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WorldSkills Canada Expert & Trainer

TRADE: Cabinet Making
INSTITUTE: SAIT
COMPETITOR: Tate McGarry
HOMETOWN: Calgary, AB

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

"When I first learned of the Skills movement, I knew it was something I wanted to be a part of. Raising awareness of the amazing careers available in the trades can be a life changing experience for young people across the country. My Skills journey started by helping out at Regional Competitions and moving up to Provincial and National Competitions. Having success at Nationals led to working with competitors going on to compete at the highest level - World Skills."

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

"Honestly, the first thing that went through my mind when I knew my competitor would be going to Worlds was, "Okay, now the real work begins!"

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

"As a trades educator, I was able to work with some incredible young people who went on to have success at Provincial and National competitions and ultimately be part of Team Canada at WorldSkills. In the Trainer role, I was able to see the passion and expertise that comes together from around the globe at WorldSkills and I was fortunate to be successful in becoming the Canadian Expert for my trade. "

What do you think sets Canada apart in your trade?

"One of the things that makes Canada unique in Cabinetmaking is the multi-cultural influences on the trade in our country. Utilizing processes from around the world gives us a blend of old and new world techniques."

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

"The camaraderie with trades professionals from around the world!"