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WorldSkills Canada Expert

TRADE: Welding

COMPETITOR: Lucas Stang

HOMETOWN: Red Deer, AB

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

"It is an unbelievable honor to represent Canada on the world stage. My goal at every WorldSkills competition as an Expert, is to provide an positive and supportive environment where every competitor can showcase their skills on the world stage."

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

"I volunteered at both the provincial and national competitions in 1997 and since then I have been involved in every provincial and national the past 26 years. I attended the 2007 WorldSkills in Japan, was the workshop supervisor for welding at the WorldSkills in Calgary in 2009, was an observer for Skills Alberta at the 2011 WorldSkills in London and became the Welding Expert for Team Canada for the 2013 world skills in Germany. Over the next 10 years I would continue to be the Welding Expert for Team Canada: 2015 in Brazil, 2017 in Abu Dhabi, 2019 in Russia and 2022 in Cleveland. This my 6th WorldSkills as Expert."

What do you think sets Canada apart in your trade?

"Canada is a leader in welding technology and advancement, and welders across Canada showcase our diverse skills and training techniques around the world."

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

"I always look forward to collaborating with the 43 Welding Experts from around the world and watching our collective expertise and experience come together to oversee an excellent competition. Together we help showcase the unbelievable skills and determination of competitors, coaches and Skills organizations around the world."