors inspires students to develop their own inherent skills. Field Trips to the Provincial Skills Canada Competition included:

- 33 Try-A-Trades®
- Presentations on Centre Stage - inspirational and engaging demonstrations by industry, education, alumni, and special guests.
- Access to 44 industry and education exhibitors at Skill City.

**9,600+**

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## Skill City

Skill City Skill City at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition is a high energy, informative and interactive career fair for junior and senior high school students who are looking for inspiration and information on what their future careers can become. 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 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.



# Try-A-Trades<sup>®</sup> and Try-A-Skills

Try-A-Trades<sup>®</sup> and Try-A-Skills have developed into a core feature of the Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC). A Try-A-Trade<sup>®</sup> is a simple, interactive demonstration in which participants can try an aspect of a trade. A Try-A-Skill offers students the same type of demonstration in a technology. This part of the event has been popular among school tours and has continually grown each year. Try-A-Trade<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of Skills Canada Alberta.



# 33

**Try-A-Trades<sup>®</sup>** on the  
competition floor, including

## 21 sponsored

Try-A-Trades<sup>®</sup>  
(Cash and In-kind).

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**6 Skills Presenter Try-A-Trade<sup>®</sup> Partners:** Carpenters Regional Council of Alberta, Jardeg, Ledcor, Finning, Edmonton Construction Association and Canadian Armed Forces

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**3 Skills Maker Try-A-Trade<sup>®</sup> Partners:** PCL, Red Deer Polytechnic and IBEW Local 424 & EITCA

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**3 Skills Supporter Try-A-Trade<sup>®</sup> Partners:** Computers for Schools, BOSCH and Keen Creative

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**9 Friends of Skills Try-A-Trade<sup>®</sup> Partners:** UA Local 488, Lethbridge College, MacEwan University, Cognisco Technologies, MC College, AWMAC, Olds College, PGAA, and Alberta Academy of Aesthetics

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# Team Alberta



**May 24-27, 2023**

The Gold Medalists from the 2023 Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) became part of Team Alberta and represented to province at the Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) in Winnipeg, MB. Strategic alignment of projects at the regional, provincial and national level ensured our students were prepared for the increasing difficulty of competing at the next level of competition.

Team Alberta medaled in 33 competition areas at the 2023 Skills Canada National Competition.

**11**

**gold** medals

**7**

**silver** medals

**15**

**bronze** medals







# Team Canada

In the fall of 2022 Alberta had 10 competitors participate in the WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition. Two competitors earned Medallions of Excellence – Dayton Playford from Red Deer Polytechnic in Welding, and Dorien Lozeau from NAIT in Car Painting.

Korae Nottveit from SAIT earned a GOLD medal in Culinary Arts.

Representing Canada on the world stage is the highest level of participation in Skills Canada. WorldSkills Competitions and the momentum of the Skills Movement represent the global shift in awareness of the importance of trade and technology careers.

The WorldSkills competition takes place every two years, and in 2024 will take place in Lyon, France. Young people with exceptional skills in the trades and technologies will come together on the global stage and compete against the best of the best from around the world.

Team Canada for WorldSkills 2024 was selected at the 2023 Skills Canada National Competition. Five of Alberta’s post-secondary competitors were invited to join Team Canada.

## Alberta’s Team Canada representatives are:

<b>Ben Rainforth</b>	Red Deer Polytechnic	Welding
<b>Judy Lan</b>	NAIT	Baking
<b>Noah Harding</b>	SAIT	Plumbing
<b>Tyler Cherkowski</b>	SAIT	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
<b>Walter Loedeman</b>	Lethbridge College	Heavy Vehicle Technology
<b>Brooke Potiuk</b>	Brooks Composite High School	3D Digital Game Art

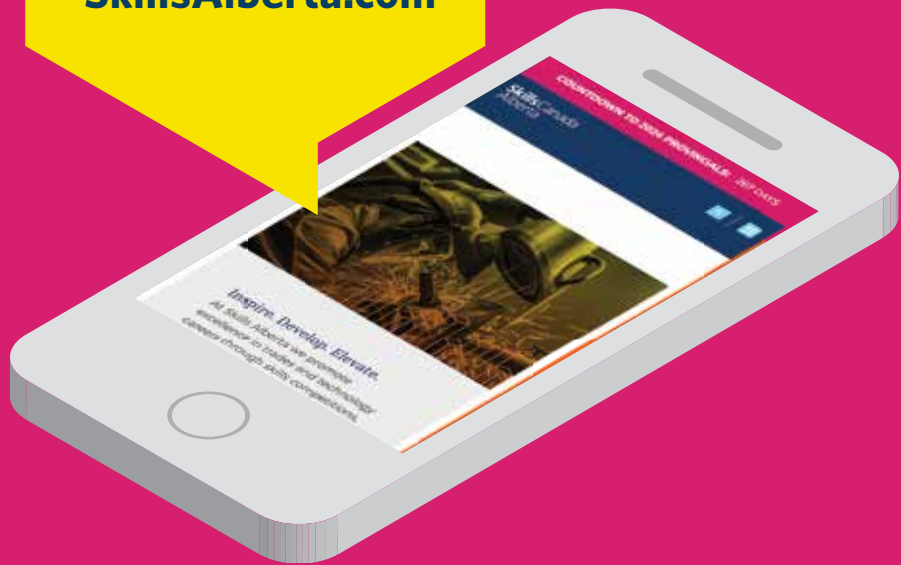
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Skills Canada Alberta  
will be announcing upcoming  
2023-2024 Programs  
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