
Spotlight on Skills

Provincial competitions are thrilling



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I am a 19 year old student from Hamilton, Ontario. I have been interested in electronics since the age of six, when I started working with a Radio Shack "30-in-1" style kits. My parents encouraged me to follow what interested me and supported my electronics hobby. My mom is a Chartered Accountant and my dad an Air Canada pilot, which people often find strange considering my passion for electronics!

I became involved with Skills Canada - Ontario when one of my high-school tech-teachers, Mr. Mlekus, mentioned it to me. He helped me register, and also helped to fight for funding to send me to the Ontario Technological Skills Competition. It has been a great experience - Skills Ontario and Skills Canada were a chance to meet people from all over this country. As well, I discovered how much I knew and don't know about the contest subject!

Currently I am a 2nd year Electrical Engineering student at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I have attended Skills Nova Scotia as well and also enjoyed that experience. Once again this summer I will be working at Pictorvision. Undoubtedly the hands-on knowledge that Skills Canada focuses on has proved useful, and helps reinforce in me the value of being able to apply theory through skilled trades.