



### **Team Canada Trainer**

**TRADE:** Plumbing

**ORGANIZATION:** Simpson

**Plumbing** 

**COMPETITOR:** Kylar Bloomberg

**HOMETOWN:** Lethbridge, AB

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

"I was thrilled to learn that Kylar has earned a spot on Team Canada for plumbing. His success is a testament to his exceptional growth, both as an apprentice within our community and on the national stage. It reflects the high standards of excellence we strive for in the trade. I have no doubt that Kylar will bring the same dedication and work ethic to the WorldSkills competition in Shanghai, and I wish him the best as he represents Team Canada."

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

"Having had the privilege of competing in both Skills Canada and WorldSkills, I can speak from experience about the invaluable impact these competitions have—not only in terms of technical skill development but also in building confidence. The lessons I learned have stayed with me, and as an employer, I saw an opportunity to give back by helping others gain the same experience. Training competitors, including Kylar, has been a deeply rewarding journey. Watching him grow through these competitions has been both inspiring and motivating, and it's been fulfilling to see how it elevates standards across the trade."

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

"What really sets Kylar apart is his dedication and ability to remain calm under pressure. In the competition it can become intense very quickly. but he has this level-headed approach that keeps him focused and consistent from start to finish. That type of mindset, combined with his hours put into training, I feel gives him an edge."

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

"I'm genuinely excited to experience the energy of the WorldSkills competition, especially in a dynamic city like Shanghai. Being there to support my competitor makes it all the more meaningful. I'm looking forward to seeing the world's top talent in the trade showcase their skills and soaking in the atmosphere. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I'm proud to be part of it as his trainer."