



**NATHAN BANKE**



**WorldSkills Canada Expert**

**TRADE:** Automobile Technology

**COMPETITOR:** Carter Kokot

**HOMETOWN:** Québec City, QC

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

*"Representing Canada as an Expert at WorldSkills has been a career goal of mine for over a decade. I'm driven to help more Canadians reach the podium and to showcase the world-class talent of our automotive technicians."*

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

*"My journey began in 2005 as a competitor in Ontario. I advanced to the national level and then represented Canada at WorldSkills in Japan in 2007. Since then, I have remained deeply involved in the Skills movement. It has shaped my career, influenced where I live, and even the languages I speak. My work at ConsuLab is rooted in the opportunities that Skills provided."*

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

*"Canadian automotive technicians work in conditions that many manufacturers consider extreme. Our climate and road salt affect service intervals and vehicle longevity. We also deal with a wide range of vehicles from American, Korean, Japanese, and European manufacturers. This diversity requires technicians to be highly adaptable and skilled in solving problems that are unique to our environment."*

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

*"I am looking forward to discovering China's rich culture, history, and advanced technology. It will be an exciting opportunity to experience a place that feels completely different from home."*