

## **Team Canada makes country proud at 2019 WorldSkills Competition**

*32 competitors from Team Canada compete in Russia, bring home silver medal*

**KAZAN, RUSSIA (August 27, 2019)** – Today marks the end of the six-day WorldSkills Competition, the 45th WorldSkills Competition that has brought together 1,354 young professionals representing 63 countries and regions who are competing in 56 skills. Jack Dupuis from Team Canada brought in a silver medal in the Heavy Vehicle Technology contest. Dupuis also won “Best in Nation” for Canada.

“Watching the world’s youth compete has truly been a spectacle of passion, hard work, and talent,” says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. “It was an inspiring and life changing opportunity for competitors, full of memories, new friends, and an experience that is a testament to the importance of skilled professionals. On behalf of Skills Ontario, we are incredibly impressed and proud of Team Canada, and all competitors as a whole who came together to put their skills to the test against the best of the best.”

As stated on the WorldSkills official website: “Every two years, WorldSkills hosts the world skills competition which attracts more than 1,300 Competitors from more than 60 countries. At this event, young people from all corners of the globe gather together for the chance to win a prestigious medal in their chosen skill. There are competitions in 56 skills across a wide range of industries — from joinery to floristry; hairdressing to electronics; and autobody repair to bakery. The Competitors represent the best of their peers and are selected from skills competitions that are held in WorldSkills Member countries and regions.”

With every Skills Ontario program, youth are given the opportunity to connect engagement, experience, and employment, as they develop important skills in order to create a bright future for themselves and for the province, the country, and the world. Skills Ontario celebrates all competitors at the WorldSkills Competition and will continue to work to inspire and encourage youth to explore their potential and the incredible opportunities in the skilled trades and technologies.

### **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 [skillsontario.com/get-involved](https://skillsontario.com/get-involved).

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