

## The Honourable Ross Romano, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, visits Skills Ontario Summer Camp today

**ONTARIO (July 31, 2019)** – Minister Romano attended the Skills Ontario Summer Camp hosted at Centennial College today. Skills Ontario Summer Camps are week-long programs held across the province for youth entering grades 7 to 9, where they learn about the many rewarding opportunities in the skilled trades and technologies through industry tours, hands-on workshops, and skill-building activities.

"Skills Ontario is thrilled to host Minister Romano at one of our Summer Camps, where the future of Ontario will be discovering their career opportunities," says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. "Skills Ontario aims to inspire youth to explore the skilled trades and technologies in order to ensure a fulfilling future and secure economy for all Ontarians. As a not-for-profit organization, delivering this programming would not be possible without the support of our partners, including the provincial government, and Skills Ontario sincerely thanks the government and Minister Romano for their partnership."

With over 20 locations province-wide, Skills Ontario Summer Camps allow youth to not only gain knowledge in the many rewarding possibilities in the skilled trades and technologies, but also to develop skills essential to success in the workforce, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. For more information on Skills Ontario Summer Camps, visit skillsontario.com/camp.

All Skills Ontario programming is developed and facilitated with the acknowledgement that skilled professionals are vital to a secure future. Through all Skills Ontario programs, events, and initiatives, youth are given the opportunity to learn about their career options and ultimately recognize the significant and rewarding role the skilled trades and technologies play in a thriving and successful community.

## Skills Ontario – Promoting skilled trades and technologies in Ontario since 1989

Over the last 30 years, Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs including in-school presentations reaching 125,000 students across Ontario, career exploration summer camps, Young Women's and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Career Exploration Conferences, and annually hosting Canada's largest skills competition which attracts 37,000+ spectators who cheerlead the 2,400+ competitors in 68+ trades and tech categories. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario's youth, visit <u>skillsontario.com/get-involved</u>.

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