

Skills Ontario awards a record eight scholarships to students excelling in the skilled trades and technologies



Ontario, August 25, 2014 - Every year, the Skills Ontario Board of Directors awards a maximum of two scholarships to Ontario students who show great potential in the skilled trades and technologies at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC). In an unprecedented move, the Skills Ontario Board of Directors has awarded scholarships to eight outstanding students for 2014.

“The board was delighted in the high quality applications we received from students this year. In particular, these eight students showed such an impressive knowledge in their field and potential for growth that we felt compelled to award each of them a scholarship. We couldn’t be prouder of our students,” said Cheryl Jensen, Chair of the Board and newly appointed President of Algonquin College.



The students, who competed at the 2014 OTSC, will receive a \$500 scholarship each to pursue their studies at colleges across Ontario.

Join us in congratulating these exceptional students as they continue their education in the skilled trades and technologies. While their skills did make the job of paring down a winner for the scholarship harder, the Skills Ontario team is delighted to contribute to the story of their successes. We can only hope that we continue to meet students who will make choosing the recipients of this scholarship a tough but rewarding feat.

About Skills Ontario

Skills Ontario is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting the skilled trades and technologies as viable first-choice career options for Ontario youth. Our biggest event, the Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC) gives 1900 students a head start in their careers. The Skills Ontario Scholarship is awarded each year to a student who excels at the OTSC.



The 2014 Skills Ontario Scholarship recipients are:

Cambrian College:

Maxime Marineau, from École secondaire catholique de Hearst, earned a gold medal in the Robotics contest at the 2014 OTSC as well as a gold medal at the 2014 Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) and has earned a spot on Team Canada Trials in order to represent Canada at the WorldSkills Competition in Brazil in 2015. Maxime is furthering his education at Cambrian College in their Electrical Techniques Program.

Canadore College:

Aaron Skilton, from Barrie North Collegiate, earned a silver medal at the 2014 OTSC in the Workplace Safety Contest. Aaron will be furthering his education at Canadore College in their Television Broadcasting Program.

Centennial College:

Catherine Mathewson, from the Toronto District School Board, earned a Gold medal in Car Painting at the 2014 OTSC and a silver medal at the SCNC and is furthering her education at Centennial College in Scarborough.

Conestoga College:

Jonathan Fintas, from Tollgate Technological Skill Centre in Brantford, who earned a gold medal in the Brick Masonry contest at the 2014 OTSC and will be furthering his education in Masonry at Conestoga College in September.

Fanshawe College:

Andrew Hiemstra, from St. Michael Secondary School in Stratford, earned a silver medal in the Home and Team Building contest at the 2014 OTSC. Andrew will be furthering his education at Fanshawe College in London in their Construction Engineering Technology Management Program.

George Brown College:

Ormea Chea, from Thistletown Collegiate Institute in Toronto, earned a gold medal in the Job Skills Demonstration contest at the 2014 OTSC and a gold medal at the SCNC. She will be furthering her education at George Brown College in Toronto in Special Event Planning.

Humber College:

Michael Trigiani, from Loyola Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga, earned a bronze medal in Horticulture and Landscape at the 2014 OTSC, and is furthering his education in the Landscape Technician Program at Humber College.

Niagara College:

Alex Hoelzli, from Notre Dame College School in Welland, earned a gold medal in the Precision Machining contest at the 2014 OTSC and a gold at the SCNC. He will be furthering his education at Niagara College in their Mechanical Engineering Technology (COOP) Program.

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