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SCHOOL: SAIT
TRADE: Automobile Technology
TRAINER: Harley Breadner
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HOMETOWN: Calgary, AB

What was the first thing that went through your mind when you realized you had made Team Canada?

"When I won the national competition and found out I was going to Worlds with Team Canada I had a lot of things going through my head: How excited I was to compete at the highest level, how my training and experience at Skills over 3 years has paid off and how much more training would be coming in the following year to get ready. The scale of the opportunity I achieved took a long time to fully process, and I'm not sure I have fully yet."

What are you most excited to experience in Shanghai, China?

"I'm most excited to experience the utmost top level competition, meet people from around the world with the same passion as me and experience what the automotive world looks like in Shanghai, China."

Do you have any words of encouragement for future Skills competitors?

"The hardest things you do in life will be the most rewarding."

What do you love most about your trade/technology?

"I love the problem-solving, every day is a new challenge and my brain is always working. There can be hard days and frustrating days but problem solving is extremely rewarding to me. I also hate sitting still and doing paperwork/computer work so being able to move around all day, be on my feet and work with my hands keeps me engaged."

What has been the best part of your Skills journey so far?

"My Skills journey has opened so many opportunities to do things I never imagined I would do in the last few years. The places I have been about to travel to and the people who I have met along the way who have the same level of passion for their trade. My Skills journey will be unforgettable."