



**JURGEN HIERHOLZER**



## **WorldSkills Canada Expert**

**TRADE:** CNC Milling

**COMPETITOR:** Jacob McClelland

**HOMETOWN:** Tiny, Ontario

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

*"Training competitors for WorldSkills in 2015 and 2017 showed me how life-changing the experience is for young professionals. Those opportunities inspired me to take the next step and apply for the Expert role so I could keep supporting Team Canada at the highest level."*

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

*"I've been involved with Skills since 2010, bringing students to Skills Ontario and serving on the CNC machining committee, including as chair. From there, I became Canada's Expert and represented our country at WorldSkills in Russia (2019), Germany (2022), and Lyon (2024)."*

### **What do you think sets Canada apart in your trade?**

*"Canada has major manufacturing companies in the automotive industry, aerospace, medical and many other industries. There are a lot of skilled individuals in the workforce. With many schools and other training institutions for the skilled trades, we also have a good pool of young aspiring trades people who can compete in the Skills competitions on a local level in the provinces, national levels and moving up to international levels like WS Shanghai. By putting in the time and effort to train and improve advance the existing skills, the Team Canada competitors will represent Canada very well."*

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

*"Every WS competition I am always looking forward meeting the Experts and competitors from the different regions of the world. It is a great learning experience, not only for the competitors, but also for the experts. Just to talk to the experts and see how they train their future workforce and prepare them for the competition is very important to me. There is a lot I can bring back and apply in our school. Also, the social aspect is important. We do not have much free time, but just having some dinners or a night out is always fun. And Shanghai looks like such an amazing city with its skyline."*