
Spotlight on Skills

Working alongside the best students in the province...



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Skills Canada – Ontario was an integral part of my path through high school. After participating at the Ontario Technological Skills Competitions during Grade 9 at Ecole Secondaire de Hearst, I was instantly hooked. Every single year, I looked forward to the possibility of working alongside the best students in the province and demonstrating my desire to excel in skilled trades. Year after year, the events organized by Skills Canada – Ontario have continued to be interesting and extremely challenging.

In Grade 9, I was given the opportunity to be part of a team of three students competing in the Automated Manufacturing contest. Working with two experienced students, I was able to expand my knowledge of manufacturing processes and play a vital role within the team. During my last year of high school, after competing in the Automated Manufacturing contest for four consecutive years, I joined a team of students on a quest to participate in the provincial Robotics challenge. Throughout those five years, my team mates and I were awarded five provincial medals and four gold medals from the Canadian Skills Competition - quite an honor!

Today, I am completing the final year of my engineering program and I still actively participate in numerous student competitions. I am also giving back to Skills Canada – Ontario by participating as a judge for the Solar Vehicle Challenge.

The experience gained from participating at Skills Canada – Ontario competitions has helped me all along my secondary and post-secondary education, from understanding the application of theory to securing co-operative work placements. For this, I must thank the teachers who dedicate countless hours to coach students each year, and the men and women who make Skills Canada – Ontario a continued success!