

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Skills Ontario thanks and celebrates Volunteers, Alumni, and Sponsors at Appreciation Evening, presents Glenn Beatty Award**

**Ontario (December 6, 2019)** – Last night, Skills Ontario was proud to host volunteers, Alumni, and sponsors at the Hamilton Family Theatre for the annual Skills Ontario Appreciation Evening, where guests were given an opportunity to network, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and watch a live stage performance.

Skills Ontario also hosted a raffle of prizes generously donated by the Toronto Congress Centre, Drayton Entertainment, Vision Travel, Niagara College, and Artline Salon, where all proceeds went towards Skills Ontario programming. Furthermore, Skills Ontario proudly recognized Alumni through signs posted around the venue and Jennifer Green, the Director of Competitions and Young Women's Initiatives at Skills Ontario, passed on her Presidency of the Skills Ontario Alumni Association to welcome Nathan Verseghe as the new President.

Before the show, Karen Creditor, the President of the Board of Directors of Skills Ontario, and Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario, presented the Glenn Beatty Award to two recipients.

The Glenn Beatty Award is presented annually to a volunteer or volunteers who exhibit outstanding dedication and passion for Skills Ontario's mission. For more information on the award, please visit [skillsontario.com/scholarships-and-awards](https://skillsontario.com/scholarships-and-awards).

The two recipients of the 2019 Glenn Beatty Award, Angelo Spano and Richard Dupp, both have volunteered with Skills Ontario, Skills Canada, and WorldSkills, and have given many hours of their time committed to making a difference in the lives of students and young apprentices.

The annual Skills Ontario Appreciation Evening is an opportunity for Skills Ontario to thank the individuals who donate their time and their expertise to share in the organization's mission to encourage more young people to consider a career in the skilled trades and technologies. Skills Ontario is grateful for each volunteer, Alumni, and sponsor for their passion, drive, and generosity.

#### **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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