



LUCAS STANG



SCHOOL: Red Deer Polytechnic
TRADE: Welding
TRAINER: Lee Yasinski
EXPERT: Ken Heather
HOMETOWN: Camrose, AB

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

"It was really incredible and hard to believe that I had actually done it! Making Team Canada was ultimately my goal all along, but actually being up on the stage with the rest of the team was really a dream come true."

What are you most excited to experience in Shanghai, China?

"I am most excited about the competition and having the opportunity to represent Canada in welding! But I am also really excited about everything in general that I'll get to experience in Shanghai."

Do you have any words of encouragement for future Skills competitors?

"Don't worry about anyone else, focus on your own work and be prepared so you can treat the competition just like any other day in the shop, just trying your best to beat your last score. The only person you're really competing against is yourself."

What do you love most about your trade/technology?

"I love welding because of how much of an art it can be. Every weld is kind of like a signature or a painting, uniquely your own, and capable of being truly beautiful."

What has been the best part of your Skills journey so far?

"Well, I have to say winning gold at provincials and nationals, that was a really incredible experience! But all the training leading up to that point has been quite enjoyable as well."