



GABRIEL JACQUES



WorldSkills Canada Expert

TRADE: Aerospace Technology

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

"When I first joined Team Canada, I did it for the experience it would bring me—witnessing competitors in action in their field, taking part in competitions larger than life, and discovering an organization that is both well-structured and running like a well-oiled machine. What inspires me the most is seeing the young people who are shaping our future. I'm truly grateful to be part of it all."

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

"After 10 years working in aviation as a mechanic, I decided to become a teacher. I wanted to share my knowledge with the next generation of Canadian AMEs. At that time, one of my coworkers was the NTC for Quebec and was looking for a change of scenery, so I took over. Quebec City in 2024 was an incredible experience, and it motivated me to move further within the organization. After that, I was looking for a new challenge, and stepping into the role of Canada Expert for Aerospace Technology felt like the perfect opportunity—not only to grow personally, but also to witness the remarkable talent that competitors from around the world have to offer."

What do you think sets Canada apart in your trade?

"Canada is a leader in aerospace technology. We design outstanding aircraft, and our airlines set a global standard—not only in performance, but also in safety and work environment. I believe our training programs are among the most advanced in the world, preparing some of the finest AMEs anywhere. This was perfectly showcased at the last world competition, and I hope to do the same in Shanghai in 2026."

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

"Seeing all these young people take on one of the greatest challenges of their lives is truly inspiring. The cultural exchange that comes with it is another incredible benefit. I know the entire competition will be both delightful and fascinating to witness as it unfolds before my eyes over those few days."