



**DAWN OHAMA**



## **Team Canada Trainer**

**TRADE:** Electrical Installations  
**INSTITUTE:** Keyano College  
**COMPETITOR:** Keegan Sturge  
**HOMETOWN:** Fort McMurray, AB

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

*"After four years of work, Nationals was such a strong competition it could have gone many ways. When second place was called, a wave of euphoria hit me, we did it! That joy was quickly followed by gratitude, excitement, and the realization of how much work lay ahead for WorldSkills."*

**What made you want to train competitors for Skills competitions?**

*"My passion for Skills grew organically, starting when I attended a competition in my 20s to support my sister's classmate. Years later, after joining the college in 2015, I began helping train a high school competitor, hosted our first regional event, and volunteered at provincials. I never set out to become a trainer, but my involvement in competitions naturally evolved into it. I first invited Keegan to compete while he was in our Dual Credit electrical course in grade 11, he showed up to every practice, did the homework, and made the most of every learning opportunity."*

**What do you think sets your competitor apart from the others in their skill area?**

*"We've been training together for four years, and what sets him apart is his commitment to showing up, putting in the time, and never shying away from a challenge. His reliability and eagerness to learn make him a standout — during the 2024 provincial prep, while our community was under wildfire evacuation alert, he packed tools and training materials to stay ready."*

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

*"As a trainer, I'll have the chance to interact with experts, trainers, and competitors from around the world, while watching him compete on the global stage against top talent from over 60 countries. Given my organic journey into training and my enthusiasm for Keegan's growth, I'm probably most excited about the moment when he competes, showcasing his skills he's refined since his grade 11 dual credit course and the past 8 competitions. The pride of seeing him perform under pressure, combined with the cultural adventure of Shanghai, makes this a once-in-a-lifetime experience."*