

SKILLS AT THE PARK

HONOURS 6 ONTARIO CHAMPIONS

IN SKILLED TRADES & TECHNOLOGIES

Monday, November 1, 2010
6:15pm – 8:00pm
The Sutton Place Hotel
Toronto



Ryan Gomes

Age 21

Hometown: Cambridge, Ontario

Trade: Aircraft Maintenance

Centennial College of Applied Arts and Technology

Gold at Ontario Technological Skills Competition 2010

Gold at Canadian Skills Competition 2010



Tyler Hackney

Age 20

Hometown: St. Thomas, Ontario

Trade: CNC Turning

Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology

Gold at Ontario Technological Skills Competition 2010

Gold at Canadian Skills Competition 2010



Tom Middlebro'

Age 20

Hometown: Guelph, Ontario

Trade: Offset Printing

Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology

Bronze at Canadian Skills Competition 2010 (age eligible

WorldSkills qualifier)



Jonathan Sinke

Age 20

Hometown: Jordan Station, Ontario

Trade: Cabinetmaking

Conestoga College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning

Gold at Ontario Technological Skills Competition 2010

Gold at Canadian Skills Competition 2010



Benjamin Church & Adrian Schut

Both age 16

Hometown: Almonte, Ontario

Trade: Mobile Robotics (Team of Two)

Almonte and District High School

Gold at Ontario Technological Skills Competition 2010

Gold at Canadian Skills Competition 2010

Celebrating the “best of the best” Ontario skilled trades students

The construction, industrial, motive, technology and service sectors are in dire need of qualified workers, and the statistics of their declining numbers paint a bleak picture of what our future could look like without enough skilled workers to plan, build and maintain the very infrastructure of our society. For 22 years, Skills Canada – Ontario has responded to this looming crisis by organizing a variety of competitions, events and programs that encourage young people to consider career options in the skilled trades. We value all of the thousands of young people who have participated in these programs and are delighted to celebrate this year’s “best of the best” who have made it all the way from their local competitions to the world stage.

On Monday, November 1, 2010, as part of Skilled Trades & Technology Week, Skills Canada – Ontario will host a reception in Toronto at The Sutton Place Hotel for the six Ontario students who have qualified to represent Canada at the 2011 WorldSkills Competition. The honourees will have been introduced to the members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario at Queen’s Park earlier in the morning. Having won gold medals at both the Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC) and the subsequent Canadian Skills Competition, these six “Team Ontario” members will be joined at WorldSkills by 29 of their fellow competitors from across the country, winners of their own province/territory’s skills competition. Held in London, England next year, WorldSkills is a prestigious international event which draws 1000 competitors from 50 member regions/countries competing in 32 contest areas. The group of high school and post-secondary students who will be representing Canada were selected based on the results of the 2010 Canadian Skills Competition.

Guests of the “**SKILLS AT THE PARK**” reception for the six “Team Ontario” members include The Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education, and The Honourable John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. Also in attendance are representatives of industry and education, such as the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering and Technologists (OACETT), Health & Safety Ontario, and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS).

Every year young people from all regions of Canada compete in skilled trade and technology contests in a bid to being crowned the best in their chosen discipline. These competitions provide an opportunity for young Canadians studying a skilled trade or technology to be tested against exacting standards and against their peers, starting at a regional level and potentially advancing to national and international arenas. In addition to offering participants an unforgettable and inspiring experience, such events also serve to raise awareness in the general population of the breadth and value of skilled trades and technology careers.

The experience and outcomes of all of the competitions provide valuable feedback both to the individuals involved and the systems and enterprises in which they are being trained. For some it is recognition for outstanding achievement, while for others it provides the motivation and knowledge to aspire to higher standards. For the onlookers it is a revealing and exciting experience to see highly competent young tradespeople in action.

For additional information on WorldSkills 2011 please visit www.worldskillslondon2011.com

For additional information please visit www.skillsontario.com



Skills Canada – Ontario is a not-for-profit organization that promotes careers in the skilled trades and technologies to young people in Ontario. Through partnerships with education, industry, labour and government, Skills Canada - Ontario is helping young people brighten their futures and industry to strengthen theirs. Skills Canada – Ontario will host the 22nd Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC) on May 2-4, 2011 in Waterloo.