

Results of the 2018 Skills Ontario Competition

Phenomenal talent and skill was on display at the 29th annual Skills Ontario Competition held at the Toronto Congress Centre, May 7-9, 2018

Toronto, Ontario May 14, 2018 – Last week, the Skills Ontario Competition took place at the Toronto Congress Centre. Featuring nearly 70 skilled trades and technologies contests, and 2,300 competitors from elementary schools, high schools, and colleges across Ontario, it is the largest skilled trades and technology competition in Canada.

A broad range of skills and careers were represented from across the manufacturing, transportation, construction, service, and technology sectors, as students competed for gold, silver, and bronze medals. Over \$65,000 in monetary awards were presented to medalists in select contest areas and categories, as were job offers from partnered organizations, at the Closing Ceremony.

Gold medalists in select contests are also eligible to represent Team Ontario at the Skills Canada National Competition, June 4-5 in Edmonton.

Win or lose, the lives of many young competitors and visitors have been positively changed forever – from gaining new self-confidence by pushing their skills to a higher level, to winning a medal, or simply meeting a new mentor and discovering new career opportunities that they didn't know existed.

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"Those who compete at the Skills Ontario Competition are the future of skilled trades and technologies in Ontario," says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. "Because of the contribution from many industry, education, labour, and government partners, including the Government of Ontario, Skills Ontario is able to help prepare Ontario's youth for a highly-skilled workforce of tomorrow through such initiatives as the Skills Ontario Competition."

About Skills Ontario

Skills Ontario is building Ontario's skilled trades and technologies workforce. We enable and empower all youth, including women and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit youth, to consider a career in the skilled trades and technologies. Engagement with students, teachers, parents, volunteers, employers and mentors ensure our programs connect education, experience, and employment. We deliver in-school presentations across Ontario, host Canada's largest skills competition, run summer camps for skills development and connect students to employers. We are focused on growth sectors such as construction and infrastructure, technology innovation, and hospitality services.



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