



CECILE BUKMEIER



WorldSkills Canada Expert & Trainer

TRADE: Car Painting

INSTITUTE: NAIT

COMPETITOR: Anika Jones

HOMETOWN: Edmonton, AB

What made you want to represent Canada in your trade at the WorldSkills level as Canada's Expert?

"I am very passionate about the collision industry and find it highly rewarding to connect with professionals from other countries to discuss the latest advancements in the field. Additionally, being part of a competitor's learning and growth process enhances my skills, which I can apply to future training sessions."

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

"I am extremely excited for her! I thought back to her first competition and how hard she tried, and I was so happy that she was able to overcome her past challenges and make the international team!"

Tell us a little about your Skills experience that led you to becoming an Expert.

"I competed at Skills in 2013, and since my introduction to the Skills community, I have been eager to give back and become involved. I have led both the provincial and national technical committees and made my first attempt at Expert in 2019 in Kazan."

What do you think sets Canada apart in your trade?

"Canada's tradespeople are very unique at WorldSkills. Our competitors work within their skill areas and face real-world challenges during their training for the competition. This gives us an edge at the WorldSkills event, allowing us to problem-solve quickly and overcome unexpected obstacles."

What are you most looking forward to experiencing in Shanghai, China?

"I am looking forward to seeing the Experts and Competitors and seeing the talent from across the world."